



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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**A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and  
In Celebration of the Life of**

**Paul Emile Bouchereau, Jr.**

January 23, 1956 – June 4, 2026

July 11, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.

Chapel

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We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship and celebration of Paul's life to be meaningful.

When you see an asterisk \*, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.

Following worship, the congregation is invited to greet the family in the Parlor.

## **We Gather to Worship**

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

#### **WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT DEATH**

*The very center of the gospel focuses upon the victory over death by God in Jesus Christ. As his followers, we are convinced that we share that victory over the grave. We affirm that at death, the believer lives in the presence of God, who is the eternal home. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Christ. So, death is not the end; rather, it is the beginning of a fuller existence which will be completed in the resurrection of the body. This hope is never based upon our worth, but only upon the graciousness of God.*

*Therefore, in the Presbyterian tradition, a funeral is a worship service to God. We gather here to mourn, to confess our faith in a living Savior, to honor our grief, and to recall our profound gladness and solemn joy in Christ our living Lord.*

### **PRELUDE**

STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN HOPE

\*ENTRANCE OF THE FAMILY

\*WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 96:1, 2*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Sing, and give praise to God's name; tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

AMAZING GRACE

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THANKSGIVING

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. I know my transgressions and my sins are ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

## We Proclaim God's Word

SOLO

*O Holy Night*

CANTIQUE DE NOEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-10, Job 19:23-27

Psalm 139:1-18, 23-24

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 14:1-6, 25-27

2 Corinthians 4:6-5:1

SERMON

*Ruach*

Rev. John McKinnon

SOLO

*Ave Maria*

Franz Schubert

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhóníígo joo bá diits' a'  
 yisdáshíitiniigí,  
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da ní't'éé.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

## THANKSGIVING

### CHEROKEE

*Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
e gah gwoo yah ho nah.*

### KIOWA

*Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw  
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.*

# We Respond to God's Word

## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND SUPPLICATION

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:37-39

**In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### \*COMMENDATION

Into your hands, O merciful Savior,  
we commend your servant,  
Paul Emile Bouchereau, Jr.  
Acknowledge, we humbly pray,  
a sheep of your own fold,  
a lamb of your own flock,  
a sinner of your own redeeming.  
Receive him into the arms of your mercy,  
into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

### \*HYMN 14

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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### \*BLESSING

### \*RECESSIONAL

*Wind Beneath My Wings*

Silbar and Henley

\*Those who are comfortable doing so, please stand.

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## For the Beauty of the Earth

14

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

## Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the following organizations or a charity of your choosing:

**The American Diabetes Association**

P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023

[diabetes.org/donate](https://diabetes.org/donate)



**Memorial Fund, First Presbyterian Church**

1001 NW 25th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73106

[fpcokc.org/give](https://fpcokc.org/give)



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**Paul Emile Bouchereau, Jr.** was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on January 23, 1956. He died at the age of 70 in Oklahoma City on June 4, 2026. He leaves behind his wife of 45 years, Sherry, and his three children: Cassie, Paul III, and Danny. His Celebration of Life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on July 11, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church, 1001 NW 25th Street, Oklahoma City. The service will also be live-streamed.

Paul Jr. was an avid meteorologist. He shared his knowledge of weather, having served as a television meteorologist in Paducah, Kentucky; Lafayette, Louisiana; Omaha, Nebraska; and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He continued sharing his knowledge of meteorology after he

retired from television. He continued to keep friends and family updated on stormy weather.

Paul's interest in weather began with a Boy Scout project. Paul and his father, Paul Sr., built a Stevenson screen to track the weather in Metairie, Louisiana. Paul and his dad continued to track the weather throughout Paul's time at De La Salle High School. He also kept busy playing the French horn in the DLS marching band. He was the third baseman on the DLS baseball team.

Paul attended Louisiana State University for his college basics and to play baseball. He transferred to the University of Oklahoma to study Meteorology, where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, refereed intramural sports, and played intramural sports.

Paul began his career as a meteorologist at WeatherScan International as a senior at OU. While working at WeatherScan, he was asked to audition for a television meteorologist position at a new startup station, Fox 42. He was a natural and thus began his television career.

It was at WPSD-TV in Paducah, Kentucky, where Paul began the Christmas Eve tradition of reading Cajun Night Before Christmas by "TROSCLAIR", edited by Howard Jacobs, illustrated by James Rice. After a brief phone call to his dad, Paul would read the tale in his authentic Cajun accent.

Paul enjoyed teaching anyone who would listen about the weather. He found great joy in visiting area schools and sharing his love and knowledge of weather with the students.

When Paul wasn't on air or helping track tornadoes, you would find him refereeing middle school and high school volleyball, basketball, or baseball in the Oklahoma City Metroplex. He later returned to the sport of bowling, playing in a league in OKC.

As a lifelong sports fan, Paul followed the Houston Astros, New Orleans Saints, OKC Thunder, Louisiana State University Tigers, and the University of Oklahoma Sooners. He loved to debate the calls made during each and every game. When one of his teams was in the offseason, he would rewatch the games that he had recorded.

Paul kept friends and family updated about the weather via his Facebook page and phone calls. He also added a bit of trivia and a piece of humor to his posts. This insatiable sense of humor began early. On an early report card, he received a "C" in conduct, with the comment: "Paul was the class clown!" His mom called the teacher to make sure she had not made a mistake.

'Dad loved telling the story of young Danny's sweet and earnest nature, from dutifully preparing to "yell at the cats" (who left footprints all over his car window) to defending our cat who "could still play a game," moments that capture the humor and compassion that made him so special.'

Paul Jr. is preceded in death by his parents: Paul Sr. and Lois Bouchereau; in-laws: Pat and Bobby Kuekes; and by his uncle Donald Lutenbacher.

He is survived by his wife, Sherry; their children - Cassie, Paul III and wife April; and Daniel and wife Courtney. Sisters - Renee Eckerle and husband Roy, Camille Laird and husband Jon, niece Michelle Fox and husband David; nephew Paul Laird and wife Laura, their children Jordan Laird and Tyler Fisher; niece Rachel Laird and wife Holly Aleandro; and Netti Scudari and husband Art, niece Erin Robichaux and husband Kadin, their children Draco and Montana; his brother-in-law, David Kuekes; his aunt, Clare Lutenbacher; and his cousin, Mark Lutenbacher.

Paul touched many lives. He will be remembered fondly for the moments shared and the memories created. Numerous family members, friends, and colleagues have extended their love and support during this time. While Paul's presence will be missed, his influence on others will remain. Those who knew him well will carry forward memories that reflect his character and spirit.

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