



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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**Maundy Thursday – April 2, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.**

**Tell Me Something Good**

*Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent*

**The good news is... even Judas gets his feet washed**

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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.

## **We Gather to Worship**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Preludio religioso from Messe Solennelle*

Gioacchino Rossini

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**TOLLING**

**READINGS**

*It Was on the Wednesday*

Iona Community

*It Was on the Thursday*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: God, we lay you down, and you rise again.

We pack you up, but you don't stay within.

We walk away, and you trail our heels.

We lock up our hearts, try to force you to steal.

We put you in our pockets, but you radiate peace.

We bury our hearts, but you continue to beat.

We hold our breath, but you make us breathe.

We try to sleep, but you find our dreams.

We deny your name, and still you're there.

We paid them in silver, and still you care.

We turn our backs, but you don't go anywhere.

We throw stones, and you whisper a prayer.

God, we have pushed you out in every way,  
again and again, countless times per day.  
And you still say our names like lines from a love song,  
refusing to deny that we belong.

**People: So forgive us, we pray,  
because tomorrow will be the same.  
We will lay you down, and you will rise again.  
We will pack you up, please don't stay within.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

#### \*THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

**People: the light no darkness can overcome.**

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,

**People: and the day is almost over.**

Leader: Eternal God by your word you commanded: "Let there be light!"

By your Spirit you have revealed the light of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Shine in our hearts this night with the light of your good news  
and illumine our dreams with the vision of your holy realm.

Let your light scatter the darkness

**People: and illumine your church.**

#### \*HYMN 314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace,  
not a half-hearted peace,  
but the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with us now.

**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF ADORATION

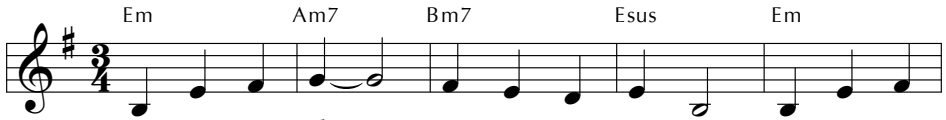
Leader: I will keep on thanking God with constant words of prayer.

I will glory in the living God: Let us pray together.

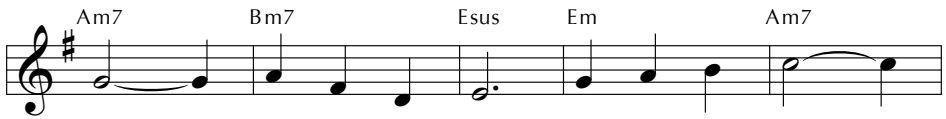
**All: Living God, our loving parent; you cherish your creation and we praise you.  
With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your image, we  
praise you. Because, in Jesus, you came to share our human lives, our sorrow and  
joy, we praise you. Because your Spirit is at work today—encouraging, enabling,  
surprising us—we praise you. Poor as we are, you give us hope. Salt of the earth, you  
give us meaning and purpose, and we praise you. Amen.**

# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

## Christ, Be Our Light



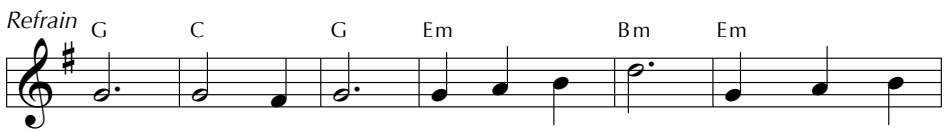
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



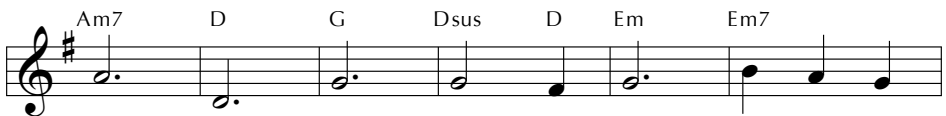
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



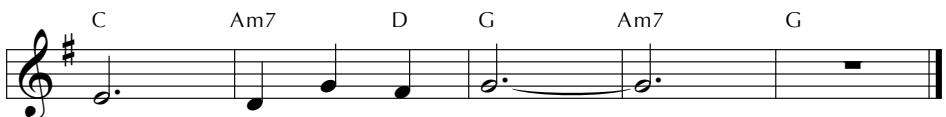
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.

# We Proclaim God's Word

## SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:1-35 (pg. 93)

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

## ANTHEM

*Wash Their Feet*

Pepper Choplin

Caitlin Towell, Marina Quintanilla, Michael Johnston, Puffer Jones

*There one night in the upper room, He laid aside His robe. He wrapped a towel around His waist like a servant's clothes. Then my Master, Lord and King, kneeled to do this amazing thing, He washed their feet, He got down on His knees and washed their feet. Why would my Master, Lord and King, come to do this amazing thing? He washed their feet. The Lord said, "As I come to wash your feet to make you pure and clean, go out now and touch the world, do what you have seen. Hear My call and live it true, do for them what I do for you. Go, wash their feet. Be a servant, humble and meek, wash their feet. Hear My call and live it true, do for them what I do for you. Go, wash their feet." When the Lord left heaven to come down, He laid aside His glory and His crown. He did not cling to power or follow after fame. Still all heaven sings the glory of His name. So wash their feet. Be a servant, humble and meek, wash their feet. Hear My call and live it true, do for them what I do for you. Wash their feet.*

## REFLECTION

*Even Judas Gets His Feet Washed*

## \*HYMN 521

*In Remembrance of Me*

RED

## Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: Why do we give thanks and praise before this table?

**People: We give thanks for God's work of creation and salvation.**

Leader: It is our greatest joy, creator God, to give you thanks in every time and place. You made the heavens and the earth and all that is in them—sun, moon and stars, mountains, rivers and trees, animals and people. You even made us in your own image to love and serve you, and you show us your mercy every day. Therefore, with all people and all creation we shout your praise:

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

Leader: All glory and blessings are yours, Saving God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son, Jesus Christ. Born a child like us, he grew up to be your servant. Jesus taught your truth. He welcomed, healed, forgave and loved people. In the end, he suffered and died to save us from our sin. And God raised him up to give us a new life. We praise you that before he died, our Savior gave us this holy meal to eat together until he comes again. Why do we eat bread at this table?

## 521 In Remembrance of Me

Capo 3: (G) (Bm) (C) (D7)  
B $\flat$  Dm E $\flat$  F7




1 In re - mem - brance of me, eat this bread. In re -  
2 In re - mem - brance of me, heal the sick. In re -

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)  
E $\flat$  Cm F F7 Gm



mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of  
mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (Bm)  
E $\flat$  A $\flat$  F B $\flat$  Dm



me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
me, o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors

1 2  
(C) (D7) (C) (D7) (G)  
E $\flat$  F7 E $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$




done. in, let them in.

(E $\flat$ ) (G) (E $\flat$ )  
G $\flat$  B $\flat$  G $\flat$



Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re -

(Cm) (G) (Em) (D)  
E $\flat$ m B $\flat$  Gm F



mem - ber too, that this is my bod - y and

This text is built on four familiar words of Christ at the Last Supper, as recorded in Luke 22:19 and 1 Corinthians 11:24–25. Radiating from that corporate memory of the church, additional actions are encouraged in Christ's voice using allusions to other passages of Scripture.

LORD'S SUPPER

(C) (G) (A) (A7) (D7sus) (D7)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> C C7 F7sus F7

pre - cious blood shed for you, shed for you.

(G) (Bm) (C) (D7)  
 B<sup>b</sup> Dm E<sup>b</sup> F7

3 In re-mem-brance of me, search for truth. In re -

(C) (Am) (D) (D7) (Em)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm F F7 Gm

mem-brance of me, al-ways love. In re-mem-brance of

(C) (F) (D) (G) (D7sus) (D7)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F7sus F7

me, don't look a-bove, but in your heart, look for

(G) (D7sus) (D7) (G)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F7sus F7 B<sup>b</sup>

God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

**People:** On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Leader:** Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

**People:** The same night, Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

**Leader:** What do we remember at this table?

**People:** We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us. And remembering, we offer ourselves and gifts for the world.

**Leader:** According to our Lord's commandment:

**People:** We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

**Leader:** What do we ask at this table?

**People:** Merciful God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that in eating and drinking together we may be made one with Christ and with one another. At this table we ask for unity in Christ our Lord, and we ask for strength to serve the world in his name until the day you make all things new.

**Leader:** Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

*Pavane*

Robert Elmore

EVENING PRAYER (Unison)

Creator God, we thank You for the gift of Your Son. May our entry into the mysteries of His life, death and resurrection give us the confidence to live with unshakeable faith in Your faithful and abiding love. As we prepare to enter the mystery of these three most holy days, we ask you to illumine our minds and hearts with the hope and promise of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. Give us eyes to see Him in the breaking of the bread and hearts that reach out to Him in service to one another. We make this prayer to You in His name.

Amen.

\*HYMN 727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

*(repeat stanza 1)*

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).

# We Go in God's Name

## \*LITANY OF RESPONSE

Leader: Little children, I am with you only a little longer.

**People: We will look for you. But you have told us where you are going we cannot come.**

Leader: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another.

**People: Just as you have loved us, we also should love one another.**

Leader: If you have love for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

**People: Love for one another, by this everyone will know that we are your disciples.**

CLOSING

*Sit Here While I Pray*

Iona Community

TOLLING

## 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](mailto:barbara.charlet@outlook.com)) or David Ligon ([david.m.ligon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:puffer@fpcokc.org)).

### **Kemp Concert: Mostly Mancini — Sunday, April 19 | 4:00 p.m.**

Enjoy an afternoon of delightful music with Oklahoma City *RONDEAU*, comprised of flutist John L. Edwards and pianist Rondal J. Wallace. The program includes arrangements by James Galway of beloved works by Henry Mancini, including some of his most recognizable film themes. As part of the Kemp Concert Series, this concert is free and open to all.

### **Saturday Worship (Marathon Weekend) — Saturday, April 25 | 5:00 p.m.**

Due to the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon route surrounding the church, we will not have Sunday activities or worship on April 26. Instead, please join us on Saturday, April 25, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship.

# Holy Week & Easter at FPC-OKC

## **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 will take turns keeping a vigil of prayer and devotion as we await the sunrise that celebrates the empty tomb on Easter morning

**All volunteer slots are now taken. Thank you to everyone who volunteered!**

## **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.

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