



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – July 14, 2024

Eighth 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

Adagio

Franz Liszt

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From near and far we gather;

People: the house of God is our home.

Leader: Here we are no longer strangers;

People: in the body of Christ we are one.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Jim Borgstadt


Compassionate God, hear our prayer: We are like sheep without a shepherd reaching out

for healing and grace. Teach us by your Spirit of wisdom and feed us through your holy


Word, so that the weary may find rest, the strangers may find welcome, and the sick may be made whole; through Christ Jesus our peace. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

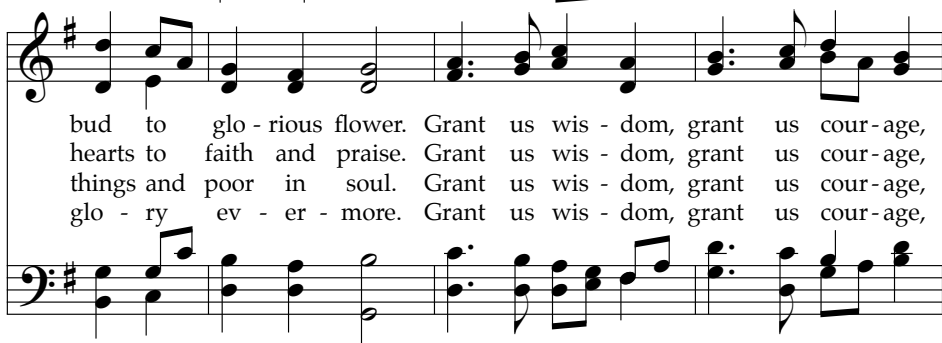
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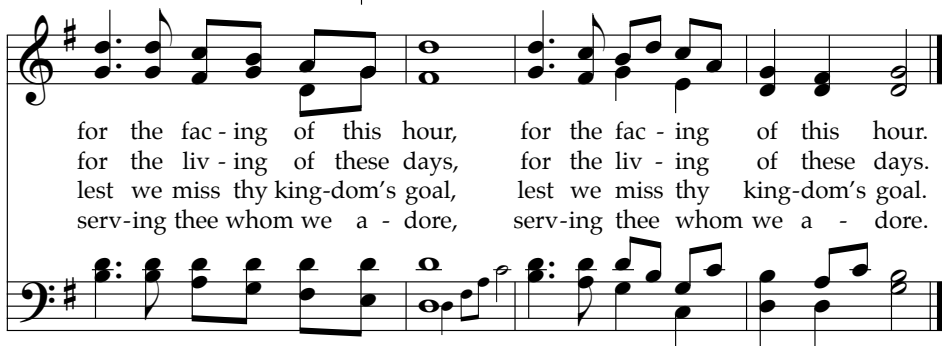
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You claim us as beloved children, but we do not honor your name. You call us to paths of righteousness, but we fail to follow your way. Forgive us, God of grace. Break down the walls that divide us from you and from one another, and build us up into a holy temple; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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.

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 those locations.

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 24:1-10 (pg. 502)

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

SOLO

How Great Thou Art

Swedish Folk Song

Puffer Jones, baritone

arr. Stuart K. Hine

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee "How great thou art!" When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: then sings my soul....and when I think that God, his son not sparing sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow with humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:14-29 (pg. 40)

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

SERMON

Misplaced Loyalty

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 374

O Holy City, Seen of John

MORNING SONG

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(collected in offering plates located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary)

OFFERTORY

Prayer

F. H. Himmel

*PRESENTATION HYMN

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

O Holy City, Seen of John 374

1 O ho - ly cit - y, seen of John, where Christ, the
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the cit - y
 4 Al - read - y in the mind of God that cit - y

Lamb, does reign, with - in whose four-square walls shall come no
 greed for gain in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring
 that has stood too long a dream; whose laws are love, whose
 ris - es fair. Lo, how its splen - dor chal - len - ges the

night, nor need, nor pain, and where the tears are
 gold from hu - man pain, and bit - ter lips in
 ways are ser - vant - hood, and where the sun that
 souls that great - ly dare, and bids us seize the

wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 deep de - spair cry, "Christ has died in vain!"
 shines be - comes your grace for hu - man good.
 whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Unlike texts that treat the heavenly Jerusalem as a goal for the life to come, this hymn regards John's vision as a challenge to work here and now for the accomplishment of God's purposes on earth. The shape note tune provides an effective setting for this stirring text.

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 372

O for a World

AZMON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Will Lift Mine Eyes

A. Schreiner

Today

Sunday School Classes | 9:30 a.m.

- Builders | Room B-8
- Evergreen | Room B-14
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room
- High School | Youth Lounge

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Bridge Group — (New Daytime Group Coming Soon)

We have a new daytime Bridge Group coming soon on a yet to be determined weekday! All skills levels are welcome to join us for no-pressure play and an opportunity to learn and improve. The Monday night group will continue as usual from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room B-10. **Contact Dan MacLemore (405-496-0185 or rockdoc1949@gmail.com) if you have any questions or suggestions on when the new group should meet!**

Individual Prayer & Evensong Worship — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m. and an Evensong service from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Evensong is a short church service, featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, to help transition into the restful night.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, July 20 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Reserve the Third crew is headed back to the Urban Mission in July! **Please RSVP with Roane (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) so they can properly prepare for us.**

Children & Youth Blue Zoo Aquarium Trip — Sunday, July 21 | 1:00 p.m.

To kick off our *Scuba* VBS adventure, we're going to the Blue Zoo Aquarium at the Quail Springs Mall! This hands-on aquarium is appropriate for even our toddler disciples. Don't miss this FREE event. If you plan to attend, **please RSVP with Miss Cyndi (cyndi0507@gmail.com).**

Vacation Bible School — July 28-August 25 | 9:45-10:55 a.m.

The Middle School and Children's Sunday School classes will return from break on Sunday, July 28, and dive into our amazing undersea adventure for this year's *Scuba* Vacation Bible School. VBS will run for five weeks during the Sunday School hour. More details to come.

O for a World

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1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
 3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
 where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
 Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.