



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — July 12, 2026 Seventh 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 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Robert A. Hobby

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 13:8-9*

Leader: Like a seed planted in good soil,

People: the word of God does not return empty.

Leader: Let anyone with ears listen!

People: The word of God will bear good fruit.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Jim Boughman

You opened your mouth and uttered a word and creation sprang forth in abundance. Let us open our mouths in praise, that we may bear fruit in every season and be satisfied by your goodness, for you, O God, are the source of all growth, your grace abounds forever. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

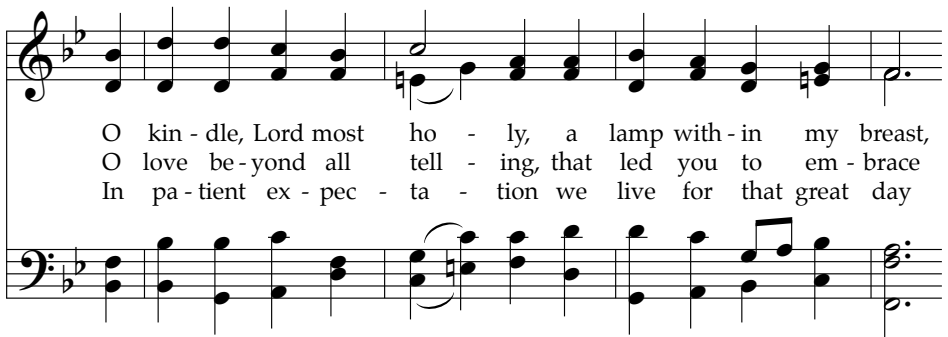
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104



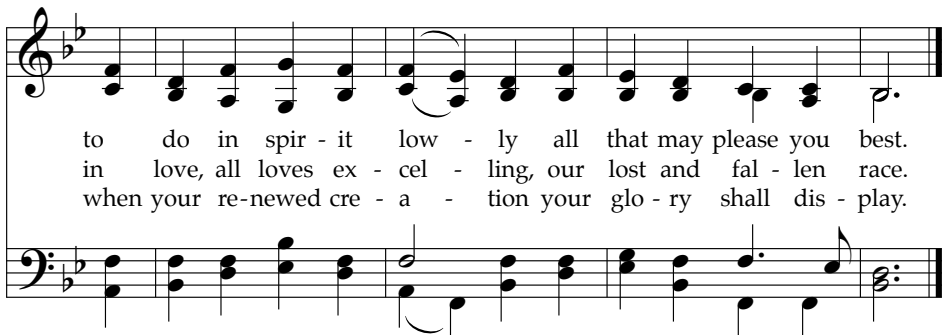
1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. We have not prepared our hearts to receive the gift of your Word. We allow thorns and weeds to grow in the places where you plant the gospel. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Accomplish all that you desire in us, so that we may bear good fruit, 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 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).

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 55:10–13 (pg. 686)
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO *Be Thou My Vision* Irish Ballad
Puffer Jones, baritone; John L. Edwards, whistle

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 (pg. 13)

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SERMON

Go Forth to Flourish

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*HYMN 171

A Sower Came from Ancient Hills

SEACHRIST

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SOUTHWELL (hymn 417)

Healey Willan

*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 451

Open My Eyes, That I May See

OPEN MY EYES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lord, Revive Us

Gilbert M. Martin

171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills



1 A Sow - er came from an - cient hills and cast good
 2 A Sow - er walked through - out the land and, ev - ery -
 3 The Seed was bur - ied deep in death be - neath a
 4 O Christ, you come a - mong us still, the Sow - er



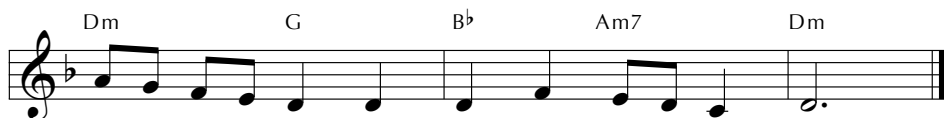
seed a - broad: his field, ten thou - sand hu - man hearts; his
 where he trod, he sowed his life be - cause he was him -
 blood - red sky, and deep - er still was bur - ied hope for
 and the Seed. As once you sowed the truth of God in



seed, the word of God. And some who lis - tened would not
 self the Seed of God. But then, a - top a bar - ren
 those who watched him die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den
 glow - ing word and deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing



hear, and some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in
 hill, be - neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on
 fair, as dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'
 hearts, and let it there take hold, un - til it bears in



fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

All three synoptic gospels record both the telling and the explanation of Jesus' parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23/Mark 4:3-8, 14-20/Luke 8:5-8, 11-15). Because the seed equals "the word," Jesus (as the Word made flesh) becomes the Seed in this expansion of the parable.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451



- 1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
 2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou send-est clear.
 3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth ev-ery-where.



Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un-clasp and
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev-ery-thing false will
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil-dren



set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 dis-ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
 thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy



will to see. O-pen my eyes; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my ears; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!
 will to see. O-pen my heart; il-lu-mine me, Spir-it di-vine!



The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

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.)

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.

**Give to
FPC today!**



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. **Contact Barbara Charlet (barbara.charlet@outlook.com) or David Ligon (david.m.ligon@gmail.com) for more information.**

Priscilla Circle Meeting — Tuesday, July 14 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting in Room 122 at the church.

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.

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.*

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.

More Events on Back

Vacation Bible School — Sundays, August 2–30 | 9:45–10:55 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 2, for the first Sunday of Vacation Bible School!

VBS will take place over five Sundays, beginning August 2 and ending August 30.