



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

## The Service for the Lord's Day – April 27, 2024 Marathon Weekend

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

PRELUDE

*As the Deer*  
Emily Duncan, harp

Martin Nystrom  
arr. Jill Justice

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT

*Lift High the Cross*  
Sanctuary Singers

CRUCIFER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - *from Ephesians 1:3-4*

Leader: Christ Jesus is the true vine

**People: and we are the branches.**

Leader: God is love; abide in God,

**People: and God will abide in you.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 250

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

PROMISE

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Becki Walden

**God of the glorious garden, giver of grace, apart from your Word we can do nothing.**

**Cultivate in us a sense of connection in Christ. Prune our excess and help us to grow in faith so that we may bear good fruit for the world; through Jesus Christ, the true vine.**

**Amen.**

# In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

## Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)  
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)  
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)  
F7 B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)  
B<sup>b</sup> Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

The writing of this hymn was spurred by a line from the poet T. S. Eliot: "In my end is my beginning."  
Shortly after this piece was completed, the author/composer's husband was diagnosed with what proved to be a terminal malignancy, and the original anthem version of this hymn was sung at his funeral.

**\*LITANY OF ASSURANCE - Romans 8:1-2, 5-6**

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**People: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.**

Leader: For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

**People: but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on things of the Spirit.**

**All: To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

**\*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.

**ANTHEM**

*Sanctuary*

William Aceytuno

from *Utopia: Anthems on the Dream of Paradise*

Sanctuary Singers; Emily Duncan, harp

*Holy, Holy. Moses, Moses, I am here. Remove the shoes from thy feet. This ground is holy ground. Moses, rest now. You are saved; delivered from Satan's womb. This land is safe, is sound. Rest now, Moses; this ground is holy ground.*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 22:25-31 (pg. 500)

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

SOLO

*The Gift of Love*

Hal H. Hopson

Cady Lewis, soprano

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21 (pg. 241)

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

SERMON

*The Fullness of Love*

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 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*Amen*

Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Emily Duncan, harp; John L. Edwards, whistle

\*PRESENTATION HYMN

*Doxology*

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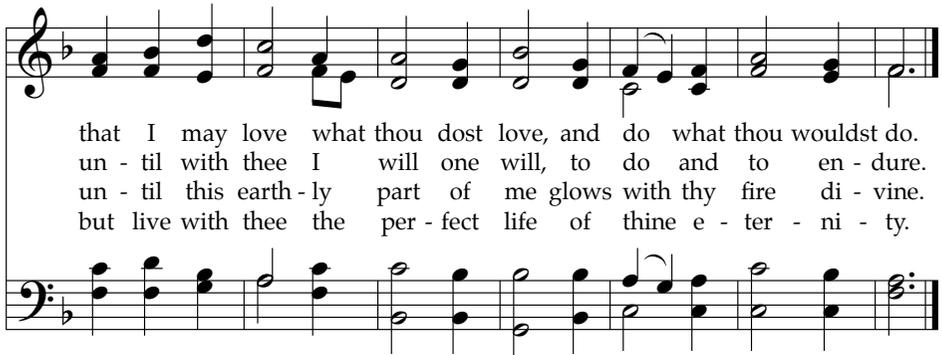
***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

## We Go in God's Name

\*HYMN 611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Improvisation on BRIDEGROOM (hymn 285)*

John L. Edwards

## Community Garden

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

Scan for our  
online giving.  
Thank you!



## 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;  
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.  
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.  
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.  
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" ("To Joy"), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

## 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.

### **Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays | 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

All are welcome to come to choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in room B-32! If you have any questions about the choir or the music program in general, **please contact Puffer** ([puffer@fpcokc.org](mailto:puffer@fpcokc.org)) or call the church office (405-525-6584).

### **First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, May 5 | 12:00 p.m.**

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

**Menu:** Cinco de Mayo — Fajitas (Beef, Chicken, and Veggie), Black Beans and Rice, Mexican Wedding Cookies, and Mock-aritas

### **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.

**MORE EVENTS ON BACK**

## **Children & Youth**

### **Memorial Day Bike Parade — Sunday, May 26 | After 11:00 Service**

Join us for the annual Memorial Day Bike Parade on Sunday, May 26, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will be serving hot dogs, chips, and a drink immediately following the parade. It doesn't get more American than that!

Kids are invited to bring their bikes to church with or without patriotic decorations. An area in the parking lot closest to the playground will be blocked off for riding bikes. We'll play patriotic music while the congregation cheers the riders on. **Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.** Mark your calendar and meet us in the parking lot on May 28!

### **Deacons Out and About: Riverboat Cruise — Saturday, June 1 | 5:30 p.m.**

Welcome aboard FPC-OKC's Riverboat Cruise for all ages! We will meet in Bricktown at 5:30 p.m. for dinner (at your own expense). Transportation can be provided from the church to Bricktown, leaving at 5:00 p.m. sharp.

At 7:00 p.m., we will move to the Riverboat Landing at the SW corner of the Bass Pro parking lot (334 Centennial Drive), below the Centennial Land Run Monument, to begin boarding at 7:15 and then depart for our 7:30-9:00 p.m. cruise. 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.

**You can claim your spot at [tinyurl.com/DEACONScruise](https://tinyurl.com/DEACONScruise) or by calling the church office at 405-525-6584.**

### **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).**