



# Celebrating Easter

## Palm Sunday, April 9

8:30 & 10:55 am – Worship & Communion

## Maundy Thursday, April 13

5:00 pm – Guided Labyrinth Walk *“Manna in the Wilderness”*

5:30 pm – Worship & Communion (Chapel)

6:00 pm – Guided Labyrinth Walk *“Manna in the Wilderness”*

6:30 pm – Worship & Communion (Chapel)

## Good Friday, April 14

7:00 pm – Tenebrae Service of Darkness

A profoundly moving and powerful act of worship with the choir and scripture leading us into the darkness of the Cross. (Nursery available.)

## April 14, 15, 16

Prayer Vigil (beginning 8:00 pm Friday)

Members of the church “keep the Vigil” by taking turns being in continuous prayer until Easter Sunday dawn.

## Saturday, April 15

### Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am in church courtyard. All welcome!

## Easter Sunday, April 16

8:30 am     Worship (Sanctuary)

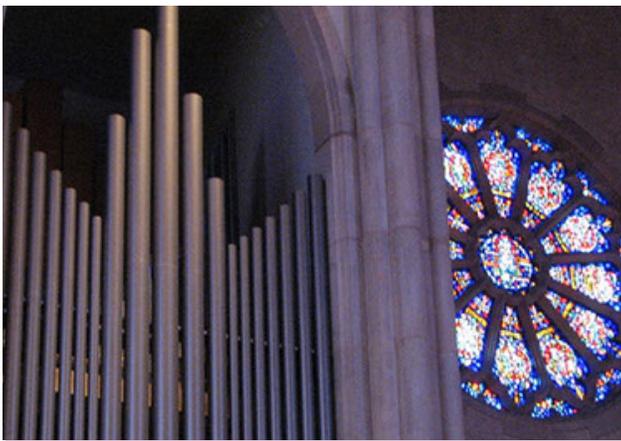
9:30 am     Brunch (Watchorn Hall) - *all welcome, no charge*

10:55 am    Worship (Sanctuary)

### Options for children during worship:

Nursery is available for newborns — 4-year-olds. All children and youth are invited to attend worship and go forward for “Discovery Time”— a fun message for children. Afterwards, a nursery is provided in room 117 for children 4 and under. During the 10:55 service children (5 years–2<sup>nd</sup> grade) may leave worship with our Children’s Director Christie Peacher to attend Children’s Church in Cory Chapel.





## Musical Monuments: Symphonies for Organ & Orchestra

Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> — 8:00 p.m.

Pre-concert talk at 7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7:15 p.m.

John L. Edwards, organ

Warren Puffer Jones, conductor

Saint-Saëns: *Symphony No. 3 "Organ"*

Guilmant: *Symphony No. 1*

Joined by a full orchestra of the leading professional musicians in Oklahoma City, the monumental Sanctuary Organ of First Presbyterian Church will resound with triumphant music. Newly renovated and expanded, the mighty organ is the perfect instrument—in the perfect venue—for these two grand symphonies with organ. This music will delight your ears, reverberate in your bones, and fill your heart with joy! Free admission.

# Catered Brunch

## Easter Sunday

9:30-10:40 a.m.

No charge—bring guests!

### Watchorn Hall

Breakfast Casserole

Bacon

Hash Browns

Fruit

Danishes

Muffins

Drinks



# Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.**

**Courtyard of First Presbyterian - NW 25 & Western**

# Easter is a Season

Easter isn't just a Sunday — it's a season. One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith — that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Accordingly, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks (a "week of weeks"), spanning the 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday. In the ancient church, the Great Fifty Days was a time set aside for learning about and celebrating what it means to live as a baptized Christian. Preachers like Augustine and Ambrose took this time to preach on the Christian life, now that there was a new group of members who had been baptized on Easter morning.

Today, the Easter season still provides a good opportunity to focus on what it means to walk the Christian path in the world. Following the lectionary passages offers us the chance to explore the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus and wrestle with the question of what resurrection really means for our faith.

Of course, Easter really isn't just a season either. In the fullest sense, **Easter is a new way of life** — in which we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11), called to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4). As the season of Lent, a time of prayer and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter comes to an end, let us then focus our attention on our identity as those who have died and been raised with Christ in our baptism as we joyously enter the next season of the church year. God bless you! -*Pastor John*

## Many Thanks!

First Presbyterian School families, faculty and board want to send a big thank you to the Trustees, Pastor John, Session and the Rat Pack for their planning, creativity, and financial support in making the cheerful new hallways in the preschool area a reality. Particular thanks go to Jack and Matt Lancaster and Harold Meyers for their many hours of labor devoted to this special project. The brighter hallways, playful door trim, and colorful new signage are cheerful and better reflect the laughter and learning happening within the classrooms! We hope everyone will make a point to walk through the area and see our revitalized happy space!

-*Angie Doran, Director and Jan Robinson, President*  
*First Presbyterian School*

## Volunteer in the Community Garden April 22<sup>nd</sup>

We will work in the FPC Community Garden, cleaning the existing plots and surrounding area, building additional raised beds and constructing a shed to cover the water spigot. Join us Saturday April 22 at 9:00 a.m. and bring your favorite gardening gloves and tools. What a great way to celebrate Earth Day 2017! For more information contact Elizabeth Hatcher, [elizhatcher@gmail.com](mailto:elizhatcher@gmail.com) or Sherry Golden at [sherrygolden1@aol.com](mailto:sherrygolden1@aol.com).

## Easter Brunch at FPC: Menu for the 16<sup>th</sup>

The Deacons are proud to sponsor FPC's annual Easter Brunch at 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> in Watchorn Hall! We will be serving Breakfast Casserole, Bacon, Hash browns, Fruit, Danish, Muffins, and drinks. All are welcome and brunch is FREE! -*Brian Broderick*

## Special Offering Received on Easter

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with neighbors around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, providing food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Gifts can be made to FPC, designate "One Great Hour" on your check. If donating electronically, let Becki know via email: [becki@fpcokc.org](mailto:becki@fpcokc.org)

## Art Guild Members:

What a great art show! Thank you all for participating and sharing your talents. You are encouraged to keep exploring, creatively. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 5. -*Carren MacLemore*

## Deep Appreciation

Our family would like to thank the congregation at large for their condolences, cards and outpouring of love. Thank you for your support as we have recently said farewell to both my mother, Mary Louise Thomas, and Ron's mother, Jackie Waller. -*Paula & Ron Grace*

## Potluck Assignments

To go along with the ham provided at our after-church potluck April 23 (the Sunday AFTER Easter), please bring something to share. Lunch items should be brought to the kitchen off of Watchorn Hall the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

(last name) A-F: Dessert

G-M: Salad or Bread

N-Z: Side, Fruit or Vegetable

Everyone is encouraged to wear a favorite fashion/ uniform/ memento item to church that day (or change clothes after worship).

**Want to be in the show?**

Contact Judy Glaspey, Janet Eselin, or Jamie Slade.

## Greener Events!

You can help the church take an easy step toward more environmentally sound practices. Creation Care Team is encouraging the use of real plates, flatware, glasses, and cups at church events. An ample supply of all of these is available in the kitchen. Of course, using real dishes requires washing them after events. The commercial dishwashers in the kitchen are easy to use, but do require some instruction on their use. There are members of Creation Care Team who are willing to help your group with using real dishes and the dishwashers.

Recycling at church events is also an important part of responsible environmental stewardship. We now have a large recycling bin for Watchorn Hall. Currently there is no recycling service that will pick-up from the church, but some of our Creation Care Team are committed to taking church recyclables to be recycled from their homes. We may be able to help with recycling at your next church event.

It is our goal that groups within the church will gain experience with recycling and using the dishwashers and adopt the practices as their own. Creation Care Team wants to assist your group in learning about these practices and may attend your next event to help. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Golden by texting or calling 816-228-3442. -Sherry Golden

## FPS Preschool is going “Around the World”

Our Preschool children are getting their passports ready! They will be studying different countries this summer. We would like to ask our FPC Family who have traveled to help with items that would enhance their learning experiences. The little ones will be “traveling” to: France, Mexico, Japan, Uganda, Australia, Polynesia, Brazil, and the USA. If you have traveled to any of these countries and have items to share, we would like to hear from you.

Suggested items are: games/sports, music, recipes that could easily be made by the teachers, pictures, souvenirs, toys, and clothing items. If you have anything to share, please contact Lolietta Miller, 691-9131. She will be the “Customs Officer.” Thank you for your support of our FPS Preschool travelers. -FPS Preschool Board

## New Class for Young Families/Adults

Kim Pittman-Carisoza and Lanie (Denner) Pitts, with help from Amanda Ogden and Madeline (Tack) Hawkins, are starting a new Fellowship group. This will be an inclusive environment for fellowship and support. It is intended for parents with younger kids, expecting parents, young married and engaged couples, and young adults. We are calling ourselves the builders because we are building our families, friendships, careers, faith, support system, church, futures, and building up each other. We will be discussing topics such as parenting, marriage, careers, balancing responsibilities, current events, and how faith pertains to modern life. We will be having more of a fellowship and support building group and less of a traditional bible study class. We plan to meet every Sunday at 9:40 and will arrange fun family friendly outings as the group wants. Kiddos can go to the nursery or children’s Sunday school class during our Sunday meetings. However if your child does not want to separate from you, we understand, bring them with you. If you think this group is something you would like to be a part of, please join us for our first meeting on April 2 in room 215- we will have coffee and donuts! -Kim Pittman-Carisoza



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Evelyn Brown, Mary Louise Thomas, and Wanda Ykema.

*Circles Meet*  
Tues., April 11<sup>th</sup>

*Priscilla Circle*

home of Elaine Buzan

2907 N. Windsor Blvd.

946-8805

10:00 a.m.

*Phoebe Circle*

home of Mary Ann Doolen

7009 Basswood Canyon Rd.,

722-8626

1:30 p.m.

The sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:4, NRSV



# Highlights of February 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Session

- 1) Received and approved the 2016 Financial Review.
- 2) Approved the 2016 Session Annual Statistical Report for PC(USA).
- 3) Approved the 2017 Informational Report (consisting of Session Roster, Lay Leaders, Presbytery Commissioner/ Alternate Commissioner, and Necrology Report for 2016 for the office of Indian Nations Presbytery.
- 4) Approved two action items brought by Mission Council:
  - Allocate money from Pentecost Offering (line 800010) of \$1,020.65 to FPC SPARK program.
  - Allocate money from Peace and Global Witness Offering (line 800015) of \$982.75 and Designated Mission fund (line 800109) of \$285.81 for a total of \$1,268.56 to computers at schools supported by our Uganda mission.
- 5) Deleted from roll:  
Pat Cox #11006 at her request and Sara Bloom #11082-IA (daughter of Bill and Jan Robinson) at her request.
- 6) Approved the following changes in Worship Services presented by Worship Committee:
  - Cancel services on April 30<sup>th</sup> due to the OKC Memorial Marathon and replace with one Saturday service on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
  - June 11<sup>th</sup> (Trinity Sunday) - one worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the courtyard, weather permitting.
  - June 18<sup>th</sup> - July 30<sup>th</sup> - one service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.
  - Beginning August 6<sup>th</sup>, second service to begin at 11:00 a.m.

Approved Minutes of the meeting can be seen in the church office. -Gayle M. Cox, Clerk of Session



## At the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery, Harold Myers was presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

It read, "In recognition of your service to the Presbyterian Church for over fifty years, at First Church, Oklahoma City, Indian Nations Presbytery and Urban Mission."

Thank you Harold for all you have done, do, and will continue to do for our church, our presbytery, and our community.

-Pastor John McKinnon

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Would you like to order an Easter Lily? Flowers will be used as decoration Easter Sunday and you may take them home after worship. Please print legibly and indicate exactly how you want names to appear in the bulletin. I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ lilies at \$17.50 each.

Requested by (your name) \_\_\_\_\_

Dedicated to \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of

In honor of

In celebration of

Return form to the church office or place in Sunday's offering.

# Fabulous Fashions: Fashion Show and Celebration of the Past 120 Years

Sunday, April 23  
All-Church Potluck  
Noon  
(meat provided)

Bring or wear  
something from a  
favorite time period.



# First Presbyterian Church

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Pastor—The Rev. John McKinnon

Associate Pastor—The Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke

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Organist—John L. Edwards

Director of Children & Youth—Christie Peacher

Communications Director—Kathy P. Rangel

Business Administrator—Becki Walden

Facilities Coordinator—Jack Lancaster

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## Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. Chapel

10:55 a.m. Sanctuary



## Marathon Weekend: Saturday Vespers April 29<sup>th</sup>

Due to travel inaccessibility of the church on Marathon Sunday, worship will be moved to one service on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 5:00 p.m. in the SANCTUARY. Runners welcome!



## PW Annual Geranium Sale

Sunday, April 23

9:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

hall outside the chapel  
and center hall  
by the offices  
also available

Tuesday, April 25

## Fill a Bag, Feed a Family

For many years, members of our church family have given to Urban Mission and its food resource center. Last fall we began our “Fill a bag, Feed a family” effort, also known as the purple bags. We are resuming that effort with a little more structure. The first Sunday of the month the purple bags will be available and then should be returned the following Sunday to the front of the chapel or sanctuary filled with your food donations. Pastor John or Matt will bless the food before it goes to Urban Mission.

People who come to the food resource center at Urban Mission all have different stories – a lost job, retired with not enough money, illness, disabled, and so on. Some are there for short term assistance and others come every two months. Our food donations help to provide more food and more choice for these food insecure people.

Attached to each bag is a suggested grocery shopping list (although you are not limited to that list). At the end of worship service on the first Sunday you can get a bag to fill. The purple bags are hanging on a post marked with a “Fill a bag, Feed a family” sign in the chapel entrance and at the entrances into the sanctuary –in the narthex and at the front of the sanctuary by the hallway door. We have a limited number of bags available so if you don’t get a bag this month then try again next month, or in the months to come, so you can help with this important food ministry. *-Barbara Namminga*