



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – July 28, 2024 Tenth 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 MAPLE AVENUE (hymn 335)

John L. Edwards

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus Christ is the bread of life,

People: the bread of heaven for the world.

Leader: Come to Christ and never be hungry;

People: believe in him and never thirst.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Mary Su Forsman

Holy One, God of our ancestors, you have given us bread from heaven: Jesus Christ, the Word of life. Give us this bread always. Set the seal of your Spirit upon us so that we may have faith and live; through Christ, the bread of life. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and
 2 When dark- ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum- pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous- ness; I dare not trust the sweet- est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm- ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol- ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay. less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth- er ground is sink- ing sand; all oth- er ground is sink- ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You show us the wrong we have done, yet we point fingers at others. You offer us the bread of heaven, yet we hunger for the things of earth. Forgive us, God of grace. Speak your truth to us in love, so that we may return to you in peace, and grow more and more in grace, 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

John 6:1-21 (pg. 97)

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

SOLO

Take Us As We Are, O God

Alfred V. Fedak

Puffer Jones, baritone

Carl P. Daw Jr.

Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As once you chose to tell your love in human flesh and bone, so let our lives be used to make your saving purpose known. Bless us for your service, Lord; no power we devise will ever give us strength enough or make us truly wise, yet by your promise we can know the peace your grace supplies. Break us open to disclose how brokenness can heal, wherever broken loaves suffice to give a crowd a meal and graves break open to release new life from death's dread seal. Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that we may nourish in your name the last, the lost, the least, until at length you call us all to your unending feast.

SERMON

Miracles of Our Faith

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(pg. 34 in the front of the hymnal)

Nicene Creed

*HYMN 515

I Come with Joy

DOVE OF PEACE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Collection plates are located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.)

*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.*

I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B^b C F Dm



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *COME, SHARE THE LORD* (hymn 510)

John L. Edwards

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 188

Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on KINGSFOLD (hymn 159)

John L. Edwards

The rosebud on the communion table
is in celebration of the birth of Robin June Winfree, born June 19, 2024.
Congratulations to parents William and Diana, big sister Zoey Wren,
Uncle Walter, Aunt Mia, and Grandmother Jana Winfree.

The rosebud on the communion table
is in celebration of the birth of Thomas Alexander Font Nelson, born July 17, 2024.
Congratulations to parents Mark and Gabrielle Nelson, Aunt Kathleen and Uncle Andrew,
and grandparents Alan and Jean Nelson.

**Scan for our
online giving.
Thank you!**



Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

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.

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

The Middle School and Children's Sunday School classes returns from break to 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.

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.

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, August 4 | 12:00 p.m.

After worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall to enjoy a delicious meal organized by Junebug Catering. **Menu:** Sandwiches, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Garden Salad, and Cookies & Brownies

Save the Date

Rally Day — Sunday, September 1 | 12:00 p.m.