



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – May 24, 2026

Day of Pentecost

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

Ode to Joy (hymn 611)

Ludwig van Beethoven

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Joel 1:1a; 2:28-29, Acts 1:8, Rom. 5:5*

Leader: The word of the Lord to the prophet: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams and your young shall see visions.

People: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Leader: The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 289

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Erica Taylor

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*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.

Siobhan Morava

Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream;
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).

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Randall Thompson

Sanctuary Singers

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21 (pg. 196)

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

SERMON

Communicating Power

Rev. Elizabeth Affsprung

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*HYMN 286

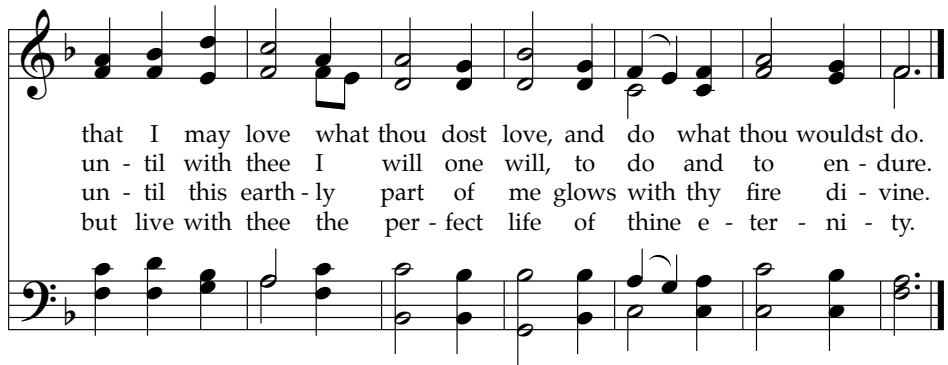
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

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.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 562 *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

You are holy, O God of majesty...Great is the mystery of faith:

HYMN 563 *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit..., with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever.

HYMN 564 *Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *Blessed Is He*

François Couperin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You
Sanctuary Singers

Peter C. Lutkin

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance upon you; and give you peace, the Lord make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church -'s pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Harold Namminga from his family.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Blaine Moore and Hank Birkner upon the death of Blaine's sister, Mary Sue Ziba, on Saturday, May 16. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, at Mayfair Heights Methodist Church, 3131 NW 50th St., in Oklahoma City. Please keep Blaine, Hank, and the Ziba family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

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!

Pentecost Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Paseo Arts Festival | 12:00–4:00 p.m.

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.

- 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!

Give to
FPC today!



Get Your Ballot Notarized

You can get your absentee ballot notarized before or after service in the Reception Center. Notarization will be available on Sundays before the Oklahoma Primary Election on June 16. Contact Jean Nelson at jmn3925@swbell.net with any questions.

Upcoming Events

Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00–8:00 p.m. & Wednesdays | 9:00–11:30 a.m.

We meet in Room B-10 in the 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.

May 27 will be our final service before a summer break. Evening Prayer services will resume on August 5, the 20th anniversary of Rev. McKinnon's ordination!

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 — Summer Break

The choir is taking a summer break from rehearsals. Rehearsals will resume in August on Wednesdays from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Please contact Puffer Jones at puffer@fpcokc.org with any questions.

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.

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, June 9 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting in Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

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**](mailto: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!

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