



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — July 19, 2026 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

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
DEACON'S MOMENT

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 52:8-9*

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Surely the Lord is in this place!

People: This is the house of God.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 367

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

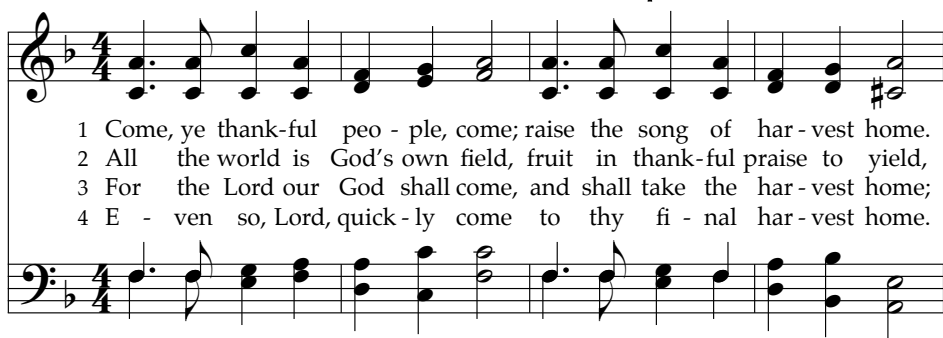
*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Jim Boughman

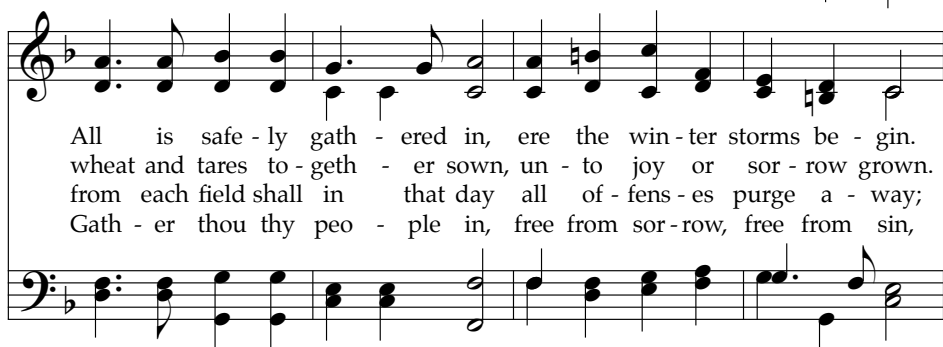
O God of Jacob, you speak in the light of day and in the dark of night when our sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth. May Jacob's vision remind us to be open and watchful, ready to discover your presence in our midst. You care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for you. Through Christ, may we hear more deeply your call to be rooted in your way.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

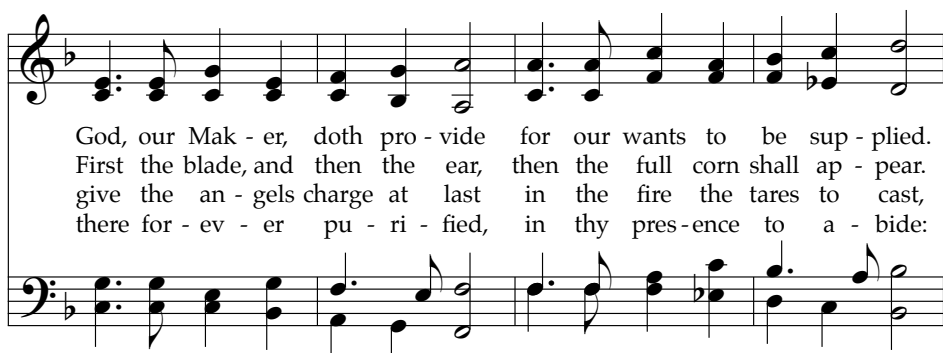
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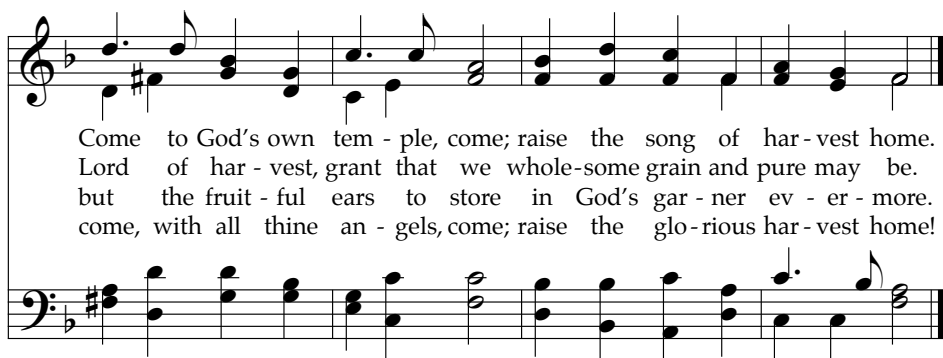
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by your expectation of us. We realize that our striving after the things of this world has dulled our awareness of you. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny you and hurt other people. We bring to you today our troubles and anxieties, our estrangements and hostilities. O God, we want to find our hope in the gospel. Help us, we pray. Meet us here with truth we cannot avoid.

(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).

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

Isaiah 44:6–8 (pg. 673)

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

SOLO

Alleluia

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Camryn Creech, soprano

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43 (pg. 14)

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

SERMON

The Wheat and the Weeds

Rev. Chaz Ruark

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 519

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

JERNIGAN

(sung twice)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Aria

Stefano Donaudy

*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 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MC KEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur in D

William Spence

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak 519

You Are My All in All

Capo 5: (C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (C)
F C Dm7 Am F

**F*

You are my strength when I am weak; you are the trea-sure that I

(Dm7) (C) (G7) (C) (G7) (C) (G)
Gm7 F C7 F C7 F C

seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me

(Am7) (Em) (C) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)
Dm7 Am F Gm7 F C7 B^b F

up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all.

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G) (C) (G7)
F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C F C7

**F*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

(C) (G) (Am7) (Em) (Dm7) (C) (G7) (F) (C)
F C Dm7 Am Gm7 F C7 B^b F

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

**May be sung as a canon.*

The expression "all in all," meaning "everything," owes much of its endurance in English usage to its appearance in 1 Corinthians 15:28, though many phrases leading up to it here have parallels in Hebrew Scripture. The second section echoes the song to the Lamb in Revelation 5:12.

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

Welcome, Rev. Ruark

We welcome to the pulpit today the Reverend Chaz Ruark. Chaz is an Honorably Retired Pastor of the PC(USA). A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Chaz graduated from Austin College and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Chaz has served congregations in Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma and in executive presbyter positions in Nebraska, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. He is happily semi-retired and *very happily* married to his wife of 47 years, Janet.

Thank You, Camryn

Thank you to Camryn Creech for being a part of our music program for the last two years! Today is Cam's last Sunday with us before she moves to New York to pursue graduate studies at the Eastman School of Music.

**Give to
FPC today!**



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.

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.**

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. at Bricktown Ballpark (2 S. Mickey Mantle Dr., OKC, OK 73104).

Tickets are FREE and come with a dinner (burgers and hot dogs) and a baseball hat at the stadium.

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

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.

More Events on Back

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

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.*