



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Lost & Found

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

What Brought Us Together

Michael Burkhardt

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: O Christ, Savior, like the seed falling to the ground, you suffered death.

People: United to you, our lives will bear much fruit. We praise you, Lord.

Leader: O Christ, you went down to the lowest point of the human condition; you remain close to all who are abandoned.

People: We praise you, Lord.

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN 801**

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 801

(Psalm 23)

1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; he makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
 4 My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,

in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
 with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
 my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
 and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

KOREAN

- 1 주나의목자되시니부족함없도다
푸른풀밭호숫가로날인도하시네
- 2 내영혼소생시키며그이름위하여
늘의로운길견도록날인도하시네
- 3 나어둠골짜지나도두려움없겠네
주막대기와지팡이날안위하시네
- 4 주나의원수앞에서내상을베푸사
머리에기름부으니내잔이넘치네
- 5 선함과인자하심이내평생따르리
여호와전에영원히나거하리로다

SPANISH

- 1 *Es el Señor mi buen pastor y nada faltará;
por verdes prados con amor Él me conducirá.*
- 2 *Al lado de aguas de quietud haráme reposar;
por sendas justas y de paz su mano me guiará.*
- 3 *Y cuando en valle de dolor o muerte deba andar,
no sentiré ningún temor, pues Él me guardará.*
- 4 *Es sabio y fiel mi buen pastor, jamás me dejará;
con su cayado, mi Señor, aliento me dará.*
- 5 *Hasta el final me seguirán misericordia y bien;
y de mi Padre en el hogar por siempre moraré.*

This paraphrase of Psalm 23 comes from the so-called Scottish Psalter of 1650, actually produced by the Westminster Assembly and intended for use by all Presbyterians in the British Isles, in place of the Sternhold and Hopkins "Old Version" of the Church of England.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Blaine Moore

God of love, in whose name we have been claimed for discipleship and service, encounter us in this hour, that we may grow in knowledge and understanding. Disturb our certainties so we will be open to new insights. Upset our priorities to make room for faith, hope, and love. Transform us in the presence of your love, we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son, and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. (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.

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

The Road Home

PROSPECT

Sanctuary Singers; Camryn Creech, soprano

arr. Stephen Paulus

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago? All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way, there's a road that will lead me home? After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day, through the air there's a calling from far away, there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home. Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with the love in your heart as the only song; there is no such beauty as where you belong, rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8 (pg. 635)

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

SOLO

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

John Newton, Chris Tomlin,

Puffer Jones, baritone

and Louie Giglio

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. My chains are gone; I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me, and like a flood His mercy rains: unending love, amazing grace. The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine, but God who called me here below will be forever mine.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-7 (pg. 78)

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

SERMON

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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

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BEACH SPRING

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!*

Lost and Found

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Words by Anna Strickland, 2024

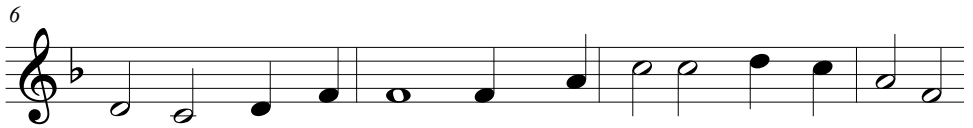
Music by B.F. White, 1844



In the flock I am sur-roun - ded by my sib - lings
The ho - ri - zon starts to brigh - ten as I quiet - ly
As I wan - der down the quar - ry a fa - mi - liar



and my friends Safe at home and feel - ing groun - ded with my
slip a - way I can feel my spi - rit ligh - ten with each
voice cries out It's my shep - herd search - ing for me; reck - less



shep - herd to de - fend But an ach - ing, long - ing feel - ing
cau - tious step I take Un - fa - mil - iar paths un - fold - ing
love has tracked me down Though I left my place of re - fuge,



as the stars shine late at night Draws me in, my dreams
as ex - cite - ment blends with fear All cre - a - tion now
he has fol - lowed all a - long But I had to lose



re - veal - ing and I know I'm not quite right
en - folds me like the flock I hold so dear
my - self to find my - self where I be - long

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Jesus Paid It All

arr. Joseph Linn

McKenzie Lofgren, violin

*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 722

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

CANONBURY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Canon, Op. 31, No. 6

Louis Vierne

Easter Vigil Signup

The Easter Vigil signup will be available near the east Sanctuary entrance before and after worship service today! You can also sign up online at tinyurl.com/FPCVigil25.


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.

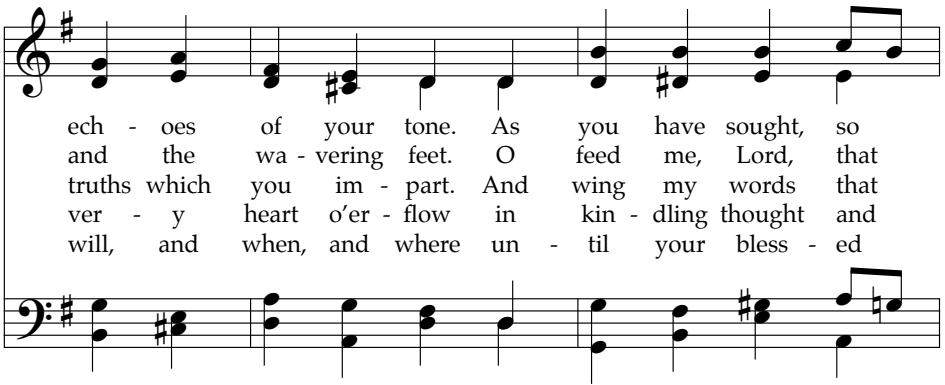
Get Your Ballot Notarized

You can have your absentee ballot notarized before or after worship service in the Reception Center today.

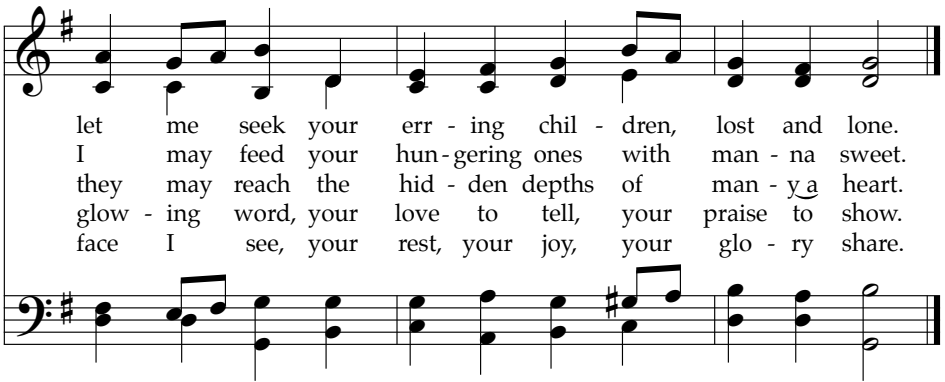
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

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.

Presbyterian Women's BUNCO | 3:00 p.m.

Ginny Tack has graciously offered her home (13025 Twisted Oak Road, OKC) to us for a rousing game of BUNCO at 3:00 p.m. This event will serve as a fundraiser for PW. The cost is \$10/person.

There will also be a wine pull. Wrapped wine bottles will be available for purchase at \$10/bottle. Your wine purchase will remain a mystery until you unwrap it. Wine donations are greatly appreciated. If you can donate a wrapped bottle of wine, please mark it as red or white. Also, be sure to bring a snack to share with the group!

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 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 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).**

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.**

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, April 6 | 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: Margarita Chicken, Roasted Vegetable Panzanella Salad, and Lemon Cake

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!

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



Help us adorn our Sanctuary for Easter with lilies in honor, memory or celebration of a loved one(s). They will be displayed in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday and included in a list of memorials and celebrations.

Please submit your order by April 15.

Purchasing _____ lilies at \$25 each.

Requested by _____

Dedicated to _____

Relationship _____

In memory of In honor of In celebration of

Please turn your form in to the church office or place it in an offering plate.



Pay by cash, check, Venmo (@fpcokc), or by scanning the QR code above.