



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — July 27, 2025

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

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (hymn 753)

John L. Edwards

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

***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 175**

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

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

Mary Ann Doolen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

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Seek Ye First

Descant

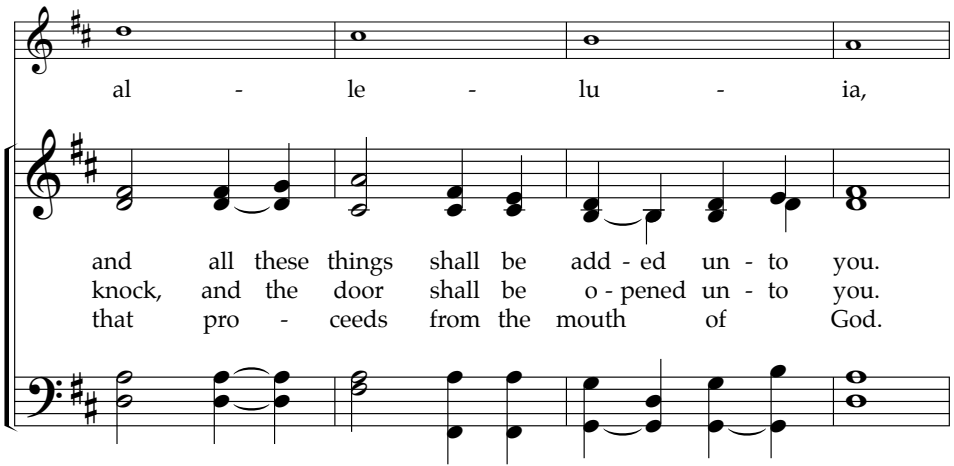
Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.



al - le - lu - ia,

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

SPANISH

- 1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios
 y su perfecta justicia,
 que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
 Alelu, aleluya.*

KOREAN

- 1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
 그의를 구하-면
 이모든것 네게 더하시리라
 알렐-루 알렐루야

***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.

SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING

2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Jack Ogden and Lane Wallace

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

BLESSING AND CHARGE

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 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

Luke 11:1-13 (pg. 72)

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

SOLO

Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

Ronn Burton, baritone

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love. Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you. Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy. O, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul. Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

SERMON

When You Pray

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty,...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 562 *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, holy, holy, holy Lord,*

God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes

in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

HYMN 563 *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit..., all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever.

HYMN 564 *Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

UNION SEMMINARY (hymn 529)

John L. Edwards

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

God Is So Good

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1 God is so good; God is so good;
 2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
 3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
 4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
 God cares for me; God's so good to me.
 God loves me so; God's so good to me.
 God is so good; God's so good to me.

The exact origins of this chorus celebrating God's providential care are not clear, but it seems to have arisen during the 1970s. Because the text changes so little, the slowly rising four-note pattern of the tune provides the primary source of energy within its five-note range.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dr. Melvyn Preisz and the family and friends of Marcia Sharon McMillin upon her death on May 29, 2025. Please keep Mel and Marcia's family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Sam Dykeman and family upon the death of his wife, Jannis Dykeman, who died on July 14, 2025. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, August 1, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. A reception with the family will follow in the Parlor. Please keep Sam and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Catherine Duncan upon the death of her father, Rev. Paul S. Duncan, who died on July 4, 2025. Rev. Duncan served Presbyterian churches in several communities, including Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and Duncan, Oklahoma.
Please keep Catherine in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Elaine Buzan, Elizabeth, Brandon, Zach, and Zane Black upon the death of John Buzan on July 4, 2025. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of John's Life will be held in the Chapel on Friday, August 15, at 10:00 a.m.
Please keep the Buzan and Black families in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (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!

Sunday Worship | 11:00 a.m.

VBS Kickoff Field Trip | 1:30 p.m.

To kick off our Vacation Bible School adventure, we're taking a field trip to Science Museum Oklahoma. Grab lunch after church and meet us at the museum at 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

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.

Vacation Bible School — Sundays, August 3-August 31 | 9:45-10:55 a.m.

Join us on Sunday, August 3, for the first Sunday of Vacation Bible School! This year we will be discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things through our *Magnified* series.

VBS will take place over five Sundays, beginning August 3 and ending August 31.

**Give to
FPC today!**

