



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday

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

Easter Suite

Dan Uhl

I. Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

II. Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

III. We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

IV. O Sons and Daughters of the King

V. Come Away to the Skies

VI. Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

VII. Now the Green Blade Rises

VIII. Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

IX. Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

X. Welcome, Happy Morning!

XI. Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

XII. This Joyful Eastertide

XIII. Thine Is the Glory

Mikayla Sweet & Gabe Carter, trumpets

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Suzanne Baxter

CHIME

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**

Madelaine Hawkins

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)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

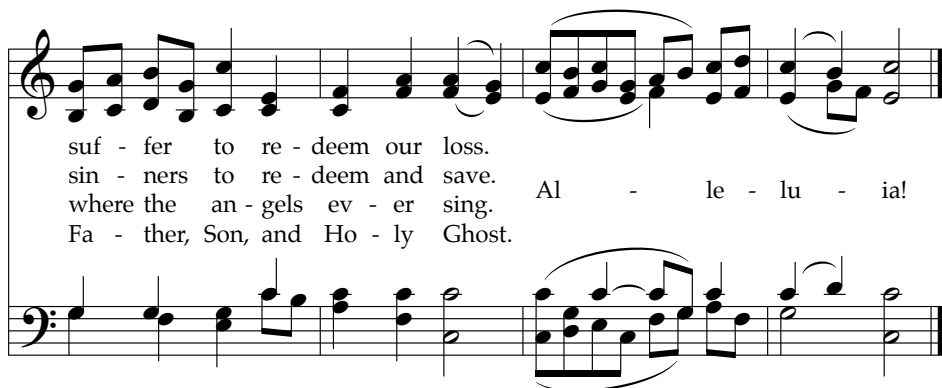
232 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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.



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
기쁜 찬송 부르네
- 2 대속하신 주 예수 할렐루야
선한 싸움 이겼네
사망권세 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

***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 *Peace Like a River* Traditional
Treble Choir

I've got peace like a river in my soul. I've got love like an ocean in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

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

Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 90)

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

SERMON

Grief & Hope

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.

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

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing (hymn 505) THE FEAST IS READY
Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (hymn 538) HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA
Gabe Carter & Mikayla Sweet, 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.

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, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
 4 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

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

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

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

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 today in Watchorn Hall. Please plan to attend and bring your family to fellowship with the whole church family! **Menu:** Green Chili Casserole, Hashbrown Casserole, Yogurt, Fruit, and Assorted Pastries.

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 very 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 after the worship service! Kids 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.

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., followed by 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 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 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).**

Saturday Worship (Marathon Weekend) — Saturday, April 26 | 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 27. Instead, please join us on Saturday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for worship!

Deacons' Out & About: Riverboat Cruise — Saturday, May 3 | 5:00 p.m.

Welcome aboard FPC-OKC's Riverboat Cruise sponsored by the Deacons! This cruise is open to ALL AGES. *There are a limited number of tickets, so please sign up at tinyurl.com/DeaconsCruise25 as soon as possible.*

We'll gather at Big Friendly (1737 Spoke St., just off S. Western & SW 17th St.) between 5:00-5:30 p.m. You'll be able to order food at Taco Nation, which is just a few steps away.

At 6:30 p.m., we'll move to the Regatta Landing (701 S. Lincoln Blvd, in the Boathouse District). Boarding begins at 6:45 p.m. for the two-hour trip up and down the Oklahoma River, returning to the same landing at 9:00 p.m.

Onboard, enjoy adult refreshments (at your expense) or free soft drinks, coffee, and snacks! **Please contact Blaine Moore (405-473-7893) if you have any questions.**

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, May 4 | 12:00 p.m.

Our First Sunday Lunches are a great time to share in fellowship with the congregation. After the worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall to enjoy a delicious meal organized by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Taco Bar, Chips, Salsa, Queso, Sopapilla Cheesecake, and Mockaritas

Kemp Concert Series: Glenn Miller, Organ — Sunday, May 18 | 4:00 p.m.

Former First Presbyterian Church staff member Glenn Miller returns to Oklahoma City for a special concert. The program will feature organ works by Franck, Vierne, and more. Glenn will also showcase his signature low bass voice in several selections, including the world premiere of pieces composed especially for him.

This concert celebrates the recently refurbished Sanctuary Organ. **The event is free and open to the public.**



2025 EASTER LILIES

REMEMBERING, HONORING AND CELEBRATING

Adams, Gaylan and Harriet
In memory of D.D. and Covia Adams
and Harry and Patsy Francis (parents)

Arbuckle, Helen and Dale (Endowment Fund of
First Presbyterian Church)
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. M.G. Meister
(Helen's parents), and Ruth, Eugene, and
Mark (sister and brothers)

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

Baxter, Suzanne
In memory of Eileen and Bob Baxter
(parents)

Beeson, Glenda
In memory of Jim Beeson (husband)

Bosteels, Carl and Linda Millier
In memory of Robert and Marilyn Millier
and Carl and Mary Payton Bosteels
(parents), and in celebration of
John L. Edwards (friend)

Carter, Don and Roberta
In memory of loved ones

Charlet, Barbara
In celebration of Pastor John and
the staff at FPC

Duff-Williams, Jason and Lancelot
In memory of our forefathers and
foremothers

Dykeman, Samuel
In memory of Mary M. Dykeman (mother)
In honor of Jannis Dykeman (wife)

Eselin, Janet and family
In memory of loved ones

Gallagher-Richards, Cornell and Wayne
In honor of the Gallagher-Richards family

Hatcher, Elizabeth and Richard
In memory of John "Jay" Hatcher (brother)

Hays, Tom and Dorothy
In honor of family members, especially
parents, Bill and Ruth Mapes, and Medford
and Opal Hays
In celebration of the church staff and the
congregation of FPC-OKC

Hawkins, Madelaine
In memory of Emma Hawkins
(daughter)

Johnson, Travis and Emily
In celebration of Olivia and Ruby
(daughters)

Johnson, Olivia and Ruby
In celebration of Cyndi Lockwood
(grandmother)

Lee, Shang-Mei
In memory of Jwu H. Lee (husband)
In memory of Julia Lee (daughter)

McKinnon, Rev. John C.
In honor of Gayle Cox and Barbara Charlet

McKinnon, John, Darci, Aidan and Ian
In memory of Jeff French, Jim McKinnon,
Gayle Siber, and Trip McKinnon

McLean, Kova
In memory of Bud McLean (husband)
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Mobley
(parents)

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

Moore, Blaine and Birkner, Hank
In celebration of the love and support of the
congregation upon our marriage

Nichols, Larry
In memory of John W. and Mary Nichols
(parents) and John T. and Mary Nichols
(grandparents)

Nelson, Alan and Jean
In celebration of Thomas Nelson (grandson)

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 celebration of loved ones

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

Poe, Raymond
In memory of Joanne Poe (sister)

In memory of Raymond and Louise Poe
(parents)

In memory of Marilyn Poe (wife)

Robinson, Jan and Bill
In memory of Mildred Millspaugh (sister)

Slade, Jamie
In memory of Jim and Jennie Slade (parents)

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

Smith, Mickie and Michael
In celebration of Sean, Sophia, and Lexi

In celebration of Josh, Taylor, Archer, Opal,
and Aoife Short

In memory of Vivian and Troy Massey,
Harry and Elsie James, Martin and Minty
Smith, Tom and Dorothy Coats
(grandparents)

In memory of Mary Smith, Bill James, and
JR Hart (parents)

In memory of Sarah Smith (sister)

In memory of David Heasley and
Johnnie Hennan (friends)

Tack, Ginnie and Jim
In celebration of Artie and Llewyn O'Neil
and Ellie and Whit Hawkins (grandchildren)

In memory of John Tack (beloved brother
and uncle), Jackie and Jim Tack Sr., and
Larry Rutherford

In memory of Emma Claire Hawkins
(granddaughter)

Uncle Giraffe
In celebration of Ruby, Olivia, Cyndi,
and Emily (nieces, mother, and sister)

Walden, Becki and Duncan, Catherine
In memory of Bill Walden, Barbara J. Frye,
and John R. Frye

Winfree, Jana
In memory of Joe and June Sims
(parents)

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