



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – January 11, 2026

Baptism of the Lord

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

Come, Risen Lord

Dale Wood

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT

This is the Day the Lord Hath Made

NUN DANKETT ALL' UND BRINGET EHR'

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,

People: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

People: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

Leader: The voice of the Lord is powerful,

People: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

*HYMN 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Erica Taylor

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. (silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

***As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. 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 ages 5 through 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.

ANTHEM

O Christ, Surround Me

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Sanctuary Singers

arr. David Sims

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me. Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me. Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me. Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me. Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3)

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

SERMON

Water Stories

Rev. John McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*LITANY FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Leader: O Christ, by your epiphany your light shines upon us, giving us the fullness of salvation. Help us show your light to all we meet today.

People: Help us, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Christ of glory, you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.

People: Strengthen us, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you cleansed us from our sin, making us children of your Father. Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.

People: Welcome your children, Lord Jesus.

Leader: O Christ, by your baptism you sanctified creation and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized. Make us servants of your gospel in the world.

People: Praise be to God! Amen.

*HYMN 480

Take Me to the Water

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on WEST MAIN (hymn 164)

John L. Edwards

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

HYMN 562

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

HYMN 563

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever.

HYMN 564

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Thee We Adore, O Blessed Savior

Healey Willan

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Dale Wood

The flowers on the communion table this morning are in celebration of Gayle Cox's 90th birthday on January 3. We celebrate her life and gifts she so freely shares with First Presbyterian Church.

Go, Mobile Meals!

Give to
FPC today!



SCAN ME

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting

The Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary **after 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, January 18**, for the distribution of the Annual Report, Presentation of the Budget and approval of changes to the terms of call of the pastor.

-Barbara Charlet, Clerk of Session

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 1st 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.

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**.

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).

Priscilla Circle Meeting — Tuesday, January 13 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting in Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

Phoebe Circle Meeting — Tuesday, January 13 | 1:30 p.m.

Linda Herider will host in the Reception Center.

Abigail Circle Meeting — Friday, January 16 | 6:00 p.m.

Meeting at Ginnie Tack's house.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, January 17 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Reserve the Third Crew will serve at The Urban Mission on Saturday, January 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteers will assemble food bags to be distributed to families in need throughout the week.

Volunteers are welcome to come and go during this time as schedules allow, and we would love to see some new faces! **If you are attending for the first time, please let Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) know so he can provide you with a volunteer shirt.**

Kemp Concert Series

Vivaldi: Gloria — Sunday, January 18 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.

The Kemp Concert Choir, joined by professional orchestra and soloists under the direction of conductor Warren Puffer Jones, presents Vivaldi's masterpiece of sacred music, along with works by Bach, Handel, Torelli, and Albinoni.

Join us in the Sanctuary at 3:30 p.m. for a pre-concert talk with the conductor. The concert will be sung in Latin with projected English translations.

Doors open at 3:15 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public.