

The Church & You

First Presbyterian Church Oklahoma City

August 2017



Sunday Worship
8:30 in Chapel
11:00 in Sanctuary

Kemp Children's Choir

A venture of the Kemp Concert Series, the Kemp Children's Choir is open to any 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th-grade child who enjoys music. Lisa Cochran directs the ensemble, which rehearses Mondays, 4:45-5:45 p.m. No auditions necessary and no fee required. More information at www.kempconcerts.org/children-s-choir.html

Thursdays: Join Us for Lunch or a Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible Study group has had a wonderful time studying *Mudhouse Sabbath* and trying out local eateries this summer so we have decided to keep going through August with our summer format. All are welcome!

August 3: lunch at Lido, meet at 11:45
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August 10: *guff/body*, meet at noon at the church with bag lunch

August 17: lunch at Irma's Burger Shack, meet at 11:45 1120 Classen

August 24: *tzum/fasting*, meet at noon at the church with bag lunch

August 31: lunch at Basil's Mediterranean Cafe, meet at 11:45 211 NW 23rd Street

We will switch back to our weekly study at the church in September to complete our book study. Stay tuned to see what we will begin in October. -Pastor John McKinnon

Volunteer With Us at Infant Crisis Services

Saturday, August 19th 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
See back cover for details.

Sing the Brahms Requiem

Be a part of this exciting performance in celebration of 500 years of the Reformation! The Brahms Requiem is one of the most beloved works of sacred music, with comforting selections of biblical texts set to rich, expressive harmonies. Interested singers affiliated with FPC do not need to audition—just email puffer@fpcokc.org. For information about the Kemp Concert Choir at www.kempconcerts.org/concert-choir.html

Visitor's Class Begins Sunday, August 6th

We are delighted to have many visitors with us this summer! There will be a Visitor's Class offered August 6th, 13th, and 20th at 9:45AM in Room 122 (just outside the sanctuary hall entrance). This class, taught by Pastor John, will offer participants a chance to share their faith story, learn about our denomination, and learn about our particular church. Following the class, those that wish to will be prepared to meet with the Session on August 21st and be received into the membership of the congregation.

Our Book of Order states that "Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes: proclaiming the good news in word and deed, taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation, lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support, studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life, supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents, demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church, responding to God's activity in the world through service to others, living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life, working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful."

Church membership is an exciting things, and allows you to live your faith to the fullest! Come discover the ways this church can help you grow in faith, witness, and service. -Pastor John McKinnon, (405) 525-6584

All FPC choirs resume rehearsals in August – no auditions necessary!

Sanctuary Singers	Sanctuary Ringers	Youth Chorale	Treble Choir
(adult choir) rehearses Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning August 16.	(handbells) rehearses Thursdays 5:30-6:15 p.m. beginning August 24.	(6th-12th grade) rehearses Sundays 12:15-1:00 p.m., beginning August 20.	(Kindergarten-5th grade) rehearses as part of the Sunday School time (9:40-10:45 a.m.) beginning August 27.

Contact Puffer (puffer@fpcokc.org or 605-4458) with any questions.

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" Psalm 24:1

Church Environmental Policy Moves Us to Wash Dishes!

About this time last year, the Session adopted an environmental policy for the church upon the recommendation of Mission Council and Creation Care Team. The environmental policy recommends recycling, reducing energy consumption, and reducing our carbon footprint. One way to uphold the church's environmental policy is recycling at church events. Our efforts have shown that this can be quite confusing as some plastic articles are not labeled, recycling requirements are not always clearly communicated, and individuals are carrying recyclables home to be recycled in their own residential bins, with different communities adhering to different recycling standards. (Currently there is no curbside recycling available to the church.) We do know that less energy is consumed by using recyclables than producing new goods, so Creation Care Team is trying to make it easier to recycle at church. We appreciate your patience as we work toward a more effective process!

Another way to uphold the church's environmental policy is to use real dishes and utensils at church events, which requires washing dishes. We have a dishwasher that takes only 90 seconds to wash and sterilize a large load of dishes! It is not difficult to use. Creation Care Team has offered training on use of the dishwasher to groups that are in charge of church events that involve serving food. Although our small number of Creation Care Team members cannot attend every church event to wash dishes, we are happy to show others how to operate the dishwasher. Please contact Creation Care Team by leaving a message with the church office to request assistance with the dishwasher.

We are getting positive feedback from church members who enjoy using real plates, glasses, and utensils for church meals. Presbyterian Women just funded the purchase of 100 ceramic bowls, so that church meals may include soup as the main course. Surely soup tastes a little better in a ceramic bowl than in a Styrofoam one! Creation Care Team thanks you for learning with us as we move toward more responsible stewardship of creation. -Creation Care Team



Thanks to all who encouraged, prayed for, or donated to our Uganda Mission Team. Hope increased as the Gospel was spread throughout the village homes, schools and prisons. Seen here are some of the recipients of the 350 mosquito nets we were able to provide!

In Gratitude

In appreciation for the cards, phone calls, and comforting words to me on the death of my brother, Danny, I thank you.

Sincerely,
Ona Foster

Thank You

On behalf of the family of Allison Wolf, I would like to thank our FPC church family and Pastor John for all of their prayers, cards and thoughts during this difficult time. It was such comfort to hear the stories of those of you who had grown up with her in the church and I know that we all, especially her son, Ryan, appreciated hearing the fun stories about her.

Blessings,
Michelle Evans

Many Thanks!

Thank you, First Presbyterian Church for your recent donation. It is sincerely appreciated.

Infant Crisis Services



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Brenton Lamb (Sheila & Keith Lindell's grandson) and to Larry Farmer (Blaine Moore's brother).

Rally Day Breakfast

Howdy partners! You are cordially invited to a round-up of cowboys and cowgirls to join our posse and discover how we can learn more about Christ and how to serve him more faithfully. Join us for our Rally Day Rodeo August 20th. The Chuck Wagon will be serving a delicious breakfast. Then the rodeo fun will begin for the children and youth while the adults will be dismissed to their classes. Y'all come on out now! -Pastor John

Acolyte Training/Refresher and Lunch

All young people, 3rd grade through 6th grade, who want to serve as acolytes this year (August 2017 – June 2018) are cordially asked to attend the Acolyte Training Refresher Course, conducted by Pastor John, on August 13th after the second worship service. One parent or guardian of each acolyte must also attend. Lunch will be served afterward for all attendees. Our acolyte group will be especially recognized during the August 20th second service, with those who are moving up a year receiving their new acolyte crosses. All acolytes please mark these dates on your calendar and be sure to attend. You are a special group of youngsters and we appreciate your service. - Lisa Lusby

Deacon Notes

- * Thanks to all who brought breakfast dishes for the brunch on July 16. It was yummy. The congregation provided over \$650 dollars and numerous school supplies for Urban Mission!
- * Sunday, Sept. 10, will be our New Member Luncheon after the 2nd service. We will get to meet members who have joined the church during the last year and that will be followed by a talent show. More details to follow.
- * Thanks for your financial and prayer support for the Deacons!
- * Another Out and About trip is being planned. -Blaine Moore

Talent Show September 10th

Calling all singers, dancers, musicians, and magicians. Whatever your talent, have we got a show for you! FPC's got talent and September 10th we are going to let those talents shine at our new member lunch that day. Krista Myers is putting the show together, so give her a call (405) 627-7209 and help make this year's talent show the best ever! -Pastor John

B. C. Clark Fundraiser Continues Year-Round

Since December 2016 we have received a total of \$149.26 from B. C. Clark Jewelers. If you make a purchase there, please let them know you would like this church to receive your purchase credit. Thank you!

Welcome to the World!

Alexander Charles Podsezertsev was born June 23rd (first wedding anniversary of his parents, Callie and Evgeny "DJ" Podsezertsev). Alex's OKC family includes Paula Hirschler, maternal grandmother, Jordyn, aunt, Gayle Cox, great grandmother and Jennifer Cox, great aunt.

Congratulations to Elizabeth Montgomery on the birth of her new grandson, Alessandro.



Newborns

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Pastor—The Rev. John McKinnon
Director of Music & Arts—Dr. Warren Puffer Jones
Organist—John L. Edwards
Director of Children & Youth—Christie Peacher
Communications Director—Kathy P. Rangel
Business Administrator—Becki Walden
Facilities Coordinator—Jack Lancaster

Sunday Worship Hours

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11:00 Sanctuary

Volunteer With Us at Infant Crisis Services

Our **Reserve the 3rd** community activity takes us to Infant Crisis Services, 4224 N. Lincoln Blvd. As our church historians recall, Infant Crisis Services (ICS) started as a service project of a Westminster Presbyterian Church Sunday School in 1984. It was housed in the back of the 2nd Presbyterian Church at NW 10th and McKinley (in conjunction with Presbyterian Urban Mission). Since that time, ICS has provided formula, food and diapers to over 200,000 babies and toddlers, approximately 1500 each month. On Saturday, August 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. we have the opportunity to bundle diapers, sort clothes, and stock shelves in the (climate-controlled) warehouse. Please consider spending two hours helping a FPC Mission partner fulfill their goal that “no baby should go hungry.” For more information or to sign up, please contact Elizabeth Hatcher, elizhatcher@gmail.com.

SPARK tutoring will resume Wednesday, August 23rd. Orientation for new tutors August 16th. Please contact Director Tish Harrison, tish@fpcokc.org or Elizabeth Hatcher, elizhatcher@gmail.com for more information.

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Kemp Concert Series Upcoming Concerts

Mark your calendars for these upcoming concerts!
Brahms: *Requiem*
Kemp Concert Choir and full professional orchestra
Sunday, September 24th, 7:00 p.m.

Vienna Boys Choir
Tuesday, November 7th, 7:30 p.m. (*free admission*)

For details about the full season of performances on the Kemp Concert Series, visit www.kempconcerts.org



Preschool Starts Soon!

First Presbyterian School offers small class sizes, learning through exploration, hands-on curriculum, and one-on-one

opportunities. There are a couple of preschool spots left. Mother's Day Out is waitlist only. Call 525-7521 for more information or to schedule a visit. Classes begin August 7th. www.fpcokc.org