



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — July 6, 2025 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

Divertimento: I. Moderato; II. Andante

Bohuslav Martinů

Linda Millier Bosteels and John L. Edwards, flutes

(born 1890 in Policka)

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The realm of God has come near.

People: Enter this time of worship with joyous expectation.

Leader: Sing praise to God, all faithful ones. Give thanks to God's holy name.

People: You have healed us and turned our mourning to dancing. We will give thanks to you forever.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Brad Davenport

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you. By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

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-roes 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.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gentle God, gracious God, we know we have let you down in many ways. We have not lived up to your high intentions for us. You ask us to help ease the burdens others carry, but instead, we add to them. You call us to joy in your inclusive realm, but instead, we create our own divisions. Patient God, forgive us again we pray. (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.

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 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.

SOLO *Sinner, Please Don't Let This Harvest Pass* traditional spiritual
Puffer Jones, baritone
*Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass and die and lose your soul at last. I know that my Redeemer lives.
My God is a mighty man of war. Sinner, please don't let this harvest pass.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 10:1-11, 16 (pg. 71)

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

SERMON

The Evangelism of Presence

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

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 Paula Denner, Bill Hancock, Roane Pittman, and Angie Sholar to this time and place.

Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples 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

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 295

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Cory, Lindsey, Lane, and Case Wallace upon the death of Cory's mother, Letha Wallace of Enid, Oklahoma, on June 26, 2025.

Please keep the Wallace family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the friends and family of Dr. Edith "Edie" G. King, who died on Saturday, June 21, 2025. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Edie's life will be held in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, July 9, at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow.

Please keep Edie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Go to the World!

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1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Based on Christ's great commission (Matthew 28:19–20), this text was written for a Convocation of Emmanuel College in Toronto, the largest theological school of the United Church of Canada, a denomination formed by the union of Methodists, Congregationalists, and Presbyterians.

Mini Patriotic Concert [15']

Prelude on Two American Folk Hymns

Charles Callahan

(Amazing Grace; What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

Ashokan Farewell (Theme from PBS Series *THE CIVIL WAR*)

Jay Ungar

Armed Forces Medley

(Marine's Hymn/The Caissons Go Rolling Along/Anchors Aweigh)

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

Irving Berlin

Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

Linda Millier Bosteels, flute and piccolo

John L. Edwards, keyboards

Warren Puffer Jones, baritone

**Give to
FPC today!**



Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (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!

Sunday Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Mini Patriotic Concert | End of 11:00 a.m. Worship

At the end of our morning worship service, we'll enjoy a Mini Patriotic Concert featuring the talents of Linda Millier Bosteels, John L. Edwards, and Dr. Warren Puffer Jones.

Back-to-School Lunch | 12:15 p.m.

We're collecting school supplies and monetary donations in support of The Urban Mission at our Back-to-School Lunch. Needed items: markers, index cards, crayons, folders with brads, washable glue, #2 pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, composition notebooks, erasers, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, rulers, wide-ruled notebook paper, and highlighters.

Menu: Strawberry Balsamic Chicken, Strawberry Salad, Pasta Salad, and Strawberry Shortcake

Upcoming Events

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.

Deacons Out & About: OKC Comets — Saturday, August 2 | 7:05 p.m.

Join the Deacons for a baseball game in August! We're heading to watch the OKC Comets play the Salt Lake Bees on Saturday, August 2, 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 tinyurl.com/DeaconsBaseball25 or by calling the church office. The deadline to sign up is tomorrow, July 7.

MORE EVENTS ON BACK

VBS Kickoff Field Trip — Sunday, July 13 | 1:30 p.m.

To kick off our Vacation Bible School adventure, we're taking a field trip to Science Museum Oklahoma on Sunday, July 13, two weeks before VBS begins.

Grab lunch after church and meet us at the museum at 1:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School — Sundays, July 27-August 24 | 9:45-10:55 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 27, for the first Sunday of Vacation Bible School! This year we will be discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things through our *Magnified* series.

VBS will take place over five Sundays, beginning July 27 and ending August 24.