



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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

Second Sunday in Lent

Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent

The good news is... great love for God and neighbor

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

Fanfare for an Angel

James M. Stephenson

Blackwelder Brass

Ben Failor & Seth Seneca, trumpets; Vincent Vasconcellos, horn

Tyler Martindale, trombone; Jesse Soliz, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

Jason Duff-Williams

FERNCLIFF & CZECH MISSION TRIPS

Peggy White, Holly Guadiana

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.

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 80:1-2, 17-19**

Leader: Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth.

People: Awaken your might; come and save us.

Leader: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.

People: Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, Lord God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

*HYMN 53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

NOEL

*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; 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)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

(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.

53 O God, Who Gives Us Life

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,
 2 O God, who calls your peo-ple out to ven-ture and to dare,
 3 O God of cov-e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,

who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.

de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.
 when we de-spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,

Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

Christians often fail to appreciate how much we can learn about God from the Hebrew Scriptures. This text draws on a variety of passages that call attention to God's faithfulness toward the Chosen People and the promise of a new covenant written on the heart (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

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

For the Glory of the Lord

Twila Paris, Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

For the glory of the Lord we have been created; living text of written Word, mercy demonstrated. We are made a channel where His grace is poured; witness of salvation, for the glory of the Lord. For the glory of the Lord willingly we suffer; laid upon this holy cross, dying with our Brother. His divine fulfillment, our complete reward; crucified, rejoicing, for the glory of the Lord. For the glory of the Lord we advance united, following Christ's blazing sword, His dominion sighted. All that has been taken, it shall be restored. This eternal anthem for the glory of the Lord. Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:35-40 (pg. 29)

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

SERMON

Great Love for God and Neighbor

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*HYMN (Insert)

I Come with My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ah, Dolente Partita

Claudio Monteverdi

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Raymond Mase

*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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 562

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D ("O Jesus I Have Promised")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

HYMN 563 *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever.

HYMN 564 *Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *Prayer*

Léon Boëllmann

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those
to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

I'LL FLY AWAY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Canzona per Sonare No. 1 La Spiritata
Blackwelder Brass

Giovanni Gabrieli

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.)
- New Member Class | Room 122 (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: Baked Ham, Roasted Carrots, Roasted Asparagus, Strawberry Balsamic Salad, Rolls,
and Chocolate Stout Cake

Visio Divina Focus Group | 12:15 p.m. | Room 122

852 When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

1 When the Lord re - deems the ver - y least,
 2 When the Lord re - stores the sick and weak, we will re -
 3 When the Lord re - vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re -
 4 When the Lord re - turns in vic - to - ry,

joyce. When the hun - gry gath - er for the feast,
 joyce, will re-joyce. When the earth is giv - en to the meek,
 When the word of God fills ev - ery breath,
 When we live in glo - rious lib - er - ty,

Refrain

we will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce.
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce.

What does it mean to pray "thy kingdom come"? This text (loosely modeled on Psalm 126) sketches out some of the features that help us to know when God's reign has truly come. The energy of the gospel song tune adds to the sense of rejoicing repeatedly promised in this text.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our

We will re-joyce!
days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!

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.**

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).

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.

Deacons Out & About: Mamma Mia — Saturday, March 7 | 7:00 p.m.

Join the Deacons for an evening out at Memorial High School's production of *Mamma Mia!* on Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. We have 20 tickets available. Please sign up at fpcokc.org/mammamia to reserve your seat.

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

Following the 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.

**Give to
FPC today!**



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