



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – April 19, 2026

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

Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare

Benedetto Marcello

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Kile Smith

Ben Failor & Seth Seneca, trumpets; Vincent Vasconcellos, horn

Tyler Martindale, trombone; Jesse Soliz, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACONS' MOMENT

Karen Schiler

CHIME

INTROIT

He Is Risen

W. P. Jones

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

***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

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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Jim Boughman

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. 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.

*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 Room 215 or Room 119 for the nursery.

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*Go to the World*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sanctuary Singers

Sylvia Dunstan, arr. J. Chepponis

Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Go to the world! Go into every place. Go live the Word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant Church you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (pg. 564)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****SOLO***Thank You Jesus for the Blood*

Charity Gayle

Sarah Gwatney, alto

I was a wretch; I remember who I was. I was lost, I was blind, I was running out of time. Sin separated, the breach was far too wide, but from the far side of the chasm, You held me in Your sight. So You made a way across the great divide, left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside. There at the cross You paid the debt I owed. Broke my chains, freed my soul, for the first time I had hope. Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied. Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white. Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life, brought me from the darkness into glorious light. You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin. You were buried for three days, but then You walked right out again. And now death has no sting, and life has no end for I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb. There is nothing stronger than the wonder-working power of the blood that calls us sons and daughters. We are ransomed by our Father through the blood.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-35 (pg. 90)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****SERMON***On the Road Again*

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 231Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

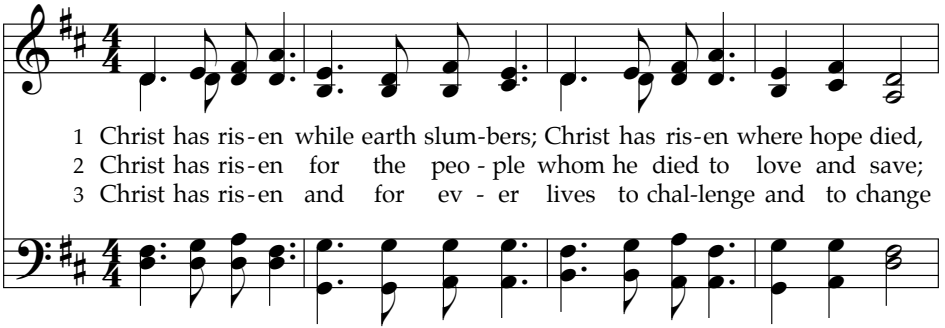
RESPONSE

Amen

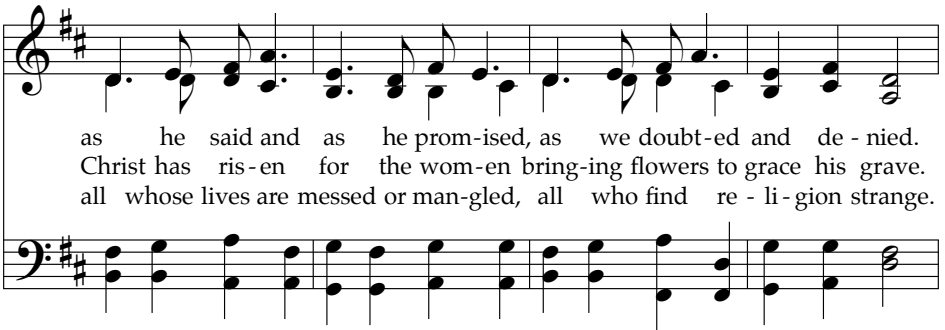
Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

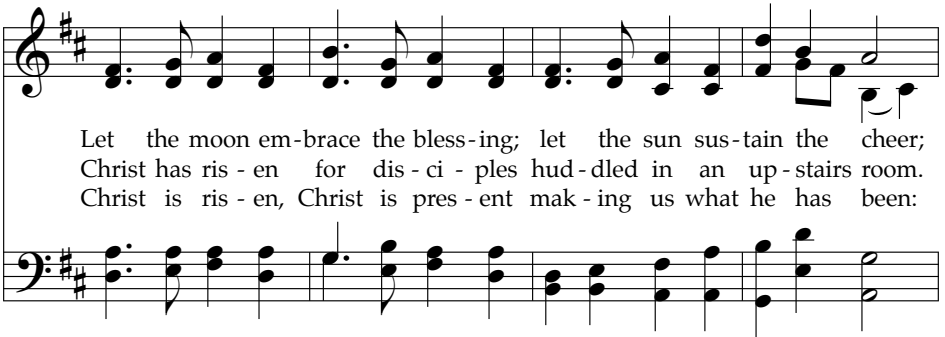
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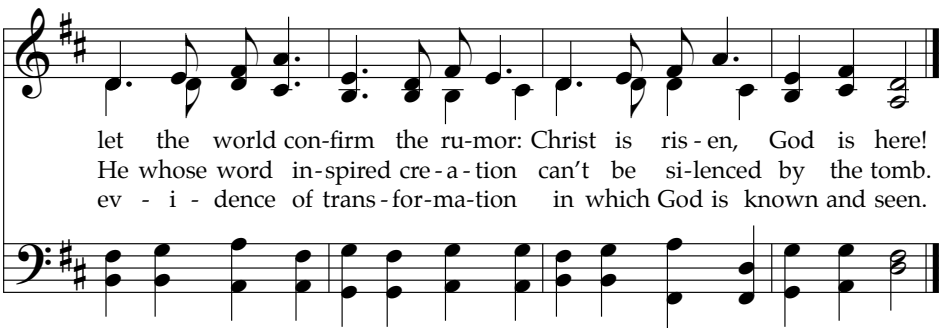
1 Christ has ris-en while earth slum-bers; Christ has ris-en where hope died,
 2 Christ has ris-en for the peo - ple whom he died to love and save;
 3 Christ has ris-en and for ev - er lives to chal-lenge and to change



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."

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Early One Morning

traditional, arr. Jeremy Jackson

Blackwelder Brass

*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

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 643

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

My Spirit Be Joyful

J. S. Bach

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Harry Herforth

Give to
FPC today!



SCAN ME

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Young Adult Class | Room 215 (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.

Youth Chorale Rehearsals | 12:00 p.m.

Middle and High School students (grades 5 through 12) are invited to stay after worship on Sundays (except for the 1st Sundays of the month)! We'll meet in Room B-32 and make music until 12:30 p.m.

Kemp Concert: Mostly Mancini | 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.

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 short worship service features sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday and helping us transition into a 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 contact Puffer Jones (puffer@fpcokc.org).

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

Due to the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon route around 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 Chapel.

Community Garden Dedication — Saturday, April 25 | 6:00 p.m.

After the Saturday worship service, we'll head outside to the Community Garden to celebrate Earth Day and dedicate the garden for the 2026 season.

We'll also recognize the community partners who were instrumental in our latest improvement project: Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Minick Materials OKC, GSWESTOK Troops 633, 612, 182, and the SPARK Before & After School Program.

Graduate Recognition Sunday — Sunday, May 3 | 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate two of our graduating seniors, Isabelle Miller and Jack Ogden, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We're proud of them and all they've accomplished.

Following worship, all are invited to stay for our First Sunday Lunch as we continue the celebration with food and fellowship.

Menu: Chicken, Peppers, and Penne; Spicy Sausage and Mushroom Pasta; Garlic Bread; Caesar Salad; and Panna Cotta

Abigail Circle — Friday, May 8 | 6:00 p.m.

Location TBD.

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, May 12 10:00 a.m.

Meeting in Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, May 12 1:30 p.m.

Meeting at the home of Dorothy Hays.

Urban Mission Annual Golf Scramble — Monday, June 8 | 7:30 a.m.

Sign up now to reserve your spot and save the date! Register your foursome or let The Urban Mission put you on a winning team.

Registration is \$125 per person. All proceeds from this event go to benefit The Urban Mission's programs, which support Oklahomans in need. Register at urbanmissionokc.org/events.