



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day - May 17, 2026 Ascension of the Lord

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

Fountain Reverie

Percy E. Fletcher

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

Lift High the Cross
Sanctuary Singers

CRUCIFER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Before the majesty of God, we gather to worship. In quiet expectation, we come to hear God's promises.

People: This is where we belong. This is where God will feed our deepest hunger.

Leader: Before God's strength and power, we bow down; in eager anticipation, we listen for God's word.

People: Before the mercy of God, we lift our hearts. Direct us now in the path you would have us go.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 318

In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Taylor Short

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Christ There Is No East or West 318

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

him no south or north, but one great fel - low -
 high com - mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 e'er your race may be. All chil - dren of the
 him meet 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 text formed a very small part of an elaborate Christian missionary pageant in the early 20th century, yet it has endured while the grander aspects of that production have faded away. It is set to a simple 19th-century tune that does not get in the way of its message.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) - Celtic Prayer**

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I can remember, and also the sins that I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions I have committed, and the right actions I have omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and those when I have failed to boast of your works. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have pity on me, and make me whole.

(silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Care-A-Vans

Kristen Howard

SOLO

Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre

George Frideric Handel

Camryn Creech, soprano

Oh! had I Jubal's lyre or Miriam's tuneful voice, to sounds like his I would aspire, in songs like hers rejoice. My humble strains but faintly show how much to heav'n and thee I owe.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (pg. 529)

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

ANTHEM

O Be Joyful in the Lord

John Rutter

Sanctuary Singers

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end, Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 17:1-11 (pg. 111)

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

SERMON

Revealing God's Glory

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession, Chapter XI The Ascension

Leader: We do not doubt but that the selfsame body which was born of the virgin, was crucified, dead, and buried, and which did rise again, did ascend into the heavens, for the accomplishment of all things, where in our name and for our comfort he has received all power in heaven and earth, where he sits at the right hand of the Father, having received his kingdom, the only advocate and mediator for us. Which glory, honor, and prerogative, he alone amongst the brethren shall possess till all his enemies are made his footstool, as we undoubtedly believe they shall be in the Last Judgment. We believe that the same Lord Jesus shall visibly return for this Last Judgment as he was seen to ascend.

People: And then, we firmly believe, the time of refreshing and restitution of all things shall come, so that those who from the beginning have suffered violence, injury, and wrong, for righteousness' sake, shall inherit that blessed immortality promised them from the beginning.

*HYMN 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ricercare on "ST. ANNE"

Gordon Young

*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 733

We All Are One In Mission

ES FLOG EIN KLEINE WALDVÖGELEIN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on a Theme by Orlando Gibbons

Christopher Tambling

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of Roane and Debbie Pittman's 50th wedding anniversary.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Barbara Namminga upon the death of her husband, Harold Namminga, who died on May 1, 2026. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Harold's Life will be held on Friday, May 22, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Please keep Barbara, their daughter, Julie Mott, and the Namminga and Mott families in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

**Give to
FPC today!**



SCAN ME

733 We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.



A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

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!

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 on the 1st Sunday of the month)! We'll meet in Room B-32 and make music until 12:30 p.m.

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).

Paseo Arts Festival: Stained Glass Window Tours, Art Sale, and More!

First Presbyterian Church will serve as the shuttle parking lot during the Paseo Arts Festival, May 23–25. We will also open our doors for visitors to enjoy our sanctuary, stained glass windows, organ, and art sale.

Saturday, May 23 | 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

- Art sale featuring excess church art
- Self-guided sanctuary and stained glass window tours (all day)
- 15-minute guided stained glass window tours (10:30 & 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, & 3:30 p.m.)

Sunday, May 24 | 12:00–4:00 p.m.

- Art sale featuring excess church art
- Self-guided sanctuary and stained glass window tours (all day)
- Organ demonstrations (12:30 & 2:30 p.m.)
- 15-minute guided stained glass window tours (1:30 & 3:30 p.m.)

Stop by, invite a friend, and help us offer a warm welcome to our neighbors!

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.

INP Night at the Ballpark — Friday, June 19 | 6:05 p.m.

It's time once again for INP Night at the Ballpark! Indian Nations Presbytery invites you, your family, and friends to join us for an evening of baseball, fellowship, and fireworks on **Friday, June 19, at 6:05 p.m.** as the Oklahoma City Comets take on the Sacramento River Cats at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. Tickets are \$16 each, and there will be a fireworks show following the game.

To reserve tickets, please contact the Presbytery Office by **Thursday, June 4**. You can email info@okinp.org or call 405-524-0990 and leave a voicemail with the number of tickets you would like to reserve. We hope you'll join us for a fun summer evening together at the ballpark!