



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — May 5, 2024 Sixth 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

Sicilienne

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

John L. Edwards, alto flute

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

Holly Guadiana and Paula Denner

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

CHIME

INTROIT

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is Christ's new commandment:

People: to love one another as he loves us.

Leader: And there is no greater love than this:

People: to lay down one's life for others.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Bret Sholar

Holy One, you made known to us the greatness of your love in Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Keep us always in Christ's love so that we may abide by your commandments and bear lasting fruit for the world; through Jesus Christ, our faithful friend. Amen.

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

***LITANY OF ASSURANCE - 1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10 (adapted)**

Leader: Come to Christ, the living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight.

People: Like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

Leader: Become a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

People: We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

Leader: We declare the wonderful deeds of Christ who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

All: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's own people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

***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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

PRESENTATION NaTasha Welch, Shiloh Ford

RENUNCIATIONS

***PROFESSION 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.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER

WELCOME

Let us welcome NaTasha and Shilo as they join us in the worship and mission of the church.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

ANTHEM

We Are More Than Conquerors

Mark Hayes

Sanctuary Singers

Romans 8:37-39; Ephesians 6:10-13

We are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us so. For I'm convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything in creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ! Children, be strong in the Lord, be strong in the strength of God's power. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but the rulers, and the powers, and the darkness, and the evil of this world. Therefore take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand. And having done everything, lift up your head and then stand!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6 (pg. 241)

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

SOLO

Alleluia

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Avery Mahan, soprano

from *Exsultate, Jubilate*

SERMON

World Conquest

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Londonderry Air

Irish traditional

John L. Edwards, Irish Flute

("He Looked Beyond My Fault" text by Dottie Rambo)

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise, For it was grace that brought my liberty;

I do not know just why He came to love me so, He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary, To view the cross where Jesus died for me,

How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul; He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

*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

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

KOREAN

살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서
 빛으시고 채우소서
 살아계신 주 성령 내게 오소서

SPANISH

*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
 Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
 Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.*

Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Simple Gifts
Fife and drum

Appalachian folk tune

The rosebud on the communion table is in celebration of the birth of Heidi Grace Wolfe, born April 22, 2024. Congratulations to parents Leslie and Alex Wolfe, proud grandmother Paula Denner, Aunt Lanie Denner, and family!

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.

First Sunday Lunch | 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 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.

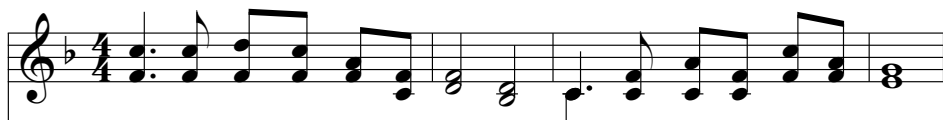
Join us in the Chapel today for a FREE Kemp Concert Series performance, The Traverso! John L. Edwards will explore flutes and their music, playing 25 different flutes from a variety of cultures and historical periods. Carey Morrow will join Mr. Edwards, playing members of the lute family.

Scan for our
online giving.
Thank you!



465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

죄짐맡은 우리구주



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum-bere'd with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit; O what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.



This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.

KOREAN

- 1 죄 짐 맡은 우리 구주 어찌 좋은 친군지
 걱정 근심 무거운 짐 우리 주께 맡기세
 아픈 상처 위로 하며 평화 내려 주시니
 우리 주께 기도 하여 모든 짐을 맡기세
- 2 시험 걱정 모든 괴롭 없는 사람 누군가
 우리 낙심 하지 말고 기도 드려 아뢰세
 이런 진실 하신 친구 어디 다시 있을까
 우리 약함 아시오니 주께 기도 드리세
- 3 근심 걱정 무거운 짐 아니 진자 누군가
 피난 처는 우리 예수 주께 기도 드리세
 세상 친구 멸시 하고 너를 조롱 하여도
 예수 품에 안기어서 참된 위로 받겠네

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) or call the church office (405-525-6584).

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, May 14 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting in Room 122 at the church.

Zoom Meeting ID: 898 7291 9538 | **Password:** 114955

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, May 14 | 1:30 p.m.

Dorothy Hays will host at her house.

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, May 21 | 6:00 p.m.

TBD.

Pentecost Worship — Sunday, May 19 | 11:00 a.m.

Easter is a season. Each year we celebrate the resurrection throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter. During this season, we remember Christ's rising from the tomb, his appearances, his ascension, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is intended to be the most festive period of the church year. During the celebration of Pentecost, we will honor the gift of the Holy Spirit, which empowers us to bear witness to the resurrection, by partaking in communion.

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 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.**