



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – February 22, 2026

First Sunday in Lent

Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent

The good news is... so good it catches us by surprise

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 *Suite Matinale, No. 1 Allegretto giojoso* George Frederick McKay
John L. Edwards, Linda Millier Bosteels, Karen Schiler and Michael Johnston, flutes

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACON'S MOMENT Lancelot Duff-Williams
FERNCLIFF MISSION TRIP Peggy White
EASTER VIGIL Erica Taylor

CHIME

INTROIT *Open Our Ears* Warren Puffer Jones
Sanctuary Singers

Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our eyes to see your face. Open our hearts to love one another. Open our minds to understand.

*LITANY FOR LENT

One: O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace. You are our eternal hope; you are patient and full of mercy; you are generous to all who call upon you:

All: Save us, Lord.

One: O Christ, fountain of life and holiness, you have taken away our sins. On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions and were bruised for our iniquities:

All: Save us, Lord.

One: O Christ, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, our life and our resurrection, our peace and reconciliation:

All: Save us, Lord.

One: O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who die for you, and joy of all the saints:

All: Save us, Lord.

One: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world,

All: grant us peace.

*HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Barbara Charlet

God of love, as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us, so may we give ourselves to you, living according to your holy will. Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us; make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us; fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. (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 581

Gloria Patri

H. W. Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. 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.

Sing of God Made Manifest 156

1 Sing of God made man - i - fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i - fest when at Jor - dan John con - fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i - fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest,
 4 Sing of God made man - i - fest on the cloud - capped moun - tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid - ed them,
 "I should be bap - tized by you, but your bid - ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re - mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un - bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro - found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove - like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re - vealed as he taught, for - gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis - ten to God's call.
 towards the wait - ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

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

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

Sanctuary Singers

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11 (pg. 93)

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

ANTHEM

As the Wind Song

Swee Hong Lim

Puffer Jones, baritone; John L. Edwards, flute

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God. Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God, making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-32 (pg. 14)

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

SERMON

Good News Catches Us by Surprise

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 (Insert) *In a Neat & Tidy Garden* ALL THE WAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
RESPONSE *We Pray to You, Eternal God* Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Singers

We pray to you, Eternal God, who gives us life and light and love!

We lift our prayers up to you and sing your praises evermore!

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Interlude

Alexander Tcherepnin

Flute Quartet

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 550 *Give Praise to the Lord* LAUDATE DOMINUM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wedding Day

Edvard Grieg

**Give to
FPC today!**



SCAN ME

In a Neat and Tidy Garden

ALL THE WAY 8.7.8.7 D ("All the Way My Savior Leads Me")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Robert Lowry (1875)



In a neat and ti - dy gar - den grows a se - cret ti - ny seed
Green and ten - der leaves I har - vest from the mus - tard grow - ing wild
O - ther gar - den - ers may strug - gle and pre - tend they have con - trol



There a - mong the plan - ted bar - ley will e - merge a shock - ing weed
To en - rich and spice my dish - es that were un - til now too mild
O - ver land that God cre - a - ted but I'll tell you what I know:



Grow - ing quick - ly through the so - il to break forth in va - cant spot
Un - ex - pec - ted and sur - pris - ing, un - con - trolled by hu - man hand
I am not the Mas - ter Gar - dener, just a stew - ard of this place



What a joy when I dis - cov - er God has plan - ted in my plot!
See the reign of God is grow - ing, ta - king root through - out the land!
God has seed - ed ev - ery a - cre with sur - pris - ing, wi - ld grace!



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Give Praise to the Lord

(Psalm 149)

1 Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, all saints of the Lord;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with glad - ness, O God, we praise your great name;
 with song in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their power shall pre - vail;

a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
 for now in your peo - ple good plea - sure you seek;
 go forth in God's ser - vice and strong in God's might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sway.

all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.
 with robes of sal - va - tion you cov - er the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

This adaptation of Psalm 149 is organized by themes of praise and service, with a strong implication that they are not really separable but are two aspects of the same God-centered impulse. This text is set to a jubilant tune derived from a late 19th-century English anthem.

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Young Adult Class | Room 215 (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30-10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Youth Chorale Rehearsals | 12:00 p.m.

Middle and High School students (grades 5 through 12) are invited to stay after worship on Sundays (except for the 1st Sundays of the month)! We'll meet in Room B-32 and make music until 12:30 p.m.

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 meeting today.

Children & Youth Glow Party | 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.

Sign Up for Supper Shuffle!

Supper Shuffle is a fun way to connect with others at FPC-OKC. Groups meet once a month for about six months, either dining out together or taking turns hosting in one another's homes.

New groups begin in March. Sign up with Mary Kelly McKenzie (mkmckenzie1@gmail.com) after worship in the Reception Center, at March's First Sunday Lunch in Watchorn Hall, or by contacting the church office at 405-525-6584 or office@fpcokc.org. **Deadline to sign up is March 5.**

FPC-OKC Podcast

Discover the FPC-OKC Podcast, featuring weekly sermons, sacred music, and evening prayer services. Whether you missed a Sunday or want to revisit a meaningful message or song, each episode offers inspiration, reflection, and a sense of connection wherever you are. Listen on your favorite streaming platform by searching FPCOKC or visit tinyurl.com/FPCOKCpodcast.

Upcoming Events

Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00-8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays | 9:00-11:30 a.m.

We meet in Room B-10 (basement) on Mondays from 6:00–8:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Whether you've never played, are returning after a break, or just want to join a friendly bridge group, we've got a spot for you! **Contact Barbara Charlet (barbara.charlet@outlook.com) or David Ligon (david.m.ligon@gmail.com) for more information.**

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, March 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: Baked Ham, Roasted Carrots, Roasted Asparagus, Strawberry Balsamic Salad, Rolls, and Chocolate Stout Cake

FPC-OKC Spring Clean — Saturday, March 7 | 9:30 a.m.

Company is coming! Let's spruce up the Sanctuary as we prepare for Easter. Join Ginnie Tack and Pastor John for a morning of cleaning, followed by a chili cook-off. We'll begin cleaning at 9:30 a.m., then head to The Urban Mission at 11:30 a.m. to cast a vote in their chili cook-off. As a thank you for cleaning, FPC-OKC will cover your ticket.

Ginnie, John, and chili. What more could you ask for? We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m.

Easter Vigil — Friday, April 3 - Sunday, April 5

Following Good Friday service, members are invited to take turns keeping a vigil of prayer and devotion as we await the sunrise that celebrates the empty tomb on Easter morning!

Prayer vigil slots are available for one hour at a time (but you can sign up for consecutive slots if you'd like). By signing up, *members are volunteering for a two-hour shift total*. The first hour will be spent in prayer or devotional practice. The second hour will be spent as a building host so that no one will be in the building alone.

Sign up on Sunday mornings in the narthex or by contacting Mary Ann Boucher (405-590-3406).

Mission Opportunities

Ferncliff Camp — April 12-17

FPC-OKC will return to Ferncliff Camp for a week of hands-on mission work, including light repairs, disaster relief assembly, outdoor projects, and general improvements. Workdays are 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., with lodging and meals provided. Twenty spots available; all expenses covered except travel-day lunches.

Contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) or visit fpcokc.org/ferncliff to sign up or request more information.

Czech English Camp — July 15-29, 2026

We've been invited back to Polička, Czech Republic, for English Camp. Volunteers will build relationships with Czech students, lead small-group activities, and stay with host families.

Learn more at the Mission table during March's First Sunday Lunch or visit fpcokc.org/englishcamp.