



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – May 3, 2026
Fourth 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 *Fanfare* John Cook

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
PURPLE BAGS

CHIME

INTROIT *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER
Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 100:1-2, 5*

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

**People: For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose
faithfulness endures to all generations.**

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

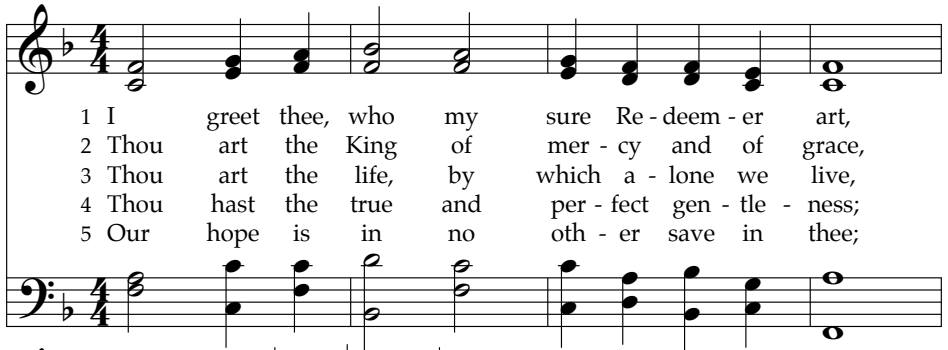
*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Blaine Moore

O God, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face.

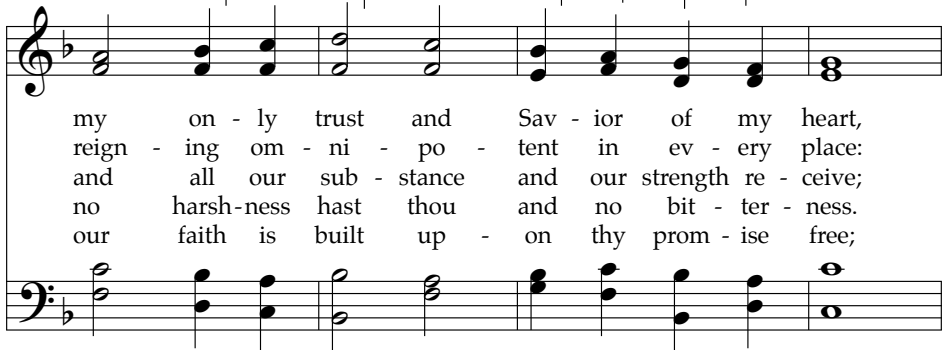
**Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross and open our hearts to its
transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will, we may walk the path of**

**discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

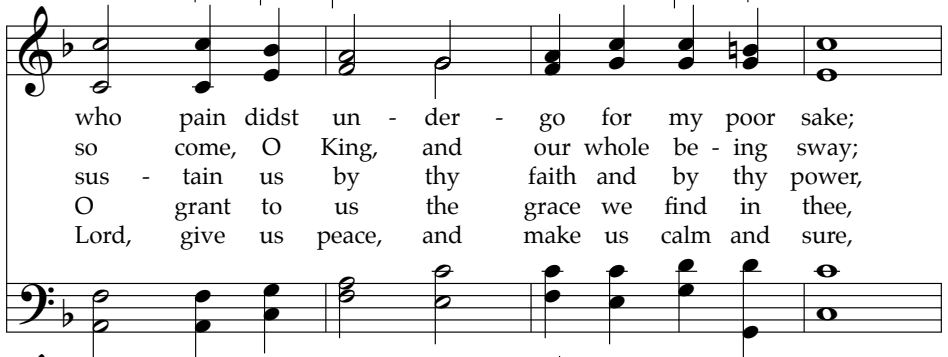
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624



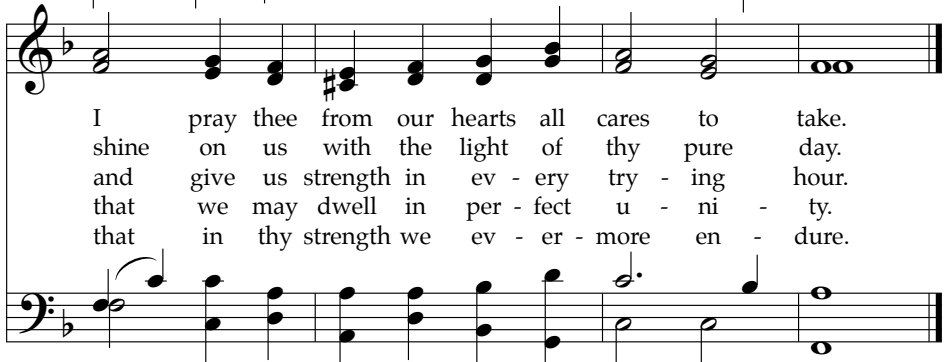
1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;



my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;



who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,



I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

***LITANY OF ASSURANCE - 1 Peter 1:3-6a**

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: By his great mercy, he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Leader: and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

People: who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

All: In this we rejoice!

***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 (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.

RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2026

John (Jack) Adam Ogden, Jr.

***GRADUATION LITANY OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate a milestone in the life of a member of our community.

People: Jack, we give thanks to God for all that you have achieved in knowledge and wisdom and the exciting ways, yet to come, that you will learn and grow in mind and spirit.

Leader: As you begin another phase of life that will likely take you to both imagined and unimagined places, we hope that you remember the ones in this place, who have loved and supported you throughout the years.

People: We give you blessings of good will and love as you journey forth. We thank God for the music and fellowship that you have shared with us. We thank God for the joy we have experienced watching you grow in faith, love, and stature.

Leader: Use your memories of what you have learned in this place as a beacon to guide you on your path. Look back fondly but continue only forward—always looking for God’s next new thing in your life.

People: We thank God for relationships you have made with brothers and sisters in Christ here and pray that God will give you opportunities and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for the families and homes into which these graduating seniors were born and have been nurtured. Let us give thanks for our children and our parents, our homes and families where we learn to grow and experience all the wonders of this life.

People: We thank you Lord for your leadership, your encouragement, and your gifts of family, teachers, friends, and neighbors who have helped and encouraged us in the opportunities of life.

All: Loving God, we give you thanks that your Holy Spirit is with Jack and will strengthen him as he takes on new responsibilities in this world. Give him, and us, faith and encouragement as we try to be your servants who live in joy and thankfulness for all we have received. Amen.

ANTHEM

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sanctuary Singers

(Psalm 42:1, sung in Latin) *Like a deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-2, 18-19 (pg. 672)

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

SOLO

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Isaac Lynne, baritone

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath: Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast: Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move: Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (pg. 181)

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

SERMON

Reconciliation

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 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

JERUSALEM (Hymn 373)

C. Hubert H. Parry

*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 634

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Finale from Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Mary Louise Thomas on her birthday.

- Paula and Ron Grace

O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b B^b E^b

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 E^b Cm7 Fm B^b E^b B^b7 E^b

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F B^b A^b B^b

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

Congratulations, John Edwards!

Today we celebrate and give thanks for John Edwards and his 35 years of faithful service as organist at First Presbyterian Church. We are blessed by the gifts, dedication, and care he brings to our lives each week. Please join us in congratulating John and thanking him for his many years of service!

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreens | 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!

Graduate Recognition Sunday | 11:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate our graduates during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We are proud of them and all they have accomplished. Following worship, everyone is invited to stay for our First Sunday Lunch as we continue the celebration with food and fellowship.

Menu: Burgers, hot dogs with toppings, potato salad, baked beans, chips, vegetable tray with dips, brownies, and chocolate chip cookies

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).

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

Location to be determined.

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.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, May 16 | 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Join us for our next Reserve the Third service project with Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers will help with home repairs for a local homeowner through Habitat's Critical Home Repair program. No home repair experience is needed, and snacks and lunch will be provided.

Volunteers are asked to sign up in advance so we can plan for the group. To RSVP, call the church office or visit fpcokc.org/ReservetheThird. For questions, contact Suzanne Baxter at suzannecfp@aol.com.

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.

**Give to
FPC today!**

