



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

## The Service for the Lord's Day — January 25, 2026 Third 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

*Prelude in F (Homage to J. S. B.)*

Gordon Young

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 - Psalm 84:1-2**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh  
sing for joy to the living God.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

**\*HYMN 386**

*Come, Worship God*

O QUANTA QUALIA

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Angie Sholar

**God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of  
your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim  
your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ  
our Savior. Amen.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

## Come, Worship God

(Psalm 95)

1 Come, wor - ship God, who is wor - thy of hon - or;

2 Ruled by your might are the heights of the moun - tains;

3 We are your peo - ple, the sheep of your pas - ture;

4 Now let us lis - ten, for you speak a - mong us;

en - ter God's pres - ence with thanks and a song!

held in your hands are the depths of the earth.

you are our Mak - er, and to you we pray.

o - pen our hearts to re - ceive what you say.

You are the rock of your peo - ple's sal - va - tion

Yours is the sea, yours the land, for you made them,

Glad - ly we kneel in o - be - dience be - fore you;

Peace be to all who re - mem - ber your good - ness,

to whom our ju - bi - lant prais - es be - long.

God a - bove all gods, who gave us our birth.

great is the one whom we wor - ship this day!

trust in your word, and re - joice in your way!

Psalm 95, often called *Venite* from its first word in Latin, has long served as an opening canticle in the worship of Western Christianity. John Calvin found here two reasons to praise God: for sustaining the created world and for adopting the church into a gracious relationship.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord.** (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—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 215.

Parents may pick up children there after worship.

**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**

*Love Divine*

Michael Cox

Sanctuary Singers

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Finish then thy  
new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23 (pg. 3)

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

### SOLO

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

African American Spiritual

Puffer Jones, baritone

*Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (pg. 166)

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

### SERMON

*The Gathering Place*

Rev. Abbey Walker

## 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 738

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer, O God*

WHELPTON

Sanctuary Singers

### OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*O Lamb of God, I Come*

Edward Broughton

\*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

## 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny;  
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 guide them in the home - ward way.  
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

# We Go in God's Name

\*HYMN 724

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ANGEL'S STORY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Postlude alla Minuetto*

Eric E. Thiman

Help us care for our Sanctuary: as you leave worship, please take your bulletin with you and place it in the recycling boxes at the entrances. Thank you for also removing any cups, bottles, or other trash.

## Annual Corporate & 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, February 1**, for the distribution of the Annual Report, Presentation of the Budget and approval of changes to the terms of Call of the Pastor.

-Susan Perry-LeGrand, Clerk of Session

## Get Your Ballot Notarized!

A notary will be available in the Reception Center on January 25 and February 1 to assist with absentee ballot forms for the Tuesday, February 10, mayoral election. **For notary help at home (ballot notarization or otherwise), please contact Jean Nelson ([jmn3925@swbell.net](mailto:jmn3925@swbell.net)).**

*Note: absentee voting requires re-registering each year.*

## 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).

Give to  
FPC today!



## 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;  
 2 O let me feel thee near me! The world is ev - er near:  
 3 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee

be thou for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;  
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, draw thou near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Written to highlight the promises made by the author's daughter and two sons at their confirmation, this text equally well recalls the promises of discipleship made in Baptism and in the Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. The tune was written for a text now unused.

# 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.

## 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).

### First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, February 1 | 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.

**Menu:** Pulled Pork, Grits, Jambalaya, Greens, and Sweet Potato Cornbread Cake



## **Getting to Know You, Me, & FPC — Sunday, February 8 | 9:30 a.m.**

Would you like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church, or are you interested in membership? If so, please join Pastor John at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 8, in Room 122 (outside the east Sanctuary door).

**Please call Pastor John (405-525-6584) with any questions.**