



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — July 26, 2026

Ninth 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

Improvisation on NEW WORLD (hymn 771)

John L. Edwards

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: If God is for us, who can be against us?

People: Nothing can separate us from God's love.

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 459**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Suzanne Baxter

O sovereign God, in Jesus Christ, you set your holy reign upon this earth and within your people. So let its coming be like the mustard seed that grows into greatness, and like the leaven that mixes with the grain until the whole becomes greater, to the praise of the triune God, who lives forevermore. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

459 O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Sav - ior, re - ceived this gift di - vine;
 3 O make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed on all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 O teach your wan - dering pil - grims by this our path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 a - mid the rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, we see you face to face.

The opening four lines of this hymn celebrate attributes of Christ that are revealed through holy Scripture, which serves as a lantern, a chart, and a compass for the church in seeking to know Christ better. The setting of the tune comes from Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah*.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. (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

Psalm 119:129–136 (pg. 569)

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

SOLO

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

Jonny Robinson, Rich

Sarah Gwatney, mezzo-soprano

Thompson and Michael Farren

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his. Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine. Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side the Saviour, he will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need his power is displayed To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven, the future sure, the price it has been paid. For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and he was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold: my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released. I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for he has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know he will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to him. When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52 (pg. 14)

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

SERMON

Little by Little

Rev. Abbey Walker

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 771

What Is the World Like

NEW WORLD

(Stanza 1: solo; Stanzas 2-5: congregation)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Aria

Michael Burkhardt

What Is the World Like

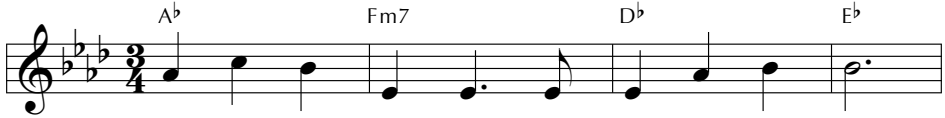
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Capo 1: (G)

(Em7)

(C)

(D)



1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
 5 These are the sto - ries that Je - sus im - parts,

(Em)

(C)

(Am)

(B7)



Mus - tard seeds grow more than we can con - ceive:
 Wit - ness the wan - der - ing child com - ing home;
 No more is neigh - bor just al - ly or friend;
 Read - y for feast - ing, we watch through the night,
 filled with the Spir - it who joins us as one.

(Em)

(Am)

(D)

(G)



roots thread the soil; branch - es reach for the sun.
 watch as the par - ent breaks in - to a run.
 peace thrives in plac - es where once there was none.
 tend - ing our lamps till the new day's be - gun.
 Born through our voic - es, our hands, and our hearts,

(C)

(Em7)

(Am7)

(D)

(G)



This is how God moves us each to be - lieve.
 This is how God longs for us when we roam.
 This is how God works when ri - val - ries end.
 This is how God read - ies us for the light.
 this is a new world where God's will is done.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text and tune were written to conclude a hymn festival at the 2009 Annual Conference of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. Four parables framed both the festival and the hymn: the Mustard Seed, the Prodigal Son, the Good Samaritan, and the Ten Bridesmaids.

*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 714

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens

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!**



SCAN ME

God of the Fertile Fields

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1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

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. *There is currently one ticket remaining.*

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.

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, August 2 | 12:00 p.m.

After worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Taco Bar (fajitas, beef and chicken, elote salad, roasted zucchini, chips, queso, salsa), water, tea, mock-a-ritas, and Mexican wedding cookies

More Events on Back

Summer Super Saturday: 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.*

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

Faith Coalition Training: Partnering to Address Homelessness

Sunday, August 16 | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend a special training next month, hosted by the Oklahoma City Key to Home Partnership.

We will learn about the challenges that contribute to housing instability, debunk common myths about homelessness, and discover practical ways we can work alongside local service providers to make a meaningful difference in our community. Come learn how you can get involved!