



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – January 19, 2025 Second Sunday After Epiphany

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

Canzona per Sonare no. 3

Giovanni Gabrieli

Blackwelder Brass

arr. James P. Gray

Karl Huber & Seth Seneca, trumpets; Jacob Fleury, horn

Benjamin Rihner, trombone; Dalton Williams, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACON'S MOMENT

Blaine Moore

FERNCLIFF MISSION TRIP

CHIME

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP

A Voice: God said: "How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?"

A Voice: God said: "Give justice to the weak and the parentless child; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute."

A Voice: God said: "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

A Voice: God said: "I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Take away the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever flowing stream."

All: Rise up, O God, judge the earth; for all the nations belong to you!

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

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

Let All the People Praise You

John Leavitt

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

Let all the people praise you, O God; yea, let all the people praise you. Let the nations be glad and all people sing for joy, for you judge with righteousness and guide nations on the earth! The earth has yielded its increase; and God, our God, has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let the ends of the earth revere him! May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations. Glory to the Father, the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As in the beginning it is now, and ever shall be. Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Joel 2:18-27 (pg. 847)

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

ANTHEM

For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray, Brian Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy! For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair. For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song, the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong. For just and unjust, a place at the table, abuser, abused, with need to forgive, in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy, for just and unjust, a new way to live. For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:25-37 (pg. 71)

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

SERMON

What Is Your Dream?

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION 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.**

*HYMN 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O God

WHELPTON

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Collection plates are located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.)

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

arr. Gary Slechta

Blackwelder Brass

*PRESENTATION HYMN

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

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Dance

Wilke Renwick

Blackwelder Brass

Annual Corporate & Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, February 2 | 9:45 a.m.

The Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, February 2, at 9:45 a.m. for distribution of the Annual Report, presentation of the budget, and to act on proposed changes to the pastoral call.

-Barbara Charlet, Clerk of Session

**Give to
FPC today!**



703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

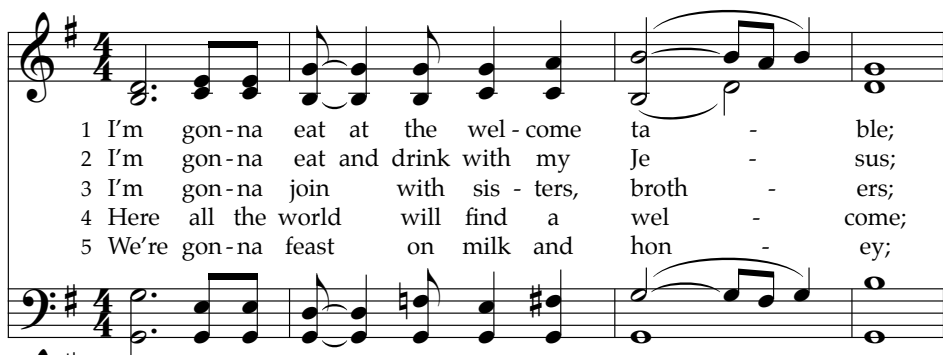
reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

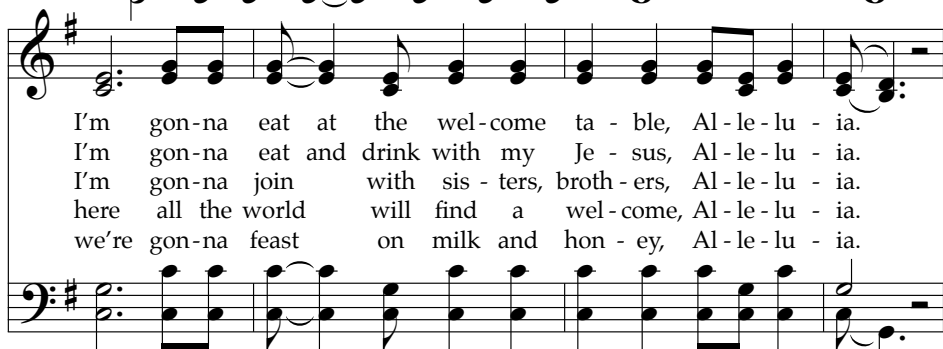
thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

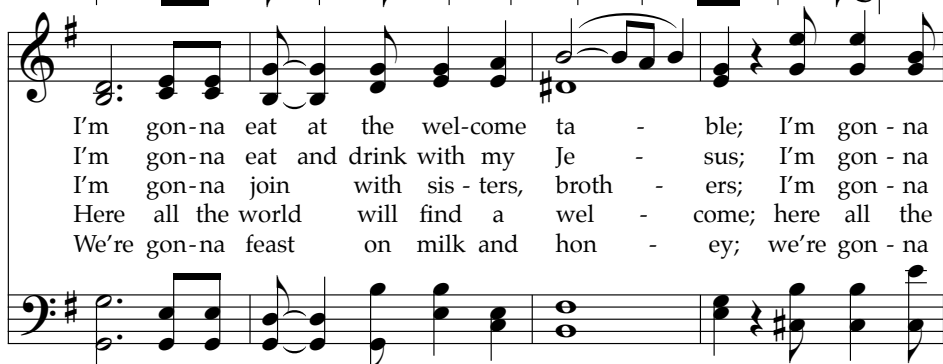
770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table



1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;



I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.



I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na



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The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

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.

Get Your Ballot Notarized!

You can get your absentee ballot notarized before or after service in the Reception Center.

Notarization will be available every Sunday before the February 11 election.

Upcoming Events

Individual Prayer & Evensong Worship — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m. and an Evensong service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. Evensong is a short church 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 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! We'll meet in the Rec Room in the basement. Angela Rose will lead our hour-long class. All skill levels are welcome!

Choir Practice — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

The choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to practice. **If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please reach out to Puffer (puffer@fpcokc.org).**

Abigail Circle Meeting — Tuesday, January 21 | 6:00 p.m.

Location TBD.

MORE EVENTS ON BACK

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, February 2 | 12:00 p.m.

After worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Junebug Catering.

Help PW Make Valentines! — Sunday, February 2 | 1:00 p.m.

Following our Valentine's-themed First Sunday Lunch on Sunday, February 2, we'll be making Valentines for veterans, Mobile Meal recipients, and more. PW will provide all the necessary supplies. You only need to bring yourself and your creativity!

Kemp Concert Series: 4x4 Organ Concert

Sunday, February 2 | 4:00-6:00 p.m.

In this moveable musical feast, audience members begin in the Chapel, then move to the other organ rooms in the church, hearing a short recital in each location. Music is chosen to highlight the special characteristics of each instrument. *This is a free concert.*

Featuring:

- Alvez Barkoskie IV of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, OKC
- Christopher Evatt of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond
- Steven McConnell of First Baptist Church, OKC
- Carolyn Sargent of Mayflower Congregational Church, OKC

Deacons Out & About — Sunday, February 16 | 2:00 p.m.

The Diaconate's first Out & About for 2025 will be visiting OCU for the musical comedy *Head Over Heels* on Sunday, February 16, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be covered by the Diaconate. The 135-minute musical will be presented at the Burg Theater in the Kirkpatrick Fine Arts Center (2501 N. Blackwelder).

This bold musical comedy is set to the music of the iconic 1980s female rock band *The Go-Go's*, known for hits such as "We've Got the Beat." The plot follows a royal family on a quest to save their kingdom from extinction—only to discover that the key to their realm's survival lies within.

Twenty tickets are available. **Call the church office at (405) 525-6584 or visit tinyurl.com/Deacons021625 to sign up. RSVP by January 31 to reserve your seat!**