



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent

The good news is... together the impossible is possible

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Jerry Westenkuehler

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

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 98**

Leader: God is coming to judge the earth, to judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

People: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and all who live in it.

People: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise to the King, the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Bill Hancock

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful find comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; 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.***

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Girl Scouts

Ann Matheny

Aria and Kellsie (Cadettes), Miriam (Senior)

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME

Children are invited forward for a special message.

Kristin Liles

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 in those locations.

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un-to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be-side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal-i-lee.

Be-yond the sa-cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond-age cease, all fet-ters fall.

My spir-it pants for thee, O liv-ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

ANTHEM

Our Faith in God Alone

Mary McDonald

Sanctuary Singers

We may not see Him, this God who made us. We are believers in Christ, our Savior, who gave His life a sacrifice for us. Our faith in God will lead us forward in the cause of Christ alone. Believing God will lead us forward, we will put our faith in God alone. We are His children; God is our Father. May others see the light of Christ in us. He is the power; He is the glory. To Him be all the praise forevermore! Every eye shall see Him; Every knee shall bow; Every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:32-44 (pg. 76)

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

ANTHEM

We Are One in the Spirit

Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. We will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:20-21 (pg. 76)

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

SERMON

Together the Impossible Is Possible

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)

Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

AUSTRIAN HYMN

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Human Minds Just Can't Imagine

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Joseph Haydn (1797)



Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll -



to bear Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven
too small Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to
-ing fields Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small



when we join to share Still we fol - low where Christ leads us,
an - swer when you call You who gave us time and ta - lents
fruit the wine will yield We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy,



ma - ny pie - ces of one whole That we might al - low
will up - hold and see us through As we join to - geth -
each of us a cru - cial part In the glo - bal church



our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world
-er in the work you've gi - ven us to do
pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart

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

Air from Second Suite

Jean Joseph Mouret

*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 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude

Alan Ridout

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.

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

**Give to
FPC today!**



My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

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 14 | 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 beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending with a provided lunch at 12:00 p.m. Come for as much time as you’re able. Even an hour of help makes a difference!

Palm Sunday Matinee — Sunday, March 29 | 1:00 p.m.

Celebrate Palm Sunday with a movie in Watchorn Hall at 1:00 p.m. We’ll be showing the animated film *King of Kings*, a retelling of Jesus’ life that reflects many of the stories explored during Lent. Popcorn and movie snacks will be provided. All are welcome!

Holy Week & Easter at FPC-OKC

Palm Sunday Worship — Sunday, March 29 | 11:00 a.m.

The service for Palm Sunday holds the tension between the joyful entry of the palm procession and the somberness of the Passion to follow.

A Sacred Walk (Labyrinth) — April 2-3 | 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

You are invited to engage in the ancient practice of walking the labyrinth. It will be prepared in Watchorn Hall and available for use from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Resources will be provided for a self-guided experience, or Pastor John is available to offer an introduction to the labyrinth.

Maundy Thursday — Thursday, April 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

The service for Maundy Thursday remembers Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the institution of the Lord's Supper. The service concludes with the stripping of the worship space, representing Jesus' abandonment in the garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service — Friday, April 3 | 7:00 p.m. | Chapel

On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross, pondering the wondrous love of God revealed in the death of Jesus. During this service, we will remember the events of the week through readings from the Gospel of Luke and the extinguishing of candles.

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 one hour each (you may sign up for consecutive hours). Each participant commits to a total two-hour shift: one hour in prayer or devotional practice and one hour serving as a building host. **Sign up on Sunday mornings in the narthex or by contacting Mary Ann Boucher (405-590-3406).**

Easter Breakfast — Sunday, April 5 | 9:30 a.m.

The Deacons will host an Easter Breakfast in Watchorn Hall. Please plan to attend and bring your family as we gather in fellowship with the whole church family! **Menu:** Baked eggs, roasted potatoes, assorted pastries and fruits, donut holes, and breakfast casserole

Easter Sunday Worship — Sunday, April 5 | 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday is the brightest jewel of Christian worship. It proclaims the universal significance of God's saving acts in history. Join us for this special service as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

Easter Egg Hunt — Sunday, April 5 | 12:00 p.m.

In celebration of the Resurrection, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt following worship! Children are encouraged to bring their own basket to collect eggs.

Mission Opportunity

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.

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