



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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**The Service for the Lord's Day – January 4, 2026**

**Epiphany of the Lord**

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A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful.

When you see an asterisk \*, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.

Children are welcome in worship! A nursery is also available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

## **We Gather to Worship**

PRELUDE

*March of the Three Kings*  
Jim Borgstadt, clarinet

Georges Bizet

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

CHIME

**\*LITANY FOR EPIPHANY**

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God, Alleluia!

**People: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, Alleluia!**

Leader: With joy let us pray to our Savior, the Son of God who became one of us, saying:

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received.  
Draw the whole creation to yourself that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations that they may seek justice, and further peace and freedom for all.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

**People: The grace of God be with us all.**

Leader: O Christ, light made manifest as the true light of God, gladden our hearts on the joyful morning of your glory; call us by our name on the great Day of your coming; and give us grace to offer, with all the hosts of heaven, unending praise to God in whom all things find their ending, now and ever.

**All: Amen.**

\*HYMN 149

*All Hail to God's Anointed*

ROCKPORT

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Bret Sholar

**Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**  
(silent confession)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## 149 All Hail to God's Anointed

(Psalm 72)

1 All hail to God's a - noint-ed, great Da - vid's great-er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 All rul - ers bow be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring.

All hail, in time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 All na - tions shall a - dore you; your praise all peo - ple sing.

You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free,  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark-ness turn to light,  
 Be - fore you on the moun-tains shall peace, the her - ald, go,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as - cend.

to take a - way trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing, are pre-cious in your sight.  
 and righ-teous-ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 Your rule is still in - creas - ing; your rule is with-out end.

Originally a celebration of God's sovereignty, Psalm 72 has often been given a Christological interpretation, notably in Isaac Watts's "Jesus Shall Reign" (see no. 265). The references to rulers here probably influenced the view that the Magi of Matthew 2 were kings (see no. 151).

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**    Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts  
    To this peace we are called as members of a single body.  
    Please greet or respond to one another;  
    The peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit Three in one.*

*May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise. Amen.*

# We Proclaim God's Word

**DISCOVERY TIME** Children are invited forward for a special message. Cyndi Lockwood  
Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream image;  
those on the floor facing the steps will not.

Children—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children’s Church in Room 215.  
Parents may pick up children after worship from those locations.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 1:39-58 (pg. 57)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO *New Wine* Brooke Ligertwood  
Sarah Gwatney, mezzo-soprano

*In the crushing, in the pressing, you are making new wine. In the soil I now surrender, you are breaking new ground. So I yield to you and to your careful hand. When I trust you I don't need to understand. Make me your vessel, make me an offering. Make me whatever you want me to be. I came here with nothing, but all you have given me. Jesus, bring new wine out of me. 'Cause where there is new wine there is new power. There is new freedom, and the kingdom is here. I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today.*

SERMON *We See God in Each Other* Rev. John McKinnon

# We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN INSERT

*Always Seeking*

REGENT SQUARE

As the wise men scanned the hea - vens There they saw Christ's  
When they reached King Her - od's pal - ace Ask - ing where to  
Flee - ing from the wrath of Her - od Jos - eph led his  
Seek - ing signs or seek - ing pow - er Seek - ing safe - ty,  
na - tal star find the child  
fam - i - ly seek - ing home  
Then be - gan the long pro - ces - sion Seek - ing him in  
Her - od schemed in all his mal - ice This new king him -  
Seek - ing in the des - ert a - rid Safe - ty there as  
Day by day and hour by ho - ur We press on toward  
coun - try far self to find  
ref - u - gees the un - known  
Al - ways seek - ing, mov - ing on - ward Fol - low - ing where God may lead

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRESENTATION

Alain Awah, Stephanie Kuete, Estrella, and Braydon Awah

Nat Baker, Ron Bynum, Ken Roark

RENUNCIATIONS

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

### PRAYER

### WELCOME

Let us welcome Alain, Stephanie, Estrella, Braydon, Nat, Ron, and Ken as they join us in  
the worship and mission of the church.

**With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of  
Christ, for we are all one in him.**

## OFFERING

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

*We Three Kings*

arr. Heather Sorenson

### \*DOXOLOGY

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## We Go in God's Name

### \*HYMN 145

*What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

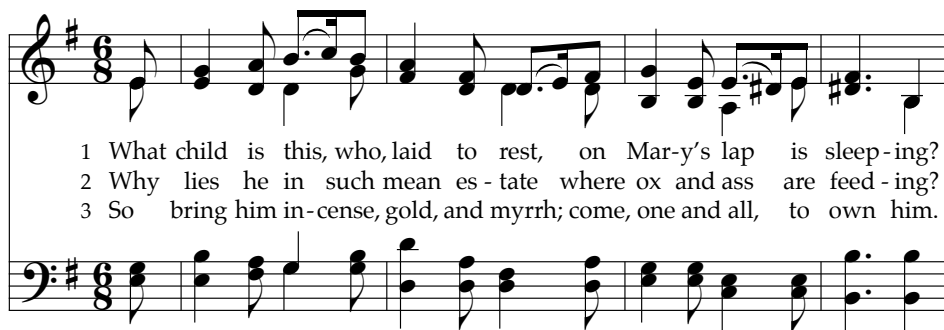
### \*POSTLUDE

*Fanfare Toccata on DIX (hymn 150)*

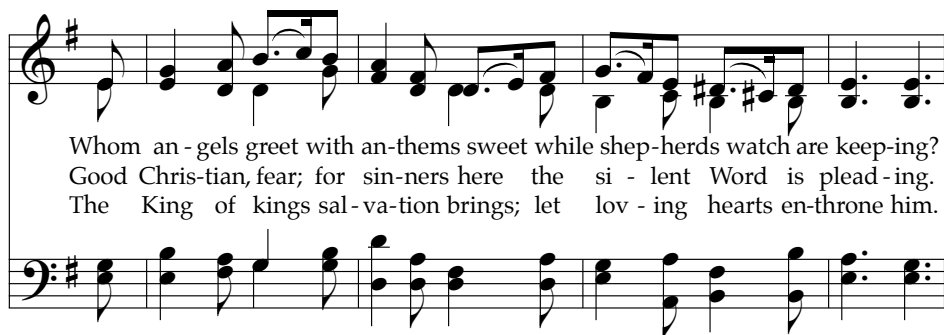
David Lasky

## 145

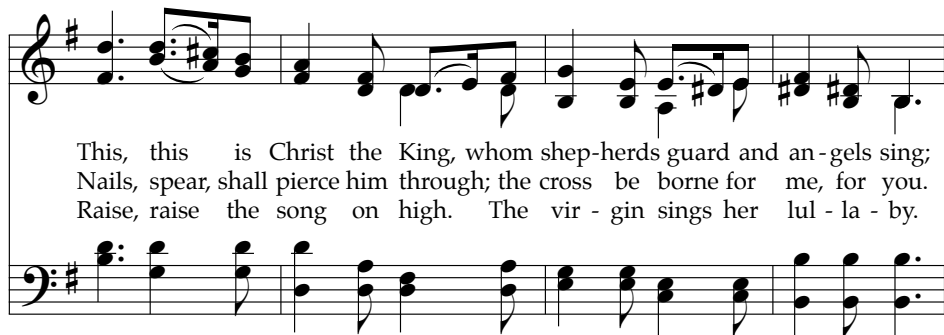
## What Child Is This



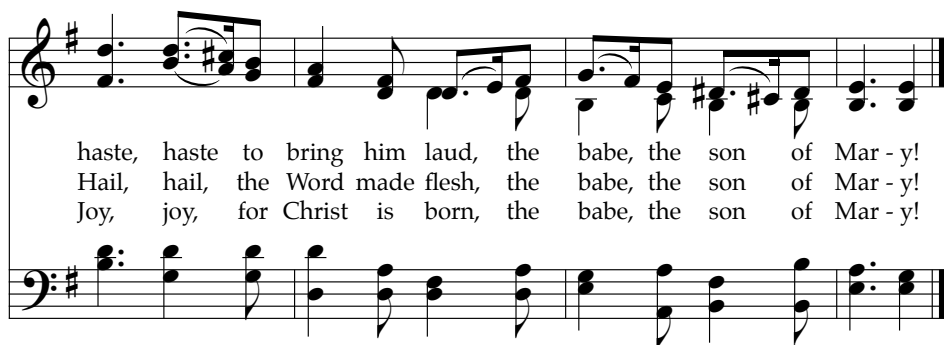
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

# Today

## Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

## Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30-10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

## Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

## Youth Chorale Rehearsals | 12:00 p.m.

Middle and High School students (grades 5 through 12) are invited to stay after worship on Sundays (except for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays of the month)! We'll meet in Room B-32 and make music until 12:30 p.m.

## FPC-OKC Podcast

Discover the FPC-OKC Podcast, featuring weekly sermons, sacred music, and evening prayer services. Whether you missed a Sunday or want to revisit a meaningful message or song, each episode offers inspiration, reflection, and a sense of connection wherever you are. Listen on your favorite streaming platform by searching FPCOKC or visit [tinyurl.com/FPCOKCpodcast](https://tinyurl.com/FPCOKCpodcast).

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00-8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays | 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

We meet in Room B-10 (basement) on Mondays from 6:00–8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Whether you’ve never played, are returning after a break, or just want a friendly bridge group to join, **contact Dan MacLemore at 405-496-0185 or [rockdoc1949@gmail.com](mailto:rockdoc1949@gmail.com).**

### **Evening Prayer Service — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.**

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evening Prayer Service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. This is a short worship service featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, to help transition into the restful night.

**After the service, we’ll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00-6:30 p.m.**

### **Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.**

Our Free Yoga Class is available weekly on Wednesdays! Angela Rose leads the hour-long class in the Rec Room in the basement. All skill levels are welcome.

### **Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

The choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays! If you are interested in joining please reach out to Puffer Jones ([puffer@fpcokc.org](mailto:puffer@fpcokc.org)).

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