



First Presbyterian Church

OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – February 16, 2025

Sixth 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

Fugue no. 2

Johann Sebastian Bach

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Steven Winick

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

Benjamin Rihner, trombone; Dalton Williams, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACON'S MOMENT

Lancelot Duff-Williams

CHIME

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: Jesus heals the sick and helps the poor.

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: The one we have searched for is here.

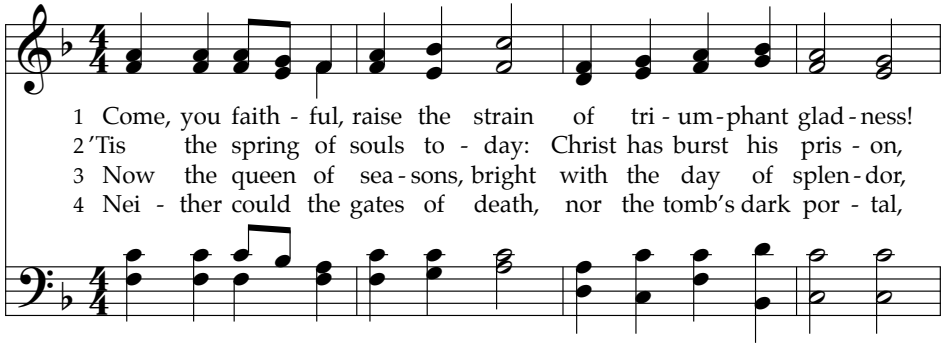
All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 234

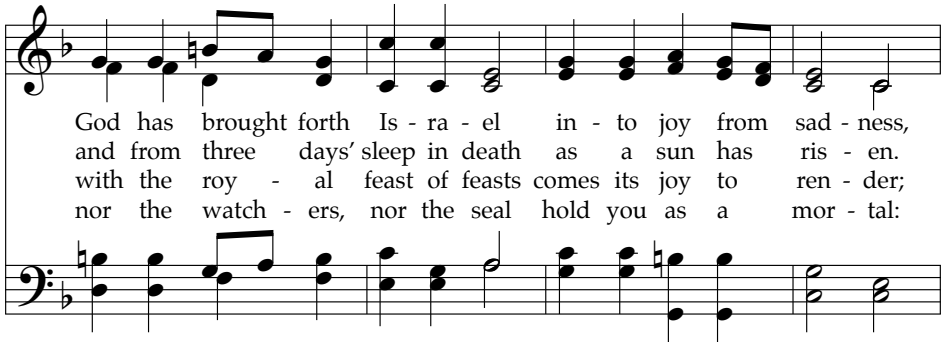
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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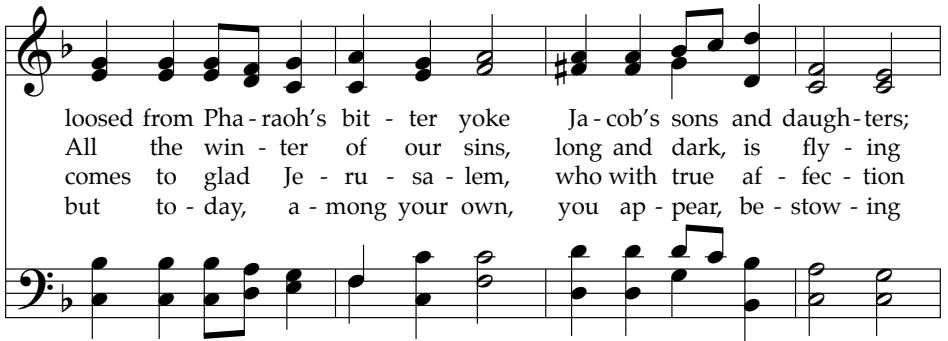
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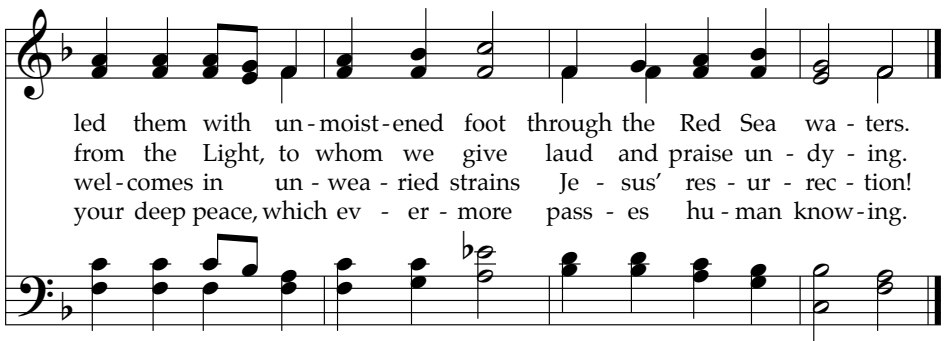
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Kay Brown

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 and those who suffer; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken creatures. We trust in our own power when you promise to be our strength. We exploit the poor and weak when you promise them salvation. We neglect the hungry, the weeping, and the hated. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on you alone and to give ourselves freely for others for the sake of your good news; 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 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

I Am Not My Own

Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Singers; Blackwelder Brass

Susan Bentall Boersma

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life he gives me hope. By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him. I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort. I will live for Him forever and ever, forevermore!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1:1-6 (pg. 489)

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

ANTHEM

Blest Are They

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled. Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God! Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth. Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God. Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me. Rejoice, be glad; yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26 (pg. 64)

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

SERMON

The "Upside-down" Kingdom

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.**

*HYMN 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

FESTAL SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O God

WHELPTON

Sanctuary Singers

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - ereign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts
Blackwelder Brass

arr. Sterling Procter

*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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alleluia
Blackwelder Brass

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
arr. Chuck Seipp

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.

Give to
FPC today!



649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joo bá diits' a'
 yisdáshíitínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da ní't'éé.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

THANKSGIVING

CHEROKEE

Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.

E gah gwoo yah hay ee.

*Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
e gah gwoo yah ho nah.*

KIOWA

Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw

daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.

*Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.*

An Invitation to *The Art of Lent*

Pastor John is seeking ten volunteers to join him in a Lenten journey of Visio Divina, experiencing the Holy through art. This focus group will help Pastor John gather insights for the final project of his Doctor of Ministry degree from Austin Seminary. Participants will explore Lent with *The Art of Lent: A Painting a Day from Ash Wednesday to Easter* by Sister Wendy Beckett, discovering the timeless wisdom in some of the world's greatest paintings.

Through over 40 masterpieces, both famous and lesser-known, participants will engage in deep, prayerful reflection on their spiritual significance. Each week, participants will meet with Pastor John to discuss their experiences and insights from the paintings of the previous week.

To sign up or learn more, please contact Pastor John at pastorjohn@fpcokc.org.

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, February 18 | 6:00 p.m.

Location TBD.

PW Galentine's Blind Book Date — Friday, February 21 | 7:00 p.m.

Skip the awkward small talk—this blind date is all about books! Join us on Friday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Cyndi Lockwood's home (11425 NW 101st Street, Yukon) for a Galentine's Blind Book Date. Bring a wrapped book (new or used) with a few hints about the story on the cover. We'll swap books and see if love (or at least a good read) is in the air!

Check out Pinterest if you need wrapping inspiration. **RSVP with Cyndi Lockwood (cyndi0507@gmail.com) ASAP.**

MORE EVENTS ON BACK

Guest Preacher — Sunday, February 23 | 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, February 23, we will welcome Rev. Jan Dus as a guest preacher during worship. Jan is a pastor in the Czech Republic with strong ties to the US, having served in PCUSA churches in Iowa and Ponca City, Oklahoma. He is the co-founder of Camino, a humanitarian organization providing relief to Ukraine.

Children & Youth Glow Party — Sunday, February 23 | 12:00 p.m.

Get ready for a Glow Party on Sunday, February 23! Right after the 11:00 a.m. service, join us in the church basement for pizza, glowing decorations, and exciting glow-in-the-dark games and activities. The party will run from 12:00-1:30 p.m., leaving plenty of time for naps and Sunday afternoon plans. **RSVP with Miss Cyndi (cyndi0507@gmail.com) ASAP.**

Ash Wednesday Service — Wednesday, March 5 | 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a time to prepare for the celebration of Easter and to renew our life in the mystery of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We invite you to join us in the Chapel for this special, timeless service on March 5.

Reserve the Third (RESCHEDULED)

Saturday, March 15 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

February's Reserve the Third has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 15, due to weather. We will be working in the Community Garden, located south of the main parking lot, on March 15 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to clean out garden plots and lay down weed barriers. We have plots available, if you are interested. Please bring your gloves, hoes, rakes, and shovels.

Questions and RSVPs can be addressed to Elizabeth Hatcher at elizhatcher@gmail.com or 405-202-3778).