

First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – February 1, 2026 Fourth 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

Andante sostenuto, Op. 65, No. 9

J. G. Herzog

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

Holly Guadiana

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 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Blaine Moore

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be
acceptable to you. By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and
length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may
be filled with your fullness, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,



who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:



who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,



with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.



Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Lord of Heavenly Multitudes, we confess that we are a spiritually lazy people. We lack endurance in the race of life. You both promise and model suffering as the way of the faithful but we insist that our faith should shield us from all difficulty. Forgive us when we are self-centered and entitled; forgive us when we expect special treatment because we believe in Jesus; forgive us when we fall away from you instead of recognizing the opportunity to know you more intimately in times of suffering. (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—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited
to attend Children's Church in Room 215.

Cyndi Lockwood

Parents may pick up children after worship from that location.

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 5:1-12 (pg. 4)

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

SERMON

To Be Blessed

Rev. John 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.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on BLEST ARE THEY (hymn 172)

John L. Edwards

Annual Meeting of the Congregation & Corporation of First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. John C. McKinnon

OPENING PRAYER

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Susan Perry-LeGrand

MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held October 19, 2025, are available at the front of the Sanctuary from the Clerk.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to receive and approve the Annual Report, receive the 2026 budget, and hear and act on a request of Session to change the Terms of Call of the Pastor. Before the business of the day begins, a necrology report will be given.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

NECROLOGY REPORT AND MEMORIAL PRAYER

Kathleen Dougherty — May 3, 2025
Sue Kunkel — May 8, 2025
Marcia McMillin — May 29, 2025
Sheri Boughman — June 7, 2025
Edie King — June 21, 2025
Florine Cunningham — July 1, 2025
John Buzan — July 4, 2025
Jannis Dykeman — July 14, 2025
Sam Dykeman — August 7, 2025
Carren MacLemore — September 15, 2025
Edgar Siewert — September 15, 2025
Hudson LeGrand — October 1, 2025

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT OF THE PASTOR
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ARTS
DEACONS
WORSHIP COMMITTEE
MISSION COUNCIL
NURTURE COMMITTEE
SPARK
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN SCHOOL
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
MOBILE MEALS
RAT PACK
TRUSTEES
RESOURCE COUNCIL

Rev. John C. McKinnon
Dr. Warren Puffer Jones
Blaine Moore
David Ligon
Holly Guadiana
Bill Hancock
Evelyn Hayworth
Lanie Denner
Amanda Ogden
Mary Ann Doolen
John Ellis
Mike Hancock
Jim Boughman

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT

PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET

NEW BUSINESS

Seek a motion to approve the Session's request that the terms of call of Rev. John McKinnon be changed to reflect a three percent cost-of-living raise.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

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.

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.

First Sunday Lunch | 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

Get Your Ballot Notarized!

A notary will be available in the Reception Center today 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).**

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.

Give to
FPC today!



SCAN ME

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).

Scouts' Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, February 8 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

In appreciation of the church's support of Troop 15, you are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast in Watchorn Hall from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., with serving times from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-1:00 p.m. Breakfast will include coffee, juice, sausage, and pancakes.

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.

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

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

Phoebe Circle Meeting — Tuesday, February 10 | 1:30 p.m.

Meeting in the Reception Center. Felicia DuMont will host.

Ash Wednesday Service – Wednesday, February 18 | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

Join us for a meaningful Ash Wednesday service as we begin the season of Lent with prayer, reflection, and the imposition of ashes. The service will be available live on fpcokc.org and our Facebook page for those unable to attend in person.

Abigail Circle Galentine's Meeting – Friday, February 20 | 6:00 p.m.

Abigail Circle is hosting a Galentine's Blind Book Date at Cyndi Lockwood's home (11425 NW 101st Street, Yukon). Bring a wrapped book with hints about the story on the cover and an appetizer to share.

We'll snack, swap books, and see if love (or at least a good read) is in the air! *Hint: Check out Pinterest if you need wrapping inspiration.*

Reserve the Third – Saturday, February 21 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join us for this month's Reserve the Third in the Community Garden as we assemble new raised garden beds and prepare the space for spring planting. Volunteers will help build beds, add soil, and tidy the garden.

Bring your gloves, shovels, and rakes, if you have them! **Please contact Elizabeth Hatcher for more details: elizhatcher@gmail.com or 405-202-3778.**

Young Adult Lenten Study – Sundays, February 22-April 5 | 9:30 a.m.

Young adults are invited to a Lenten study led by Sean Smith and Scott Wilson based on this year's devotional, *Tell Me Something Good*. Together we will explore the heart of Jesus' teachings and ministry.

Meet us for coffee in Room 215 at 9:30 a.m., followed by conversation beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Breakfast will be provided at the first meeting on Sunday, February 22.

Children & Youth Glow Party – Sunday, February 22 | 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Right after the 11:00 a.m. worship service, kids are invited to stay for pizza and a Glow Party in the basement with black lights, glowing decorations, and fun activities.

Please email Miss Cyndi to let her know if you plan to attend: cyndi0507@gmail.com.



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OF OKLAHOMA CITY

2025

Annual

Report

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Officers of First Presbyterian Church

MODERATOR

Rev. John C. McKinnon

CLERK OF SESSION

Barbara Charlet

ELDERS

Class of 2026

Jeff Austin
Kay Brown
Dorothy Hays
Travis Johnson
Jim Tack

Class of 2027

Suzanne Baxter
Rachel Boggess
Jim Boughman
David Ligon
Larry Nichols

Class of 2028

Sean Smith
Holly Guadiana
Roane Pittman
Mary Ann Doolen
Nancy Myer

DEACONS

Class of 2026

Bill Hancock
Wes Howard
Amy Martin
Jack Ogden, Youth Rep.
Jamie Slade

Class of 2027

Mary Kelly McKenzie
Blaine Moore
Danny Olvera
Debbie Pittman

Class of 2028

Lancelot Duff-Williams
Mary Su Forsman
Lindsey Wallace
Karen Schiler

TRUSTEES

Class of 2026

Brad Davenport
Harold Namminga
Bert Orza

Class of 2027

George Gibson
Mike Hancock
Emily Johnson

Class of 2028

Ron Grace
Ginnie Tack
John Ellis

AD HOC: Alan Nelson, Bill Robinson, Jim Tack

ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEES

Class of 2026

Janet Eselin
Eric Foster

Class of 2027

Ken Brown

Class of 2028

Madelaine Hawkins
Eric Turner

Greetings from the Pastor

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I think back on 2025 in the life of First Presbyterian Church, I am deeply grateful for the ways God has been present with us through worship, service, and care for one another. This year has brought both joys and challenges, yet in all areas we have continued to live into our calling as Christ's church in this place.

I am so grateful for the members of this congregation. I am richly blessed to have you as companions in Christ as we share in ministry. I am thankful for the partnership we share in ministry, for the leadership of the Session, the faithfulness of the deacons, the dedication of staff and volunteers, and the commitment of the congregation as a whole.

Worship remains at the heart of our life together. It is a true privilege to plan and lead weekly worship alongside such gifted musicians, liturgists, and worship leaders.

There have been many special moments in 2025, as we gathered for worship during ordinary times of the year and for special services during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter, as well as for services of remembrance, weddings, and funerals. These occasions reminded us of God's presence in every season of life.

Thank you to an amazing choir and music staff. I am grateful beyond words for your contributions to the spiritual and worship life of our congregation. You are each a tremendous blessing to us all.

Our congregation continued to express its faith through mission and outreach locally, nationally, and globally. I am encouraged by the generosity and commitment shown in mission partnerships and service opportunities. These efforts reflect our Reformed conviction that faith is lived out through love of neighbor and care for God's world.

2025 was a year of commissioning mission teams to serve on behalf of the church at Camp Ferncliff in Arkansas and in the Czech Republic. In addition to that work, I continue to be inspired by the many members from the church who contribute to our local community through Reserve the Third activities, volunteering at hospitals, or serving on local boards that meet the needs of our neighbors and enrich our community.

As we look to the coming year, I am excited! I see opportunities for renewed engagement, deeper relationships, and continued faithful witness in our community. My prayer is that we will continue to discern God's call together, trusting not in our own strength but in the strength of the Lord and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your pastor. It is an honor to walk alongside you in worship, service, and care. I give thanks to God for each of you and for the ministry we share.

Pastor John

Clerk of Session

The primary duties of the Clerk are to record and preserve the minutes of Session meetings, maintain Church membership files, and provide information to other Presbyterian Church governing bodies upon request.

In addition, the Clerk is responsible for correspondence related to membership Certificates of Transfer, assisting with the Installation of Elders, Deacons, Trustees and the annual Nominating Committee, playing a role in services of baptism, and the welcoming of new members.

The Clerk is also responsible for maintaining records of deaths, marriages, membership, baptisms, and service records of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees.

In 2025:

- Completed the 2024 Annual Statistical Report to Presbytery/General Assembly
- Recorded minutes from 11 monthly Session meetings. Session did not meet in July.
- Recorded minutes of two Congregational Meetings:
 - February 2, 2025 – for the purpose of sharing the 2024 Necrology Report, approval of the 2024 Annual Report, presentation of the 2025 Budget, and approval of any changes to the Pastoral compensation package and terms of call.
 - October 19, 2025 – for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee for electing officers: Elders, Deacons, Trustees Class of '29 and the 2027 Nominating Committee.
- Distributed all Session minutes. Following approval, minutes were filed, becoming a permanent record of the Church.
- Played a role in six baptisms.
- Recorded seven new members who were received into the life of First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City.

Barbara Charlet
2025 Clerk of Session

Director of Music and Arts

2025 was a wonderful year for the Music and Arts Ministries at First Presbyterian Church as we continued to give glory to God through our music!

All our ensembles—the Sanctuary Singers, the Sanctuary Ringers, and the Treble Choir—continued to grow in spirit and musical skill in 2025, and they served the congregation by providing engaging music for worship services throughout the year.

As ever, John Edwards makes excellent music in worship on a weekly basis. His tireless efforts to select pieces appropriate for the scriptures and liturgy provide meaningful musical experiences for the congregation. John also oversaw the completion of the Sanctuary organ restoration process, and he continues to maintain the four pipe organs and many pianos of the church!

I am very grateful to the soloists who have been the backbone of our choir program this year. After several years of dedicated service, we said goodbye to Cady Lewis and Jennifer Coffman in September, as they both moved on to pursue new career opportunities. We were sad to see them go, but grateful for the time they spent with us, and delighted that they will still be back to sing every now and then! Camryn Creech, Marina Quintanilla, Michael Johnston, and Ronn Burton continued their excellent work as section leaders and soloists. McKenzie Lofgren sang with us for the first half of 2025, and we welcomed Isaac Lynne and Lars Pollard as section leaders in January and Caitlin Towell and Sarah Gwatney in September. Sarah also took over the leadership of the Treble Choir after Cady Lewis's dedicated service, and we're grateful to them both for teaching our young members the joy of singing!

Several members of our community have played instruments in worship, including Jim Borgstadt, Linda Bosteels, Seth Johnson, Michael Johnston, Isaac Jones, and Karen Schiler. The Blackwelder Brass augmented our worship in the spring and fall, and the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums joined us for Reformation Sunday. And, of course, John Edwards played a variety of flutes and whistles to augment many worship services.

The Kemp Concert Series presented an exciting season of concerts in 2025: to celebrate the restoration of the Sanctuary Organ, we presented two installments of the 4x4 Organ Concert, one in February and another in September, and in May we welcomed Glenn Miller who gave a delightful program mixing his skill at the organ with his remarkable low bass singing voice!

It continues to be a delight to witness the joy that this congregation takes from music in praise of God, whether we are together in person or in spirit through livestream. I am blessed to work with such a skilled and dedicated team, leading amateur and professional musicians alongside a congregation that praises God with every breath and sound!

Warren Puffer Jones
Director of Music & Arts

Deacons

The Diaconate is called to care for the congregation. We do this by connecting with members several different ways.

We started the year off hosting the New Member luncheon with 24 new members. The Diaconate also arranged the annual Easter Brunch and Back to School lunch. We provide coffee and cookies in the reception area each Sunday morning. We handed out visitor gift bags to first-time visitors during the worship service.

Care Connections

This year the Deacons visited 8–10 members with a Eucharistic visit five times. This is a time to serve communion and keep in touch with members who are unable to attend church. Each deacon contacted two to three members to keep in touch and let them know we care about them. They called, visited or sent cards. Each church member received a birthday card. The Deacons also compile a monthly prayer list of joys, concerns, and sympathy and send out prayer concerns to the prayer chain in times of crisis.

Fellowship Opportunities

This year the Deacons provided a variety of opportunities for members to socialize. We attended three plays: OCU's production of "Head Over Heels," Edmond Memorial's "East of Eden," and Harding's "Our Town." The ever-popular river cruises were offered twice in the spring. Deacons organized the lunch and supper shuffles and added a popular brunch shuffle to the mix. It's a great way to get to know your fellow members, meet new people and enjoy good food! We added a new outing this year, the first annual SPARKLE Holiday Walk at Scissortail Park. Members met and walked through the light displays.

We send monthly financial support to Loving Hands Little Pantry and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. This year we were able to give our two graduating seniors a check to support their college funds.

The ministry of the Diaconate is funded completely by donations from the congregation. Your gifts allow us to continue the ministry of the Diaconate on your behalf. Thank you!

Jamie Slade
Moderator



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee works with Pastor John to provide meaningful worship to the members. In the past year, the Worship Committee has done a number of things in conjunction with Pastor John and the Resources Committee to improve the worship experience. Chief among these was enhancing the already outstanding music program administered by Puffer Jones and John Edwards by filling some previously vacant Section Leader positions.

Additionally, Jeff Morava joined the Worship Committee and contributed greatly to First Presbyterian worship by recommending and overseeing major upgrades in our sound and video streaming capabilities in the Sanctuary and the Chapel. His thoughtful and diligent work has substantially contributed to a better worship experience that we will enjoy over the coming years.

A significant amount of the Worship Committee's time was devoted to documenting and updating regular worship activities, so past practices of such activities will be available for future Worship Committees to review and revise as necessary going forward. None of the Worship Committee's work could have been accomplished without the wonderful work of active elders, Kay Brown and Dorothy Hayes, whose wise leadership and willingness to step into any worship role, whether organizing Communion, recruiting Sunday greeters, or any other worship responsibility, made everything possible. I cannot thank them enough for their contributions during this past year.

You may have also noticed that the Worship Committee has renewed the practice of passing the collection plate in the last month, which had been discontinued during the COVID crisis. It is our intention to continue this tradition during the next year.

I would also like to thank the Deacons and specifically Bill Hancock who has prepared the gift bags for potential new members during the past year. I'm always delighted when visitors get a chance to enjoy the wonderful experience of worshiping in our church and appreciate us welcoming them.

Finally, I'm extremely grateful for the work of the longest-standing member of the Committee, Jean Nelson, who provided institutional knowledge of the Worship Committee and has been willing to step in wherever she could be of service. I'm proud of what the Committee has accomplished this past year and am excited to work with new Worship Elders, Mary Ann Doolen and Erica Taylor.

Please feel free to share any thoughts that you might have to improve our worship experience with either me or other Worship Committee members.

David Ligon
Chairperson Worship Committee

Nurture Committee

Along with its other responsibilities, the Nurture Committee oversees SPARK, First Presbyterian School, Boy Scouts, and El Sistema. We also support the nursery, Children and Youth Ministry, and Adult Sunday School. This year's Adult Sunday School classes include Builders, Cornerstone, Evergreen, and New Beginnings.

A special word of appreciation goes to Cyndi Lockwood for her leadership in Christian Education programs for youth of all ages and her instrumental role in organizing the Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, ADVENTure, and the many other ways she supports the ministry of First Presbyterian Church.

In 2025, First Sunday Lunch, held on the first Sunday of each month, continues to thrive and grow, a special word of thanks to those who set up and decorate the room and to the hands that prepare our meals.

Also continuing in 2025 are the Bridge Group led by Dan MacLemore and the reception honoring our high school graduates. Two of our goals this year were a Congregational App and a Church Directory, and plans for both were approved by the committee and are in the process of being implemented.

Each year we aim to provide engaging, creative and meaningful opportunities for the congregation. We welcome your ideas and suggestions as we continue to nurture the spiritual life of our congregation.

Jeff Austin
Moderator



Children & Youth Ministry

Pumpkins, pins (bowling), pottery, prayers, pageant, pancakes, pizza, and parties. Are you seeing a theme here? Our young disciples enjoyed many activities beginning with the letter **P**. We kicked our ‘P’-themed events with a Glow Party. First there was pizza and then we moved to the pitch-dark gym in the basement. Here there were glowing decorations as well as glowing activities.

Another favorite “P” activity was enjoying a pancake breakfast in our pajamas, followed by painting prayer clay bowls.

Our next “P” adventure took us downtown. Our younger disciples enjoyed Pumpkinville in the botanical gardens while our older disciples knocked down pins at Dust Bowl.

The most ambitious “P” event of the year was our yearly Christmas pageant. Luckily, we had Collin and Erin Andrulonis’ professional talents to make this happen. The results were wonderful and this Advent experience for the kids turned into a special gift for the congregation.

All of this happened alongside our weekly Sunday School lessons with Jamie Slade, Blaine Moore, and me, Miss Cyndi. Jamie and Blaine are gifts from heaven that are truly appreciated. After the children’s sermon, we have a crowd of kids coming upstairs for a quick recap of the Sunday School lesson, a quick snack, and time in the Discovery Room where there are loads of activities available for the kids to choose from.

We can’t forget our Vacation Bible School where we magnified God by looking closely at his creations and doing some science experiments. Luckily, we had a guest scientist (with curly red hair) to help us with our investigations.

In short, Sunday School for youth in 2025 was a perfectly positive, prayerful year.

Cyndi Lockwood
Children’s Ministry Assistant



SPARK - Support Program of Art and Reading for Kids!

During this past year, SPARK continued its mission of providing high-quality before- and after-school care to children and families in the Oklahoma City community. We began the year under-enrolled with 44 children in January and concluded the year with 39 children in December. While enrollment numbers were lower than in some previous years, there remains a strong and ongoing need for SPARK's services within the community, as many families experienced changes in DHS childcare assistance eligibility that limited access to support despite continued demand for care.



Throughout the year, SPARK remained focused on providing a safe, nurturing, and engaging environment for the children we serve. Students participated in a wide range of enriching experiences designed to support social-emotional growth, curiosity, and learning beyond the classroom, including field trips to the Oklahoma City Zoo, Oklahoma Children's Theatre, the Oklahoma City National Memorial Museum, the OKC Blue Zoo, the movie theater, and several swimming pool outings that promoted exploration, creativity, and community connection.

In addition to off-site experiences, SPARK proudly hosted its first annual ALL-A-DAY Family Fashion Feast, bringing children and families together for an evening of fellowship, celebration, and relationship-building. This event strengthened community partnerships and allowed SPARK to express appreciation to our families.

This year also marked an important operational milestone as SPARK partnered with Oklahoma City Public School Transportation to provide dedicated bus service for local schools, improving efficiency, safety, and long-term program sustainability.

Despite enrollment challenges, SPARK's commitment to quality programming remained strong. Staff demonstrated flexibility, professionalism, and care while continuing professional development to strengthen best practices in school-age childcare.



As we look ahead, SPARK remains committed to serving the Oklahoma City community with intention and integrity. While funding and subsidy changes have impacted enrollment, we are confident in the value of our program and will continue advocating for families while providing a safe, enriching environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive.

Evelyn Haworth
SPARK Director

Boy Scouts

Scouting at First Presbyterian Church is alive and well in 2025. Troop 15 is the oldest Scout Troop in Oklahoma City with 108 years of service.

In 2025, Troop 15 remained active with a full schedule of skill-building, camping, and service projects. The Troop started the year with our Scout Sunday pancake breakfast to

show FPC our appreciation for its support of Troop 15. Three of our Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout during the year, and were recognized at a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor at the church. Another Scout had his Eagle Scout service project approved. Troop 15 has 26 Scouts, supported by 20 dedicated volunteer adults. The Troop camped at a number of sites around the state, including rock climbing at Quartz Mountain State Park, a new site for us, Osage Hills State Park that included a visit to Wallaroc, Robbers Cave State Park, Elk Lake State Park in Kansas, and our annual Thanksgiving family camp near Stillwater with Pack 469. A highlight was snow camping at 9,200 ft. elevation near Red River, NM over MLK Day weekend. The Troop had an amazing extended summer camp, traveling to a four-day stay at Grand Canyon National Park (where we camped right on the South Rim and hiked down into the Canyon!), finishing with a traditional summer camp experience at Camp Geronimo in northeastern Arizona. Several of the older Scouts participated in a high adventure backpacking program in Arizona, logging more than 30 miles in a mixed desert/canyon environment.

Scouts earned more than 50 Merit Badges in 2025, and most of the Troop achieved at least one rank advancement. Throughout the year, Troop 15 participated in multiple service projects, including assisting with Scout Sunday in February. In 2025, Troop 15 was led by Chris Deason, with Roan Pitman serving as our Charter Organization Representative (COR), and Bill Hensley as Scoutmaster.

As we enter 2026, the Troop has new adventures on tap and has already had a chilly rock climbing camp at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge near Lawton. We are planning summer camp at Philmont Scout Ranch, the national Scouting high adventure base in the mountains of northeastern New Mexico.

Thanks to the wonderful support we receive from First Presbyterian Church, Scouting is strong at Troop 15. We are grateful for this partnership and look forward to another exciting year ahead!

Bill Hensley
Scoutmaster, Scouts BSA Troop 15



First Presbyterian School

The year 2025 was one of steady leadership, thoughtful adaptation, and enduring commitment to the mission of First Presbyterian School (FPS). In a time of continued uncertainty across the childcare and early education landscape, FPS remained grounded in its values while responding with clarity, care, and strategic intention.

Throughout 2025, FPS served as a consistent and trusted community for children and families, prioritizing high-quality early childhood education within a nurturing, faith-centered environment. While enrollment trends fluctuated across the region due to economic pressures, staffing shortages, and shifting family needs, FPS maintained strong retention among current families and continued to welcome new students drawn by the school's reputation for excellence, warmth, and integrity.

A defining strength of the year was the dedication and professionalism of the FPS staff, whose resilience, flexibility, and collaboration helped sustain exceptionally low turnover in an industry facing widespread workforce instability. This continuity reflects the strength of our culture and shared purpose.

Families continued to express high levels of satisfaction and engagement, with strong parent partnerships remaining central to FPS's success. In July, our community experienced the heartbreak of one of our beloved students, and the compassion shown by families, staff, and church leadership was later reflected in the FPS Gala, which honored her memory while raising funds to support her family.

From an operational standpoint, FPS navigated funding constraints and regulatory challenges with careful stewardship, transparent communication, and a continued focus on long-term sustainability. Despite external pressures, the school moved forward with confidence and creativity.

FPS also strengthened its alignment with the mission and values of First Presbyterian Church through deepened collaboration between school leadership and church administration.

In summary, 2025 was a year defined by endurance and purpose, leaving FPS stable, reflective, and prepared to move forward with excellence and compassion.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the First Presbyterian Church congregation for their prayers, encouragement, and support, which play a vital role in sustaining this ministry and nurturing the children and families entrusted to our care.

Lanie Denner
FPS Director



Mission Council

Mission is central to the life of First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. In 2025, our congregation faithfully lived out Christ's call to love our neighbors through generous giving, strong partnerships, and hands-on service locally, regionally, and globally.

The Mission Council stewarded a \$67,000 Mission budget, directing resources where they could have the greatest impact. Approximately one-fourth of these funds supported Indian Nations Presbytery, strengthening ministries across our region. Additional mission partners included The Little Free Pantry, Urban Mission, Pivot of OKC, Norman Care-A-Vans, Oklahoma Innocence Project, and Curbside Chronicle.

Hunger relief remained a significant focus. Through monthly Purple Bag Donations, members collected and delivered more than 2,100 pounds of food to Urban Mission. During the Christmas season, 185 families received food boxes and hygiene bags, assembled by over 50 volunteers from our congregation.

FPCOKC participated in all four PC(USA) Special Offerings — Christmas Joy, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, and Global Peace — contributing over \$9,000. A portion of these funds supported local ministries, including FPC-OKC's SPARK Program and the Oklahoma Innocence Project.

In response to global needs, the church provided financial support to Camino Humanitar, helping supply food and winter fuel to Ukrainians affected by the ongoing war. Members also participated in mission beyond our community: twelve adults served on a six-day disaster relief trip to Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center in Arkansas, and four adults joined other Presbyterians in the Czech Republic for an English language camp.

Hands-on service opportunities were offered throughout the year through "Reserve the Third," held on the third Saturday of each month. Volunteer activities included serving at Urban Mission, Church Under the Bridge, Restore OKC, Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, OKC Litter Blitz, and community gardening projects, as well as building beds for Oklahoma County children in need. Members also collected winter coats and cold-weather clothing for distribution through Church Under the Bridge.

The Creation Care Team maintained the Community Garden, which served both church members and the broader community. In 2025, the team received a grant to upgrade the garden, which included 20 plots tended by 12 gardeners. Produce grown in the garden was shared with a local food pantry.

Through every partnership, donation, and act of service, First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City continues to be Christ's hands and feet in the world. We invite all members to prayerfully consider how they might participate in mission in the coming year.

Jim Tack

Moderator

Board of Trustees

The past few years have presented numerous unanticipated challenges as the Board of Trustees has carried out its responsibility to oversee the care and maintenance of all church properties. Highlights of accomplishments in 2025 are as follows:

Physical Plant

- Repainted the ceiling of Watchorn Hall.
- Repaired and re-leveled the elevator.
- Returned automated doors on the East side of the church to working condition.
- Replaced one of the commercial ovens in the kitchen.
- Approved two-application professional pest control throughout the church building.
- Identified major leaks and rusting supports on the cooling tower in the North parking area that is part of our cooling system. Obtained replacement quotes and voted to replace the cooling tower in 2026 before the cooling system is needed in Spring/Summer.

Administrative

- Approved and renewed tenant contracts with FPS, Indian Nations Presbytery, and Junebug Catering. (El Sistema is a three-year contract in place until July 2027).
- Negotiated renewal of our auto insurance policy that had originally been noticed for non-renewal due to incidents involving the church vans over the preceding 18 months.
- Negotiated a buy-down of our building insurance wind/hail deductible that had increased to \$859,820. The buy-down reduced our deductible to \$100,000.
- Renewed the church's copyright license to allow for the showing of movies for "Movie Night," and viewing movies or other copyrighted materials in Sunday school and Discovery Time.
- Met with a tenant of the old Shepard Manor property that had semi-trucks coming across part of the church parking lot to make deliveries. Ultimately, the tenant left and there have been no more large delivery trucks coming on church property.

Building Use

- Approved use by church programs including Worship, Sunday School Classes, Circle meetings, Session and Council meetings, SPARK and those of tenants (First Presbyterian School, El Sistema, Indian Nations Presbytery, and Junebug Catering), numerous other groups including Kemp concerts, TACTUS, OCU Vespers, Society of Strings, TRIAD, Boy and Girl Scouts, and additional performances and recitals.
- Through the Design Committee, coordinated the donation of some pieces of the Shepherd sisters' art to the Oklahoma Historical Society for its preservation, display, and educational use. The donated pieces were not being displayed and did not fit with church design or décor (including nudes and beach- and Southwest-themed pieces). The church retained the majority of the Shepherd sisters' art collection.

Thanks to Trustees: Harold Nammenga, Mike Hancock, Bert Orza, Emily Johnson, George Gibson, John Ellis, Ginnie Tack, and Ron Grace for their dedication, perseverance, and grace required to address the frequent issues, repairs, and complaints associated with our large and aging church building and often tight budget. Thanks also to Jack Lancaster, Facilities Manager, Matt Lancaster, Assistant Facilities Manager, the RAT Pack, the Design Committee, Roane Pittman (Scout Liaison), and to the Resource Council for its support and guidance.

Brad Davenport, Chair

Presbyterian Women

This year, Presbyterian Women continued our focus on friendship and lifting each other up through our monthly Circle meetings. Phoebe and Priscilla Circles continued to meet for study and fellowship on the second Tuesday of each month. Abigail Circle also began to meet on the second Friday evenings, which proved a more convenient time for its members to engage in laughter and support.

Through member donations and fundraisers, like our Christmas cookie mixes, you've helped support the mission projects that are near and dear to the heart of PW. We provided financial support of \$500 each to First Presbyterian School, SPARK, Urban Mission, Mobile Meals, and Socks of Love. Additionally, Presbyterian Women supported the church through hosting funeral receptions. We provide food, beverages, and set up and clean up, as requested. If you are interested in assisting with funeral receptions, please contact Lolieta Miller for more information.

If you are Presbyterian, and identify as a woman, you are already a member of PW! If you'd like to learn more about Circles, or how you can get involved, please reach out to me or the church office. We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the congregation for continued support of our efforts that help us support the mission of the Church Worldwide.

Amanda Ogden
Abigail Circle Moderator



Mobile Meals

As of the end of 2025, we have 30 recipients on our two routes and have served 3,132 meals in 2025. FPC is one of 55 (or more) providers in the Metropolitan Area.

The people who are currently participating in food preparation include: Rachel Boggess, Jennifer Buford*, Gayle Cox, Lynn Cupit*, Mary Ann Doolen, Linda Herider, Caroline Kahoe, Lolieta Miller, Nancy Myer, Bert Orza, Wayne Osmond, and David Poole*. Steven Dean* and James Robert Herider are cook recruits/subs! Drivers/deliverers include: Hank Birkner, Kay Brown, Scott Buxton, Steven Dean*, Linda and son James Robert Herider, Kari Maxwell and dad Roger Scott* and his wife Candee*, Doug Forsman, Lolieta Miller, Blaine Moore, Bert Orza, Wayne Osmond, Richard Riggs, Steven Scott*, and Brian Upp. Substitute drivers include Barbara Charlet. Delivery of the meals is very important because these folks have actual contact with the recipients, making sure they are all right. This contact and friendship really are equally important to the meal. Elaine Buzan has provided seasonal greeting cards. *non-member

There are other requirements to make this ministry work: planning menus, buying food and supplies, scheduling cooks and drivers/deliverers, and keeping records. That's my job right now. Church staff members help, too.

What happens when our building is closed on Monday or Friday? On the previous meal day, we include a sack of meal and/or pantry/snack items. Nancy Myer leads this effort, recruiting family members and others to help prepare the sacks.

Funding: Mobile Meals does not receive money from the church budget. We do receive a monthly and year-end stipend from Presbyterian Women. Other donors include OKC Community Foundation which provides grants to all Mobile Meals (or Meals on Wheels) providers plus we receive individual gifts and an annual gift from the Ogden/Matheny fund of OCCF as well as private donations.

Recently, we received funds in memory of Carren MacLemore, an ardent MM volunteer, who wanted us to provide larger food portions for our recipients. To honor her desire, we are now using larger meal boxes to accommodate those larger portions. In addition to those memorial funds, Becky and Wayne Osmond are providing meal boxes for a year.

We are truly grateful for those who cook, drive/deliver, and provide funding for the continuation of this important ministry. Some have gone "above and beyond" what the ministry asks. We can certainly use more volunteers and invite anyone to visit us on a Monday or Friday morning for a cup of coffee and maybe a pastry to see just what is involved. Come to "Gayle's Kitchen" in the basement between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Our normal coffee time is 10:00 a.m. Things are cooking by then, and we can take a break!

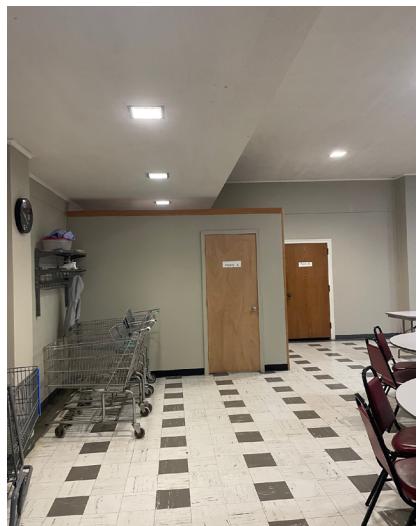
Gayle Cox
Coordinator

RAT Pack

RAT Pack (Repair, Alteration, and Transformation) has completed its 29th year of volunteer service to the church. This group is sanctioned and approved by the Board of Trustees and endorsed by the Session. This year we were pleased to have the addition of Marcia Taylor, along with Bill Hancock, Mike Hancock and Roane Pittman.

This year we were able to work on and complete the following projects:

1. Repainted and deep-cleaned the small bathroom across from the RAT Pack room.
2. Hung a banner in the stairwell by the shop.
3. Deep-cleaned the basement and first floor men and women's bathrooms.
4. Did touch-up painting in some of the stairwells and basement walls.
5. Repainted the lower walls in Watchorn Hall.
6. Spread out all new mulch in the playground.
7. Cleaned the carpet and floors in the choir room.
8. Repainted the ceiling and front walls in the RAT Pack room.
9. Cleaned up all the mud on the carpet in the Rec Room.
10. Cleaned up the RAT Pack room tables and totally re-organized all of the screws, nuts, and bolts, etc.
11. Trimmed several trees in the Community Garden.
12. Repainted the feature wall in the Evergreen classroom.
13. Repainted the walls in Gayle's Kitchen. (*pictured right*)
14. Repainted Charlie's office in the Presbytery.
15. Cleaned Rebekka Fox's office windows; inside and out.
16. Replaced a top rail section and added an additional vertical post at the southeast corner of the Community Garden.



RAT Pack meets on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. We have coffee and donuts and new volunteers are always welcome. If interested, please contact John Ellis at 405.921.4571 or jhe799@att.net.

John Ellis

RAT Pack Member (Head Cheese)

Resource Council

In 2025, the Resource Council was made up of four session members, the pastor and one member at large. At each meeting we had the business administrator attend as well. The RC is responsible for developing and monitoring the overall budget of the church. It also reviews the organization and operation of the staff of the church. The church began and ended the year with a small deficit.

Financially, 2025 was a challenging year for the church with unexpected facility repairs. In terms of 2025 revenues, tithes and offerings were lower than budgeted, whereas the oil and gas was higher. Our members continued to support the church with meaningful tithes and offerings for which we are very grateful.

We are grateful for the Endowment funds that provide our church with additional financial support on a quarterly basis that is sustainable. To supplement our cash balance throughout the year, the Endowment Trustees provided approximately \$112,000 per quarter in 2025. This support will continue in 2026. There are also restricted funds available for particular purposes. This support is vital for the 2026 budget, and will continue in future years.

On the expense side of the budget, the cost of the personnel of our church, like most churches, is about one-half of the total budget. However, even with cost of living raises the overall expenditures for personnel and operations came in at \$28,000 less than projected. All other expenses for the various councils balanced out for the year with property needs accounting for a \$299,000 over budget amount. Our goal for the next two years is to maintain about \$320,000 in reserves to cover any deficits.

This coming year presents its own challenges. The church's property insurance increased \$80,000 annually. In addition to that unexpected increase, the cooling tower for the building's HVAC system must be replaced at a cost of \$160,000.

This year we hired a new financial person to handle day-to-day operations, Rebekka Fox. She has really done well and provides stability and oversight of our finances. The RC depends on her and she delivers.

As the Resource Council starts the new year under the chairmanship of Larry Nichols, the council will work hard to allocate the church's resources carefully and do everything in our power to maintain a positive balance.

In summary, with God's help we will find a good direction for the resources of this church and we will rely on the generosity of each of the many members of our church to cover future unexpected expenses and remain in a strong financial position.

Jim Boughman
Chair

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Current Assets	
Petty Cash	100
Cash In Bank (NBC)	
Operating	905,330
Money Market	52,551
MM Sweep	
Total Cash In Bank	957,881
Pastor's Discretionary	12,016
Endowment	15,660,905
Current Receivables	6,528
Total Assets	<u>16,637,429</u>

Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	465
Accounts Payable	974
Payroll Taxes Payable	2,740
Other Payroll Payables	200
Due to Presbyterian Women	0
Due to Preschool	
Total Current Liabilities	4,379

Net Assets

Church General Fund	(581,737)
Session Accounts	1,188,516
Building	20,145
Donor Designated Accounts	238,847
Pastor's Discretionary	5,963
Kemp	30,085
Ukraine	2,516
SPARK DHS Grants	281,600
SPARK Grant Expenses	(244,208)
SPARK Reserve	30,418
Endowment	15,660,905
Total Net Assets	16,633,050

Total Liabilities & Net Assets

16,637,429

Statement of Activities

	Actual 2025	Annual Budget 2026
Revenues		
TITHES & OFFERINGS	583,797	650,000
SPECIAL DONATIONS		100,000
OIL AND GAS	239,449	240,000
ENDOWMENT	714,472	450,000
SPARK	182,905	260,100
RENTAL	95,577	86,500
INTEREST	33,413	24,000
Total Revenues	1,849,613	1,810,600
Expenses		
<u>MISSION COUNCIL</u>	72,333	70,300
<u>SPARK</u>	195,497	259,635
<u>NURTURE COMMITTEE</u>	21,087	30,000
<u>WORSHIP COMMITTEE</u>	69,244	60,100
<u>RESOURCE COUNCIL</u>		
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE		
Personnel	752,942	758,043
Office Operations	283,832	248,976
Total RESOURCE COUNCIL	1,036,774	1,007,019
<u>TRUSTEES</u>	694,047	430,131
Water Cooler Repair		160,000
<u>OTHER</u>	340	0
Total Expenses	2,095,543	2,017,185
Net Total	(245,930)	(206,585)

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