



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – July 5, 2026 Sixth 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

Variations on AMERICA

Charles Ives

arr. Daniel Dorff

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 145:8-9, 14; Matthew 11:28-30*

Leader: Jesus says: Come to me, and I will give you rest.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, full of compassion, abounding in love.

Leader: Jesus says, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

People: The Lord supports those who are weak, and lifts up those who are falling.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Bill Hancock

Savior and Friend, you call us to lay down our burdens and find rest in a relationship with you. Help us to learn from you how to be gentle and humble of heart, that our burdens may be light. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-ros proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You gave your law to guide us but we remain enthralled by evil. We do the very things we claim to hate, and fail to do the things we say we love. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. From sin and death, set us free—free to love and serve you alone, to the glory of your holy name. (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 upstairs for a special message. Cyndi Lockwood

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).

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

English Language Camp

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, Policka, Czech Republic

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Sean Smith to this time and place. Establish him in your truth, and guide him by your Holy Spirit, that in your service he may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

SOLO

This Is My Song (hymn 340)

FINLANDIA

Puffer Jones, baritone

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine. This is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine. So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms: thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him, and hearts united learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations: myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11:25-30 (pg. 12)

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

SERMON

Rest

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

America the Beautiful

arr. Rich Heffler

Linda Millier Bosteels, flute

*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

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... to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

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.

Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

Grace

Richard S. Williams

Linda Millier Bosteels, flute

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mini Patriotic Concert [15 minutes]

Duettino on American Tunes, Op. 37

Franz Doppler

God Bless America [**Congregation Sing Chorus on Repeat**]

Irving Berlin

Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

Linda Millier Bosteels, flute and piccolo

Mr. John L. Edwards, keyboards

Dr. Warren Puffer Jones, baritone

The Back-to-School Lunch will be held in Watchorn Hall following the concert.

**Give to
FPC today!**



SCAN ME

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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.

Patriotic Mini-Concert | After Worship

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.

Back-to-School Lunch | Following Mini-Concert

Help us support The Urban Mission by donating school supplies or monetary gifts during our Back-to-School Lunch! Needed items include Crayola markers, Crayola crayons, #2 pencils, colored pencils, pink erasers, BIC ink pens, folders with pockets, spiral notebooks, wide-ruled notebook paper, college-ruled notebook paper, and pencil pouches.

If you are unable to attend, you can still support The Urban Mission directly by purchasing items from their Amazon wish list at www.urbanmissionokc.org/donate.

Menu: Roasted Chicken, Roasted Pork Loin, Corn Salad, Caprese Salad, Fruit Salad, and Birthday Cake

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!

Choir Rehearsal — Summer Break

The choir is taking a summer break from rehearsals. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 19, from 6:30–8:00 p.m. Please contact Puffer Jones at puffer@fpcokc.org with any questions.

Deacons Out & About: OKC Comets — Saturday, August 1 | 7:05 p.m.

Join the Deacons for a baseball game in August! We're heading to watch the OKC Comets play the Las Vegas Aviators on Saturday, August 1, at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets are FREE and come with a dinner (burgers and hot dogs) and baseball hat at the stadium. You can meet us at Bricktown Ballpark (2 S. Mickey Mantle Dr., OKC, OK 73104) or ride the shuttle from the church, leaving at 5:30 p.m.

Sign up at www.fpcokc.org/OKCcomets or by calling the church office.

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 July and August. Parents are welcome to stay, visit, and enjoy fellowship with other parents while the children play.

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.*

Vacation Bible School — Sundays, July 26-August 23 | 9:45-10:55 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 26, for the first Sunday of Vacation Bible School!

VBS will take place over five Sundays, beginning July 26 and ending August 23.