



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

**Everything (In) Between:
Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes
Faith & Works**

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

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Emma Lou Diemer

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**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: We are the people God has formed through Christ; we worship him, and we rejoice!

Leader: Let us worship God, in spirit and in truth.

People: We praise God for the grace that has saved us. Alleluia! We rejoice!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Brad Davenport

Holy God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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; 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.

When God Restored Our Common Life

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(Psalm 126)

1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
 2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
 3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -

ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
 soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
 pressed. May those who long for what is right with

wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept
 fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
 jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who

o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
 gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
 mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may

seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
 seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This paraphrase brings Psalm 126 to life in two ways: by turning the "they" of the final verses of the psalm to "we," and by adding a prayer for all who still wait for release from oppression. The shape note tune provides just the right balance of gratitude and urgency.

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.

SOLO

Still, Still with Thee

John Ness Beck

Cady Lewis, soprano

arr. Craig Courtney

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh, when the bird wakens, and the shadows flee; Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight, dawns the sweet consciousness, "I am with Thee." When sinks the soul, subdued by toil to slumber, its closing eyes look up to Thee in prayer; Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings overshadowing, but sweeter still to wake and find Thee there. So shall it be at last in that bright morning, when the soul wakens, and life's shadows flee; O in that moment, fairer than daylight dawning, shall rise the glorious thought, "I am with Thee. Still, still with Thee."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-10 (pg. 14)

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

ANTHEM

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Singers

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be. O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:38-42 (pg. 72)

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

SERMON

Faith & Works

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

Ministry and Presence

EIN FESTE BURG

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

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

OFFERTORY

Love's Redeeming Work Is Done

Robert J. Powell

Karen Schiler, flute

*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 324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden

Johann Sebastian Bach

Elaine Chard, organ

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.

Lenten Devotional

This year's Lenten Devotional, *Everything In Between: Meeting God in the midst of extremes*, will guide us through Lent with art, reflections, and poetry. As the devotional takes us through the

Gospel of Luke, we'll be invited to navigate the polarities in our lives with more faith, intention, and openness to be transformed. Printed devotionals are available in the Sanctuary and church office.

Ministry and Presence

EIN FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7 ("A Mighty Fortress is Our God")

Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

Music by Martin Luther, 1529



When Je - sus passed near Mar - tha's home she had no
Her sis - ter Ma - ry took a seat to spend time
He said, "You are both gifts to me with diff - erent



hes - i - ta - tion "Please treat my house like it's your own,"
with the tea - cher In - tent - ly listen - ing at his feet,
ways of be - ing. I won't take that from Ma - ry



she gave the in - vi - ta - tion She wan - ted all the best
his words drew her in dee - per But Mar - tha took of - fense
whose place is right here with me. You have no - thing to prove



To serve her hon - ored guest Her check - list grew and grew
At Ma - ry so con - tent With all there was to do
So let your heart be moved. Just one thing do I need:



Her time was all con - sumed With min - i - stry a - bound - ing
She need - ed Ma - ry too And asked for Je - sus' back - ing
To feel your love in deeds Of min - i - stry and pre - sence."

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb

1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb

days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm

all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb

glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

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! Angela Rose will lead our hour-long class in the Rec Room in the basement. 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, March 18~~ | ~~6:00 p.m.~~

Abigail Circle will not meet during Spring Break.

Church Under the Bridge — Sunday, March 23 | 2:00 p.m.

For March's Reserve the Third, we're headed to serve at Church Under the Bridge again. Church Under the Bridge's vision is to restore hope to the homeless and hurting. They currently serve and minister to around 300 people a week. CUTB meets under the Crosstown Boulevard Bridge near the corner of S. Virginia Ave. and W. Reno Ave. Parking is available at 1801 W. Reno.

We'll be providing and serving lunch and Pastor John will lead the worship service. Volunteers will set up tables, serve food, worship, and help with clean up. *We'll meet at the site at 2:00 p.m.*

You can sign up in person on Sundays or online at tinyurl.com/CUTBFPC25. Please contact Holly Guadiana (405-202-5410) if you have any questions!

Deacons Out and About — Friday, April 4 | 7:00 p.m.

The Diaconate has purchased 20 tickets to Edmond Memorial High School's musical "Children of Eden" on Friday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m.

The National Alliance of Musical Theatre Synopsis reads: "Freely based on the story of Genesis, this musical is a frank, heartfelt and often humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children. Adam, Eve, Noah, and the Father who created them deal with the headstrong, cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet but inspiring message that 'the hardest part of love is letting go.'"

Sign up today at tinyurl.com/DeaconsCoE! Middle-school aged children and up are the ideal audience for this show. **Please contact Lancelot Duff-Williams (ldw.fpc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.**

Lent & Holy Week

2025 CALENDAR

Palm Sunday Worship	April 13 11:00 a.m.
Maunday Thursday	April 17 7:00 p.m.
A Sacred Walk (Labyrinth)	April 17-19 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
Good Friday Tenebrae Service	April 18 7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil	April 18-April 20
Easter Breakfast	Sunday, April 20 9:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship	Sunday, April 20 11:00 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt	Sunday, April 20 12:00 p.m.

More details to come in next month's newsletter!

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