March 1, 2020
8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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Prelude on “Cheshire”
Gordon Slater
“O Lord, turn not away Thy face”

**Processional
Bronwen Burch

Greetings

*Call to Worship
Leader:  Search me, O God, and know my heart;
   People:  try me and know my thoughts!
Leader:  See if there is any wicked way in me,
   People:  and lead me in the way everlasting.
Leader:  Let us worship God.

*Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. Give us grace to direct our lives in obedience to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn  The Glory of These Forty Days No. 87

Call to Confession
God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silence
Choral Response

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Thanksgiving  Gloria Patri No. 579

*The Peace
Leader:  Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
   People: And also with you.
**Kids Connection**
Liz Norris

**First Reading**
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**Second Reading**
Matthew 4:1-11

**Sermon:**
“Scripture as God’s Word or Self Rationalization”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Affirmation of Faith—Apostles Creed (Traditional)**
No. 14

**Call to Stewardship**

**Offertory Anthem**
The Sacred Feast
Austin Lovelace

*In memory of the Savior’s love, we keep the sacred feast,*
*Where every humble, contrite heart is made a welcome guest.*
*One fold, one faith, one hope, one Lord, One god alone we know;*
*As brethren, all, let every heart with kind affection glow.*

*By faith we take the bread of life with which our souls are fed,*
*The cup in token of His blood that was for sinners shed.*
*In faith and memory thus we sing the wonders of His love,*
*And thus anticipate by faith the heavenly feast above.*

**Doxology**
No. 592

**Prayer of Dedication**
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*
*People: And also with you.*

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*
*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:*
**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty ...Great is the mystery of faith:
**People:** Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
Leader: Gracious God...now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion of the People
Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.
**People:** Thanks be to God.

Communion Music  *Meditation on the Cross*  arr. Albin Whitworth

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn*  *We Come as Guests Invited*  No. 517

*Charge and Benediction*
Leader: The Lord be with you.
**People:** And also with you.

*Recessional

*Postlude  *Behold the Lamb of God!  S. S. Wesley

*signifies congregation standing (for those able)
**signifies 10:45 service only

**Worship Leaders**

Pastor  Brent Johnston
Liturgist  Judy Michel
Director of Music  Steve Bixler
Organist  Gary Huffman
LENTEN STUDIES TO BEGIN!

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? Adam Hamilton, noted author and senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, has just produced a new series entitled The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life. These essential spiritual practices are rooted in Jesus’ own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament.

During this Lenten season, deepen your walk with Christ as small groups explore the practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and sharing our faith.

These group date and times are as follows:

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Books are available in the church office for $11. Sign up at the booth in The Well, call the church office, or contact Jeff Van Sickle at jtvansickle@hotmail.com.

Please join us!

**Upcoming Events**

**150th Anniversary Celebration Invitations**

With the March 15 celebration service nearing, it is time to invite friends and former members to be present with us that day.

Your help is needed! The committee has taken care of most of the details of the yearlong celebration, but the congregation is needed to make the March 15 event successful.

We can’t possibly contact all of the people who have attended First Presbyterian at some time and who might be interested in attending the March 15 worship service and documentary.

If you know someone who was formerly a member of FPC, please invite them to be present on March 15. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. 150 years of serving the Wichita community is no small accomplishment.

Also, this will be an excellent time to invite your neighbors and friends to worship with you. Please take a little time to send a postcard or make a phone call. We need your help!

Also, on March 13, we will gather at the site of the dugout to commemorate the actual day of the organization of First Presbyterian Church. There will be a brief ceremony. The location is at 12th & Jackson, one block west of Waco.

Thank you for your assistance.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies may be purchased in Honor of or in Memory of a loved one. Envelopes are on the information table and in the office. The deadline to purchase the lilies is April 3rd. The cost is $12 per plant.

Youth Melodrama Performance

We hope you will join the Youth Group for “Wait ‘Til The Sun Shines, Nellie” on Friday, March 27 at 6:00 p.m. or on Sunday, March 29 at noon. The proceeds from this year’s melodrama performance and ad sales will go towards the middle school youth’s summer camp fees at Westminster Woods and the senior high youth’s trip to RHINO. The ads cost $25 for ¼ page, $35 for ½ page and $50 for a full page. Ticket prices include a delicious meal & melodrama fun! (Adults-$12 in advance/$14 at the door, Kids- ages 5-12 are $5 in advance/$6 at door, Under age 5-FREE. Group discount rates are available). Make reservations by calling the church office at 263-0248.
Welcome, Visitors!

We extend a special welcome to those who are visiting First Presbyterian Church this morning. We are glad you are here! Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from an usher. Transistor hearing aids are also available for your use. Please ask any usher for one and feel free to sit wherever you wish in the Sanctuary while using one. All persons are encouraged to sign the Ritual of Friendship Pads as they are passed to you in the pews. Please include your address, email address, and telephone number. Please remember to turn off your cell phone before worship this morning.

Children’s Information—Children are welcome in worship. We do not mind a little fidgeting and fussing in the pew. We offer children’s worship bags with various quiet activities in cloth bags located just outside the Sanctuary doors. But if you feel that your child is having a difficult time sitting through church, you are welcome to worship in The Well. Remember, quiet play in The Well is appropriate so as not to disturb others who are trying to worship. Also, the McComb room is available as a Cry room. If we need to contact you during worship, just give us your cell number and we will text you. You and your child’s (spiritual, emotional, and social) needs are important to us. (Liz Norris—Director of Children’s Ministry)

A quick reminder: Under the Child Protection Policy children are not allowed to leave the Sanctuary or The Well without an adult escort. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sunday Kids Connection—Kids Connection is a time during the 10:45 a.m. worship service to connect with our children ages 4 through 11. Each week we present a topic following the Passing of the Peace. We will then exit the Sanctuary and go to the library for a hands-on Bible lesson.

Flowers—The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wayne Klocke by Rosalie Klocke and the family.

Praying for the Church Family—As a congregation we weekly focus our personal and corporate prayers upon a selection of church members and friends. Let us remember in prayer this week the following: Emily Haltom, Roseann & Howard Walker, Marilyn Kuhns, Donna & Wade Brodin, and Steve & Elizabeth Wilkes.

If you need a Stephen Minister, or would like more information about the Stephen Ministry, please contact Dr. Brent Johnston at 263-0248 or Louise Farmer at lfarmer4164@gmail.com.

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**SAVE THE DATE!!**

This year’s melodrama is scheduled for March 27 at 6 p.m. and March 29 at noon.