



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – April 5, 2026

Easter Sunday

Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent

The good news is... alive in the world

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 available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

Fanfare from Triptych

John A. Behnke

La Réjouissance

George Frideric Handel

Sean Gallagher, trumpet

Postlude from Sonatina for Worship No. 2

Robert W. Jones

Bist du bei mir

Johann Sebastian Bach

Scott Meredith, trumpet

Meditation from Triptych

John A. Behnke

Trumpet Voluntary in C

Maurice Greene

Sean Gallagher, trumpet

Alle Menschen Müssen Sterben

Johann Pachelbel

Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

Scott Meredith, trumpet

Toccata from Triptych

John A. Behnke

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

KEMP CONCERT

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Puffer Jones

Jason Duff-Williams

CHIME

INTROIT

Easter Morning

Warren Puffer Jones

Sanctuary Singers, trumpets

We are going to the tomb where we buried our friend Jesus. Requiem. The stone is rolled away! He is risen! Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this morning!

People: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Leader: Thankful is the song we sing!

People: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

People: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."

People: Christ lives here and now. He is among us at this and every moment!

Leader: May his peace and presence be known to you.

People: And also to you.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

(stanza 3: women & treble voices)

arr. P. Sjolund

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mary Ann Boucher

O God of life, we give you thanks for the miracle of Easter. We pray that the joy that was unleashed on this day may abound for ourselves and for everyone gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. May each worshiper experience the transformative power of the gospel and feel a deeper connection to you through the work of your Spirit. We praise you, God of life. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, bring new life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of ourselves. To all and to each, on his community and on his friends, where regret is real, Jesus pronounces his pardon and grants us the right to begin again. Thanks be to God! (silent confession)

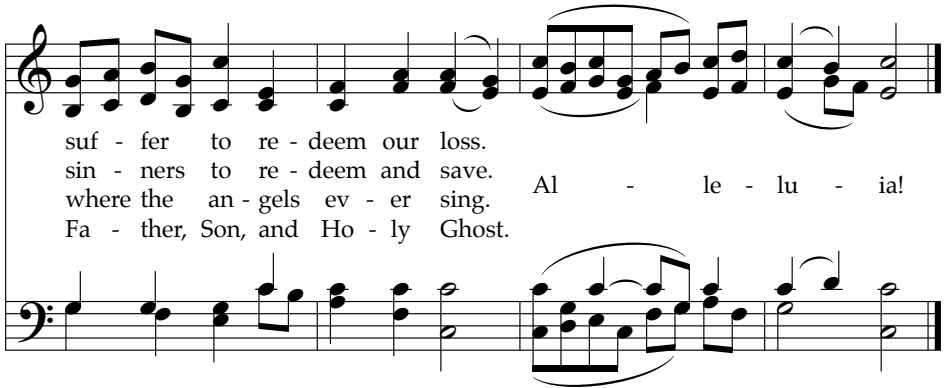
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured.
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love.

who did once up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's King,
 Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

It seems likely that this beloved Easter text began in Latin and moved through German before reaching English, where it combined with the present tune in the emerging English evangelical style, a reaction to the restrained one-note-per-syllable psalmody that preceded it.



suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SPANISH

- 1 *El Señor resucitó, ¡Aleluya!*
muerte y tumba ya venció. ¡Aleluya!
Con su fuerza y su virtud ¡Aleluya!
cautivó la esclavitud. ¡Aleluya!
- 2 *El que al polvo se humilló, ¡Aleluya!*
vencedor se levantó. ¡Aleluya!
Cante hoy la cristiandad ¡Aleluya!
su gloriosa majestad. ¡Aleluya!
- 3 *Cristo, que la cruz sufrió, ¡Aleluya!*
y en desolación se vio, ¡Aleluya!
hoy en gloria celestial ¡Aleluya!
reina vivo e inmortal. ¡Aleluya!
- 4 *Cristo, nuestro Salvador, ¡Aleluya!*
de la muerte es triunfador. ¡Aleluya!
En El hemos de confiar. ¡Aleluya!
Cantaremos sin cesar. ¡Aleluya!

KOREAN

- 1 예수 부활 했으니 할렐루야
 만민 찬송 하여라
 천사들이 즐거워
 기뻐 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
 선한 싸움 이겼네
 사망 권세 이기고
 하늘 문을 여셨네
- 3 마귀 권세 이긴 주 할렐루야
 왕의 왕이 되셨네
 높은 이름 세상에
 널리 반포 하여라
- 4 길과 진리 되신 주 할렐루야
 우리 부활 하겠네
 부활 생명 되시니
 우리 부활 하겠네

*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 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)
***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***
***As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

We Proclaim God's Word

ANTHEM *Sing Out With Joy!* Mark Patterson
Treble Choir

Sing out with joy! Christ the Lord is risen! Sing out with joy! Jesus is alive!

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.
Those attending Children's Church will be taken to the Chapel for the Easter Egg Hunt.

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 *Living Hope* Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson
Puffer Jones, baritone

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night. Then through the darkness your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope. Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me his own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope. Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name. Jesus Christ, my living hope. Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 33)

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

SERMON

Alive in The World

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

Sanctuary Singers

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (hymn 505)

THE FEAST IS READY

Sean Gallagher & Scott Meredith, trumpets

*DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. 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:

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.

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

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.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

VOLUNTARY

This Is the Feast of Victory (hymn 513)

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (hymn 538)

HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA

Sean Gallagher & Scott Meredith, trumpets

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 245

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

Anyone wishing to join the choir in singing "Hallelujah" from Handel's *Messiah*,
please come forward during the final stanza.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

Hallelujah from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Singers

*Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!*

POSTLUDE

Toccata from *Symphony No. V*

Charles-Marie Widor

Following the Choral Benediction, parents are invited to take their children to the Chapel
to get ready for our Easter Egg Hunt. Children dismissed to Children's Church
will be taken directly to the Chapel.

The rosebud on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Gemma Ray Stillwell,
born April 1, 2026. Congratulations to parents Caleb and Hayley Stillwell, great-grandparents
Ken and Kay Brown, and great-aunt and uncle Angie and Bret Sholar!

Give to
FPC today!



245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!



1 "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done,
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!

All cre - a - tion, join to say:
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won,
 Where, O death, is now your sting?
 Praise to you by both be given, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
 Death in vain for - bids him rise,
 Je - sus died, our souls to save,
 Ev - ery knee to you shall bow, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now. Al - le - lu - ia!

Originally printed as eleven four-line stanzas without alleluias, this Easter text was written during the first year following the author's life-changing conversion experience, yet it already shows his enduring emphasis on the theme of love. This lively Welsh tune sets it well.

Today

Easter Breakfast | 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 | 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 | 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.

Community Garden

We have plots available in our Community Garden! If you or someone you know is interested, please call the church office (405-525-6584) with any questions or to sign up.

Notice of Unauthorized Financial Activity

Many of you may have seen recent news reports regarding inappropriate financial activity involving our church. Following an internal review, we determined that such activity was conducted by an employee in violation of church policies and legal standards. The individual involved was terminated, and our insurance company was notified. Because this is a personnel matter and an ongoing legal matter, it is inappropriate to provide any more information at this time.

While this event is highly regrettable, since part of this loss will be covered by insurance, the church's financial health remains strong.

-The Resource Council

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).

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.

As part of the service, we’ll head outside to the Community Garden to celebrate Earth Day and dedicate the garden for the 2026 growing season.



2026
EASTER LILIES

REMEMBERING, HONORING AND CELEBRATING

Arbuckle, Helen and Dale (Endowment Fund of
First Presbyterian Church)

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Meister
(Helen's parents), Ruth (sister), and Eugene
and Mark (brothers)

Baker, W. Nat

In memory of William R. Baker and
Louise Rogers Baker (parents)

Beeson, Glenda

In memory of Jim Beeson (husband)

Berry, Kathy

In celebration of Mary Ann Boucher (sister)

Brown, Ken and Kay

In celebration of Lillian and Gemma
(our two newest great-granddaughters)

Buzan, Elaine and Brandon, Elizabeth, Zack,
and Zane Black

In memory of John Buzan (husband, father,
and grandfather)

Buzan, Elaine Tewell and Dr. Janice Tewell

In memory of Paula Tewell (sister)

Carter, Don

In celebration of Roberta Carter (wife)

In celebration of Rose and George Carter
(parents)

In celebration of Willard and Hattie Every
(parents)

Chard, Elaine and Richard Hollander

In memory of Roberta Carter (friend)

Eselin, Janet

In memory of family

Forsman, Doug and Mary Su

In memory of Robert and Marcella Mills
(parents)

Hawkins, Madelaine

In memory of Jacqueline Tack
(grandmother)

In memory of John Tack (uncle)

In memory of Emma Hawkins
(daughter)

Holden, JoAnn

In memory of James H. Holden (husband)

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. C.M. Hodgson
and Mr. and Mrs. Rex Holden (parents)

Johnson, Olivia and Ruby

In honor of Cyndi Lockwood (grandmother)

Johnson, Travis and Emily

In celebration of Olivia and Ruby
(daughters)

McKinnon, Rev. John C.

In honor of Gayle Cox, Barbara Charlet,
and Susan Perry

McKinnon, John, Darci, Aidan and Ian

In memory of Jeff French, Jim McKinnon,
Gayle Siber, and Trip McKinnon

McLean, Kova

In memory of Bud "Buddy" McLean
(husband)

In memory of Karoll Herrick (sister)

Miller, Lolietta and family

In memory of Ens. Evan Walling Miller
USN (beloved son, brother, and uncle),
Dolly Green Sydow (sister, aunt, travel
partner, and best friend), and Larry Miller
(husband, father, and beloved BaBa)

Miller, Lolietta

In celebration of Heath and Jennifer
(son and daughter-in-law) and Rhys, Salem,
Avonlea, Jenika and Corbin
(my precious grandchildren)

Moore, Blaine and Hank Birkner

In honor of Mary Sue Ziba (sister)

Nichols, Larry

In memory of John W. and Mary Nichols
(parents)

In memory of John T. and Mary Nichols
(grandparents)

Nelson, Alan, Jean, Mark, and Kathleen

In memory of David L. Nelson
(son and brother)

Ogden, Amanda

In memory of Ida Pryor and Jewel Hale
(grandmothers)

Osmond, Wayne and Becky

In memory of Melissa Osmond (daughter)
and Sierra K. Custer (granddaughter)

Perry, Susan

In memory of Hudson LeGrand (husband)

Pittman, Roane and Debbie

In celebration of Kim, David, Rachel,
Rebecca, Collin, Camac, Sloan, Reese, and
Ellie (children and grandchildren)

Rizzato, Sol

In honor of John L. Edwards (friend)

Robinson, Jan and Bill

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D.
Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E.
Rohrer (parents)

Sholar, Bret and Angie

In celebration of our church family

Slade, Jamie

In memory of Jim and Jennie Slade (parents)

In memory of Virginia and Phil Wilson and
Sue Ellen Wilson Ward (dear friends)

In celebration of Emery, Laurel, and Sylvie
(great-nieces)

Winfree, Jana

In celebration of Walter, William, Diana,
Mia, Zoey, and Robin (bright stars)

In memory of Joe V. and June B. Sims
(parents)

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