



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – June 21, 2026 Fourth Sunday After 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

Aria

Jacques Ibert

Karen Schiler, flute and Andrea Day, alto flute

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACON'S MOMENT

Blaine Moore

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Matthew 10:38-39; Romans 6:4, 8*

Leader: Jesus said: Take up your cross and follow me.

People: We have been crucified with Christ; now, by God's grace, we walk in newness of life.

Leader: Seek your life on earth and you will lose it; but lose your life in Christ and you will find it.

People: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 239

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT


*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Roane Pittman

Holy and gracious God, your steadfast love abides with your people in every age. You teach us to trust in you and call us to live in peace with one another. Show us the way to live grateful lives, without fear, knowing the true worth of your creation, including ourselves; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

This 20th-century Easter text is both a song of encouragement (stanzas 1–3 directed to the congregation) and a song of praise (stanza 4 addressed to the risen Christ), all ending with joyous alleluias. It was written specifically for the dancelike 17th-century tune found here.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You deliver us from evil, but we continue to live in sin. You offer us new life, but we continue to live in fear. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may follow you faithfully, not counting the cost; to the glory of your holy name. (silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Not an easy peace,
not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace,
but the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ is with us now.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

Let us share it with one another.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE 582**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
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.*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*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.

Afterwards, a nursery is provided in Room 119 for children four and under.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 69:7-18 (pg. 531)

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

SOLO

New Hymn

James Taylor

Puffer Jones, baritone

Reynolds Price

Source of all we hope or dread, sheepdog, jackal, rattler, swan. We hunt your face and long to trust that your hid mouth will say again, "let there be light," a clear new day. But when we thirst in this dry night, we drink from hot wells poisoned with the blood of children. And when we strain to hear a steady homing beam, our ears are balked by stifled moans and howls of desolation from the throats of sisters, brothers, wild men, clawing at the gates for bread. Even our own feeble hands ache to seize the crown you wear and work our private havoc through the known and unknown lands of space. Absolute in flame beyond us, seed and source of Dark and Day, maker whom we beg to be our mother, father, comrade, mate. 'Til our few atoms blow to dust, or form again in wiser lives, or find your face and hear our name, in your calm voice the end of night, if dark may end. Wellspring gold of Dark and Day, be here, be now.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:24-39 (pg. 10)

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

SERMON

What Is Your Value?

Rev. John McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - *Confession of Belhar 10.7, Titus 2:11*

Leader: Please stand if you are comfortable doing so and join me in reading a brief statement of faith.

All: We believe

Leader: that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

All: We believe

Leader: that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

All: We believe

Leader: that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry; frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

All: We believe

Leader: that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

All: We believe

Leader: that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

All: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all humankind.

*HYMN 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and

you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Chorale Alleluia

Gilbert M. Martin

*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 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

MARYTON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

YE BANKS AND BRAES (hymn 797)

Dom Andrew Moore

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Sherry Bouchereau upon the death of her husband, Paul Emile Bouchereau Jr., on June 4, 2026. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, in the Chapel.

Please keep Sherry and their three children, Cassie, Paul III, and Danny, along with their families, in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

**Give to
FPC today!**



738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

In honestly admitting the limits of human ability, this prayerful hymn does not seek a sense of God's presence for self-comfort but for strength and companionship in pursuing the tasks that God sets before us. The author specifically chose this tune to accompany his words.

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!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Submit Your Nominations

The work of our Nominating Committee will begin in July and continue until the slate is complete. We invite the congregation to recommend members who may be willing to serve as Deacon, Elder, Trustee, or in an at-large role on next year's Nominating Committee for the committee's consideration.

Please prayerfully consider whom you might recommend and share their names with any committee member. This year's committee includes Jim Boughman, Jason Duff-Williams, John Ellis, Wes Howard, Blaine Moore, Nancy Myer, Becky Osmond, Angie Sholar, and Jamie Slade.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this important work!

— Nancy Myer

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.

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.

Evening Prayer Service — Summer Break

Evening Prayer services will resume on Wednesday, August 5, the 20th anniversary of Rev. McKinnon's ordination!

More Events on Back

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.

Summer Super Saturdays

Children ages 2–8 are invited to join us for Summer Super Saturdays, a series of special summer events on the third Saturday of June, July, and August. Parents are welcome to stay, visit, and enjoy fellowship with other parents while the children play.

Bounce House Bash — Saturday, June 20 | 10:00 a.m. | Watchorn Hall

We'll kick off summer with an indoor bounce house, giving kids a chance to bounce and play while staying cool indoors.

Blue Zoo Adventure — Saturday, July 18 | 11:00 a.m. | Quail Springs Mall

Join us for an aquarium adventure with sharks, fish, and a pirate ship! Kids will also have the opportunity to touch and feed the animals.

Blue Out Bonanza — Saturday, August 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Watchorn Hall

Wear blue and join us for a morning of Bluey and all things blue, including blue Play-Doh, blue paint, and blueberry muffins. *Please have children wear clothes that can get messy.*

Patriotic Mini-Concert — Sunday, July 5 | After 11:00 a.m. Worship

On Sunday, July 5, join us for a Patriotic Mini-Concert in honor of America's 250th birthday, featuring the talents of Linda Millier Bosteels, John L. Edwards, and Dr. Warren Puffer Jones.

At the end of our morning worship service, we'll enjoy a musical experience that will stir your patriotic spirit and then head to Watchorn Hall for lunch.