



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

## The Service for the Lord's Day – April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

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

*All Breathing Life*

Johann Sebastian Bach

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Smith

Karl Huber & Bruno Zuniga-Hernandez, trumpets; Jacob Fleury, horn

Benjamin Rihner, trombone; Dalton Williams, tuba

#### WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

#### CHIME

#### INTROIT

*Praise Ye the Lord*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: On the cross, Jesus suffered and died.

**People: We are witnesses: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: But now Jesus is risen from the dead.

**People: We are witnesses: He is risen indeed!**

**All: Let us worship God.**

#### \*HYMN 234

*Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

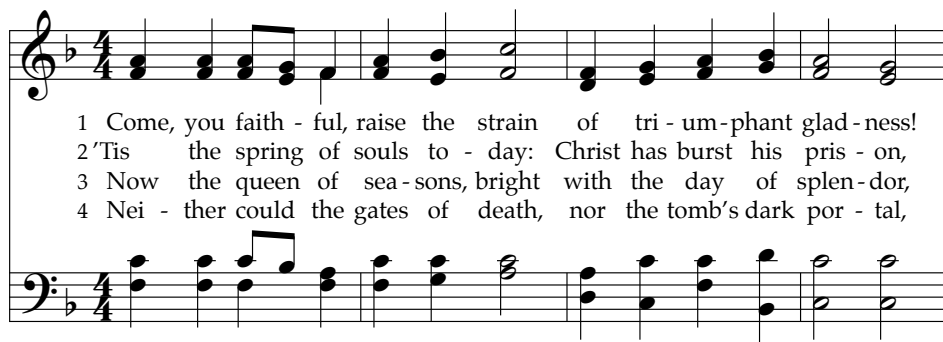
ST. KEVIN

#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

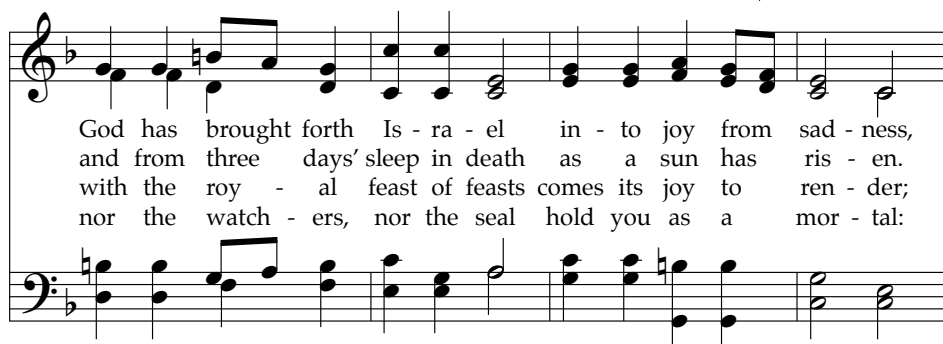
Blaine Moore

**Holy One, you have made us witnesses to the good news of the gospel—that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone, is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things, and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may share the bread of life with a hungry world; through Jesus Christ, our peace. Amen.**

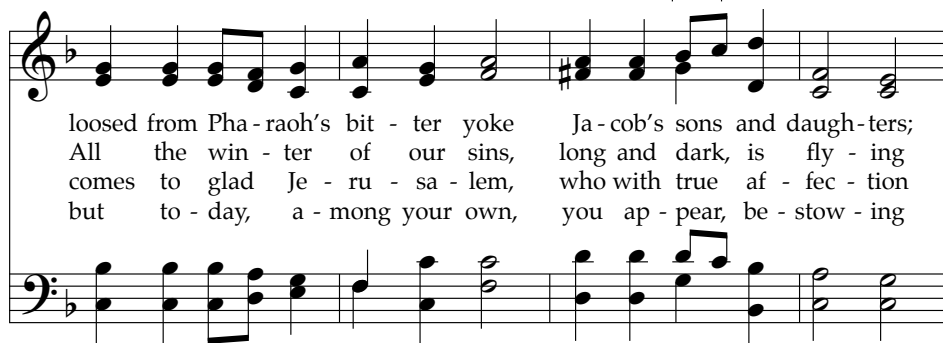
## Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234



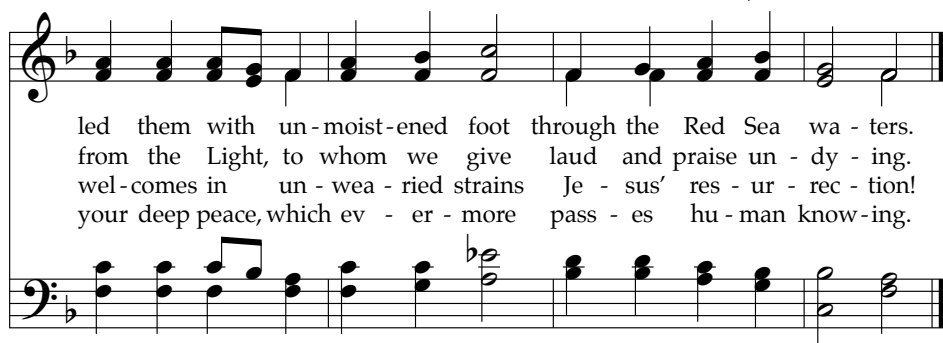
1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;  
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing  
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion  
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.

One of the many ancient hymns translated into English in the 19th century, this 8th-century Eastertide hymn was originally part of a longer Greek liturgical text. This tune was created for this text by a church organist who later rose to fame as a composer of operettas.

**\*LITANY OF ASSURANCE** - *Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 85*

Leader: What is the nature of resurrection hope?

**People: Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it.**

Leader: It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated,

**People: that past history will be redeemed,**

Leader: and that all the things that ever were will be made new.

**People: It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven and a new earth,**

Leader: in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving,

**All: and peace and justice reign on earth.**

**\*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**

### **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**

*Risen Alleluia*

Allen Pote

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

*Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen from the dead. Christ is risen, alleluia! He is risen as he said. Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle won. The victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun, alleluia! The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen Head, alleluia!*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 4:1-8 (pg. 490)

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

### SOLO

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

arr. Moses Hogan

Cady Lewis, soprano

*He's got the whole world in His hands. He's got all the power in His hands. He's got you and me, brother, in His hands. He's got you and me, sister, in His hands. He's got the little baby in His hands. He's got mother and father in His hands. He's got the stars and moon right in His hands. He's got everybody in His hands. He's got the whole world in His hands.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1-7 (pg. 240)

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

### SERMON

*Children of God*

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 703

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

ST. CATHERINE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

### OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Amazing Grace*

AMAZING GRACE

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Slechta

### \*PRESENTATION HYMN

*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

## 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but  
 3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to  
 thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me  
 fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,  
 whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness  
 way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.  
 from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.  
 noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

# We Go in God's Name

\*HYMN 231

*Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Allegro*

V. Ewald

Blackwelder Brass

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Elizabeth Garrett upon the death of her daughter, Elizabeth Kathleen Garrett Willard. Kathy died on Monday, April 8, after living courageously with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) for six years. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of her life will take place in the Chapel on Tuesday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. Visitation with the family will follow in the Parlor. Please keep Elizabeth, her sons Paul and John, the family, and all who loved Kathy in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

## Today

### Sunday School Classes | 9:30 a.m.

- Builders | Room B-8
- Evergreen | Room B-14
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room
- High School | Youth Lounge
- Middle School | Room B-10
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)
- Preschool | Room 215 (9:45 a.m.)

### Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

### Children & Youth Ice Cream Social | 12:00 p.m.

Last month, we were supposed to go out for ice cream after we attended the fabulous performance of *Beauty and the Beast*. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough time afterward.

To make up for it, Pastor John has promised an ice cream social today in Watchorn Hall, right after worship service. All children are invited, even if you did not attend *Beauty and the Beast*.

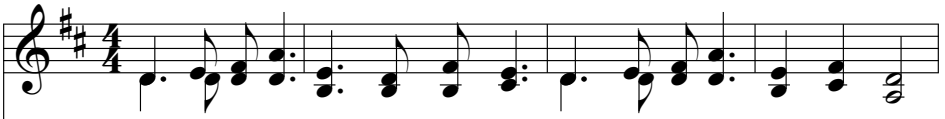
## Community Garden

We have three plots available in the 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.

Scan for our  
online giving.  
Thank you!



# Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers 231



1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,  
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;  
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



as he said and as he prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de - nied.  
 Christ has ris-en for the wom-en bring-ing flowers to grace his grave.  
 all whose lives are messed or man-gled, all who find re - li - gion strange.



Let the moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer;  
 Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud-dled in an up - stairs room.  
 Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been:



let the world con-firm the ru-mor: Christ is ris-en, God is here!  
 He whose word in-spired cre-a-tion can't be si-lenced by the tomb.  
 ev - i - dence of trans-for-mation in which God is known and seen.



Beginning with rather conventional Easter imagery, this text moves into unexpected territory by declaring that Christ's Resurrection is for "all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange." The name of this traditional Welsh melody simply means "lullaby."

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Room B-10**

Our Bridge groups have consolidated to Monday nights! All skills levels are welcome to join us for no-pressure play and an opportunity to learn and improve.

**Contact Dan MacLemore (405-496-0185 or rockdoc1949@gmail.com) if you have any questions!**

### **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.

### **Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for our Free Yoga Classes! As always, all skill levels are welcome. Now that the weather is warming up, we'll meet in the courtyard! We have extra mats available if you don't have your own.

## **Presbyterian Women**

### **Abigail Circle — Tuesday, April 16 | 6:00 p.m.**

Location TBD.

### **PW's Kentucky Derby Tea — Sunday, April 21 | 12:00 p.m.**

Don your finest hat and join us for a Kentucky Derby-themed high tea in Watchorn Hall! We'll enjoy tea sandwiches, scones, and pastries while sipping delicious tea, hot or cold. All women of the church are invited as well as our youngest members (ages 5+).

During the tea, we will announce and recognize the Woman of the Year, as well as the PW officers for the coming year.

### **Reserve the Third — Saturday, April 20 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

The Reserve the Third crew will be participating in OKC Beautiful's citywide cleanup for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row! This is a great way to celebrate Earth Day and serve as good stewards of our neighborhood. **Please contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) for more details or to RSVP.**

**MORE EVENTS ON BACK**



## **Deacons Out and About: Riverboat Cruise — Friday, April 26 | 5:30 p.m.**

Welcome aboard FPC-OKC's first Riverboat Cruise sponsored by the Deacons! This cruise is for those ages 21+. *There are a limited number of tickets, so sign up ASAP.*

We'll meet at Big Friendly (1737 Spoke St, near SW 13th & Douglas Ave.) starting at 5:30 p.m. for food and beer, wine, or soft drinks (at your own expense). At 7:00 p.m., we'll move to the Riverboat Landing (1503 Exchange Ave.) and board our boat by 7:15. We'll depart at 7:30 and return at 9:00 p.m. There will be a beverage bar on board with soft drinks, coffee, and water (covered by the Deacons) and a cash bar. We will return to the same landing after a fun evening of socializing. We hope to see you aboard!

If you're not able to attend this event, there will be a second Riverboat Cruise on Saturday, June 1 (open to all ages). **You can claim your spot for either cruise at [tinyurl.com/DEACONScruise](https://tinyurl.com/DEACONScruise) or by calling the church office (405-525-6584).**

## **Saturday Worship (Marathon Weekend) — Saturday, April 27 | 5:00 p.m.**

Due to the Oklahoma City Marathon route surrounding the church, we will not have Sunday activities or worship on April 28. Instead, please join us Saturday, April 27, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship!

## **Kemp Concert Series: The Traverso — Sunday, May 5 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

Join us in the Chapel for our next FREE Kemp Concert Series performance, The Traverso!

John L. Edwards will explore flutes and their music, playing 25 different flutes from a variety of cultures and historical periods. Carey Morrow will join Mr. Edwards, playing members of the lute family.

## **Urban Mission Annual Golf Scramble — Monday, June 10 | 8:00 a.m.**

Sign up now to reserve your spot and save the date! Register your foursome together or let the Urban Mission put you on a winning team. Prizes include a RedView rangefinder, a Caribbean cruise, and even a 25k prize!

Registration is \$100 per person. All proceeds from this event go to benefit The Urban Mission's programs which support Oklahomans in need. **Register at [tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf24](https://tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf24)**