May 5, 2019
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Communion

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May 5, 2019  3rd Sunday of Easter  8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Prelude  Canzonet  Raymond Haan

**Processional  Iain Cline

Greetings

*Call to Worship
Leader: I looked and heard the voice of angels, thousands and thousands around God’s Throne, singing:

**People:** Worthy is the lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

Leader: Then I heard every creature on earth, and under the earth, and in the sea singing:

**People:** To the one who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

*Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate our Lord’s resurrection, may, through the renewing power of your Spirit, arise from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Hymn  Lift High the Cross  No. 371

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, in the light of your glory we see the evil we have done, the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused, and the truth we have denied. Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace, so that we may follow your way and tell the good news of the gospel. 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.
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. And, finally, we encourage you to consider the Nursery, which is located in the South end of the Case Building, where we have trained Staff to look after and engage your child from Birth to Kindergarten. 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.

Flowers-The flowers for our services this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, R. Keith and Marian Schaffner and Thomas W. Church, Jr., by Peggy and Tom Church.

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: Jill Young and family, Cassandra & Neil Swenson and family, Allen & Jo Hillen, Bob & Cathy Marley and Jolene Satterthwaite.

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.
**Activities & Announcements**

**Presbyterian Women's**

**Brunch and Lesson Wednesday, May 8**

The final lesson for PW in their study "God's Promise--I Am With You" will be on Wednesday, May 8. Brunch will be served at 9:30 a.m. in the West Dining Room with the lesson to follow. PW circles from other Wichita Presbyterian churches have been invited to the event. Rev. Dawn Flippin, pastor of the Kingman church, will summarize lessons 1-8 and highlight number 9 "God With Us." In this lesson Jesus extends the promise of presence to his followers, whom he sends into the world. Reservations are needed by noon on Friday, May 3, to Mary Knecht by calling (316) 942-8068 or e-mail knechtmary@hotmail.com. The $6.00 cost for the food will be collected from each guest at the door. The annual Birthday Offering will be received and dedicated.

**Microwave Ovens Needed**

Three new Congolese refugee families have arrived in Wichita in the last 30 days and have joined the Wichita Refugee Congregation Church worshiping in #204. It would be most helpful if we could provide them with a microwave oven. If you have one that you could donate, please contact Mary Knecht, knechtmary@hotmail.com or 942-8068 to arrange for pick-up.

**New Presbyterian Church**

Several of the WRCC church leaders will be attending the Presbytery meeting in Newton on May 14. They are interested in becoming a Presbyterian Church or perhaps a new 1001 Worship Congregation. They are averaging 80+ each Sunday in worship. They invited other refugees from Africa to our church camp on Easter Sunday and over 180 worshiped and enjoyed a feast there. Over twenty members from the WRCC helped April 27 at Whispering Winds Camp work day. We are pleased to be helping usher in a new "church" in our Presbytery.
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.

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 Let Us Break Bread Together Dale Wood
Prayer after Communion

*Hymn Bread of Heaven, On Thee We Feed No. 501
*Charge and Benediction
Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

**Recessional
*Postlude The Canterbury March H. C. Perrin

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

Worship Leaders
Senior Pastor Brent O. Johnston
Parish Associate Judy Michel
Director of Music Steve Bixler
Organist Mark Sweeney

News & Upcoming Activities

Calling All Graduates!
We need your help! If you or anyone you know is graduating this spring, from high school, college, or any other school, please let us know so they can be recognized on Sunday, May 12, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. This information will also be helpful in updating our college-age student list. Please contact Geri Doll 316-737-8855 or doll@firstchurchwichita.org.

FINAL JOURNEYS CLASS TO FEATURE THE MARTIN DOBLMEIER FILM “Backs Against The Wall: The Howard Thurman Story”
Our last Journeys Class of this year will be a viewing of the video “Backs Against The Wall: The Howard Thurman Story” which explores the extraordinary life and legacy of one of the most important religious figures of the 20th century. Born the grandson of slaves, Thurman became a “spiritual foundation” for the Civil Rights Movement, inspiring many of its leaders including Martin Luther King, Jr, Jesse Jackson and Congressman John Lewis. In the mid-1930s, Thurman was the first Black American invited to meet Mohandas Gandhi who shared his strategy of non-violent resistance. Doblmeier is an award-winning film maker who has produced documentaries of Reinhold Neibuhr, Howard Thurman, and others. Journalist Bill Moyers has stated, “I am in awe of Martin Doblmeier’s work...” The class will meet in the Parlor at 9:30, May 12. Come join us!

Vacation Bible School Registration/Information
SAVE THE DATE for VBS June 5, 6, & 7 - *Note this year VBS will run for 3 days in the evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. VBS planning is underway, and we are working very hard to make this the best VBS yet. Our theme will be “WHO’S My Neighbor?” This year, we are excited to partner with Adult Education to add an adult component and hope everyone will join in for a fun three evenings of learning and fellowship. We will be having dinner so if you are over the age of 18, we ask that you RSVP to the church office or to the Facebook event link. This will help us plan accordingly for food and supplies.

Registration forms for those attending under the age of 18 are available on the table outside the office and must be completed by May 20th.
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**Mandatory training for all volunteers and youth will be held on May 15 and May 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the WDR.**

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**First Reading**
Psalm 30

**Second Reading**
Revelation 5:11-14

**Sermon Series on**
“Worship in Heaven—Worthy is the Lamb”
The Rev. Dr. Brent O. Johnston

**Affirmation of Faith**
Apostles Creed
PH Traditional No. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

**Call to Stewardship**

**Offertory**
*Remember Me*  
Jay Althouse

*Before us a table of bread and wine: wheat from the field and fruit from the vine; These a symbol of Jesus, divine. “Remember me.”
*This is His body, this loaf of bread; from it our souls may now be fed.
*Hear the words that Jesus said: “Remember me.”
*Do this now in remembrance of me.” Do it ever to renew.
*“Here in this cup is the covenant of my blood which is poured now for you.”
*Breath of the world, our spirit fed; wine of the soul, in mercy shed.
*In Jesus’ death, our sins are dead. “Remember me.”
*Jesus said, “Remember me.”

*Doxology*  
No. 592

*Prayer of Dedication*