



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day - May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Presbyterian Heritage 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 also available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

CAITHNESS: O for a Closer Walk with God (hymn 739)

Healey Willan

Hymn tune from Scottish Psalter, 1635

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Sanctuary Singers

***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 33**

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

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Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) - *Thomas à Kempis (c. 1380 – 25 July 1471)

David Ligon

Lord, make possible for me by grace what is impossible to me by nature. You know that I am not able to endure very much, and that I am downcast by the slightest difficulty. Grant that for your sake I may come to love and desire any hardship that puts me to the test, for salvation is brought to my soul when I undergo suffering and trouble for you. Amen.

***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 for the 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

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Glenn Miller, bass

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 11:1-18 (pg. 130)

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

ANTHEM

For the Glory of the Lord

Twila Paris, Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Singers

For the glory of the Lord we have been created; living text of written Word, mercy demonstrated. We are made a channel where His grace is poured; witness of salvation, for the glory of the Lord. For the glory of the Lord willingly we suffer; laid upon this holy cross, dying with our Brother. His divine fulfillment, our complete reward; crucified, rejoicing, for the glory of the Lord. For the glory of the Lord we advance united, following Christ's blazing sword, His dominion sighted. All that has been taken, it shall be restored.

This eternal anthem for the glory of the Lord. Amen!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 148:1-14 (pg. 582)

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

SERMON

What God Has Made Clean

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 797

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

YE BANKS AND BRAES

797 We Cannot Measure How You Heal

1 We can - not mea - sure how you heal or
 2 The pain that will not go a - way, the
 3 So some have come who need your help and

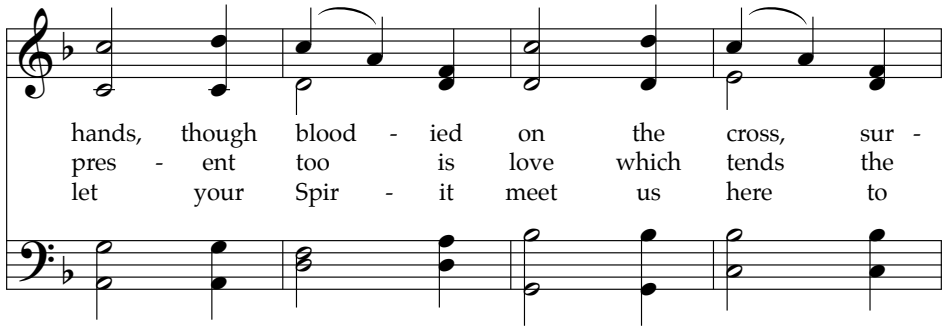
an - swer ev - ery suf - ferer's prayer, yet
 guilt that clings from things long past, the
 some have come to make a - mends, as

we be - lieve your grace re - sponds where
 fear of what the fu - ture holds, are
 hands which shaped and saved the world are

faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your
 pres - ent as if meant to last. But
 pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord,

This 20th-century text from the Iona Community grapples with the realities of illness and pain, not only as they afflict the body but even more as they lay waste to mind and soul. The traditional folk melody helps to convey the sort of communal experience assumed in the last stanza.

LAMENT AND LONGING FOR HEALING



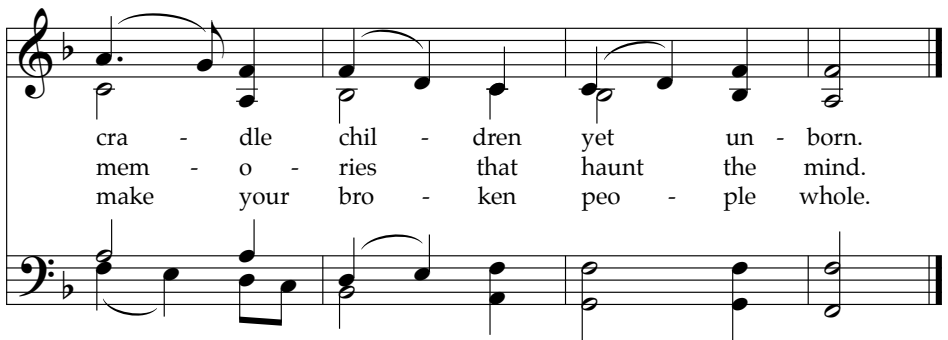
hands, though blood - ied on the cross, sur -
 pres - ent too is love which tends the
 let your Spir - it meet us here to



vive to hold and heal and warn, to
 hurt we nev - er hoped to find, the
 mend the bod - y, mind, and soul, to



car - ry all through death to life and
 pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
 dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and



cra - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 make your bro - ken peo - ple whole.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Collection plates are located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on KELVINGROVE (hymn 726)

John L. Edwards

*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 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL

Highland Cathedral

Roever and Korb

**Give to
FPC today!**



679 Let the Whole Creation Cry

(Psalm 148)

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high."
 2 Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an-them loud and bold;

Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might-y King."
 join with chil - dren's songs of praise; wor - ship God through length of days.

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
 From the north to south-ern pole let the might-y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, up - lift your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice!
 "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Originally this text was more than twice as long as the present version because it followed Psalm 148 in directing additional parts of the created order to praise God. This wide-ranging text is set here to a suitably expansive and well-crafted 17th-century chorale melody.

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (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!

Norman Care-A-Vans Presentation | 9:45 a.m.

As part of an ongoing effort by the Mission Council to help our congregation learn more about the missions we support, the Evergreens Sunday School class invites you to a special presentation by Board Chairperson Kristen Howard of Norman Care-A-Vans during the Sunday School hour at 9:45 a.m. in the Chapel.

Norman Care-A-Vans is building a community of support and care with unhoused folks in Norman, one ride at a time. All classes and members of the congregation are warmly invited to attend. Come hear their story and be inspired by the work they're doing!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Kemp Concert Series: Glenn Miller, Organ | 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 Bach, 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.**

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.

MORE EVENTS ON BACK

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).**

Abigail Circle Meeting — Tuesday, May 20 | 6:00 p.m.

Location TBD.

Memorial Day Celebration — Sunday, May 25 | After 11:00 Service

Join us after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 25, for our annual Memorial Day celebration!

This year, we're mixing things up with patriotic-themed games and activities for all ages near the playground south of the parking lot. We'll be serving up classic cookout favorites, hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Bring your festive spirit and enjoy a fun afternoon with the church family.

Urban Mission Annual Golf Scramble — Monday, June 9 | 7:30 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 \$125 per person. All proceeds from this event go to benefit The Urban Mission's programs, which support Oklahomans in need. Register at tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf25.