



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — August 2, 2026

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

O Could I Speak

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jean Shackleton, guest musician

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 17*

Leader: Hear a just cause, O LORD, attend to my cry!

People: From your presence let my vindication come!

Leader: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words.

People: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Rev. John McKinnon

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being: You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of the ages, we hear stories of your servants, and we are astounded by their faith. So many have trusted you, while we so often waver. They believed your promises, while we too easily ignore your Word. In their example, we see our own failings. We confess our sins, looking to your endless mercy to cleanse us and restore us.

Holy God, you call us to do good, seek justice, and care for those in need, yet so often we place our own comforts above compassion for others. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from these and all our offenses, 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.

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

Genesis 32:22-31 (pg. 559)

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

SOLO

Bless God

Brandon Lake, Brooke Ligertwood,

Sarah Gwatney, mezzo-soprano

and Cody Carnes

Blessed are those who run to Him, who place their hope and confidence in Jesus. He won't forsake them.

Blessed are those who seek His face, who bend their knee and fix their gaze on Jesus. They won't be shaken.

Come on and praise the Lord with me. Sing if you love His name.

Come on and lift your voice with me. He's worthy of all our praise.

Blessed are those who walk with Him, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage with Jesus. They'll see His glory.

Blessed are those who die to live, whose joy it is to give it all for Jesus and for Him only. Oh Jesus, all for Your glory.

Come on and bring your offering. Sing if you've known His grace.

Come on and lift up your holy hands. He's worthy of all our praise.

Bless God in the sanctuary. Bless God in the fields of plenty. Bless God in the darkest valley. Every chance I get I bless Your name.

Bless God when my hands are empty. Bless God with a praise that costs me. Bless God when nobody's watching. Every chance I get I

bless Your name. Bless God when the weapon's forming. Bless God when the walls are falling. Bless God 'cause He goes before me.

Every chance I get I bless Your name. Bless God for He holds the victory. Bless God for He's always with me.

Bless God for He's always worthy. Every chance I get I bless Your name.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:13-21 (pg. 74)

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

SERMON

Do Something Right

Rev. Mitchell L. Miller

Synod Leader and Stated Clerk,

Synod of the Sun (PCUSA)

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 460

Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Break Thou the Bread of Life 460

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now un - to me,

as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea.
as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee.

Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord.
Then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall.

My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word!
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

The phrase "bread of life" as a metaphor for scripture has misled many people into thinking of this hymn as being connected with the Lord's Supper, when its true subject is Bible study. Both the author and the composer were active in the work of the Chautauqua Assembly.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

And Can It Be

Charles Wesley

*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 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Welcome, Rev. Mitchell L. Miller

We welcome to the pulpit today the Reverend Mitchell L. Miller, Synod Leader and Stated Clerk for the Synod of the Sun. Mitch was born in Norman, Oklahoma, but grew up on a dairy farm in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and earned degrees from Millersville University and Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

Since his ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in 1995, he has served congregations in West Virginia, Maryland, and Oklahoma. Mitch and his wife, Leigh, live near Teague, Texas, and have two grown children, Nathan and Emma.

Notice: Office Closed and Activities Cancelled

Due to necessary work on the cooling tower, the building will be without air conditioning this week.

As a result, **the church office will be closed, and all church activities are cancelled from Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7.**

Office staff will be available by email and will check office phone messages regularly. If the work is completed earlier than expected and the building has cooled sufficiently, we'll reopen and notify the congregation.

**Give to
FPC today!**



My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)



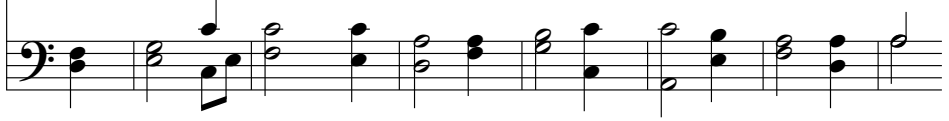
1 My shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro-vi-sions of my God at-tend me all my days;



In pas-tures fresh he makes me feed, be-side the liv-ing stream.
 one word of your sup-port-ing breath drives all my fears a-way.
 O may your house be my a-bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan-dering spir-it back when I for-sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta-ble spread;
 There would I find a set-tled rest, while oth-ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer-cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows; your oil a-noints my head.
 no more a strang-er, or a guest, but like a child at home.



The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

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.)

Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30–10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

Vacation Bible School | 9:45–10:55 a.m.

Join us for the first Sunday of Vacation Bible School! This year we'll be going on a tree-mendous adventure while exploring the nature of God through our *Rainforest Falls* series.

We have activities for all age groups! Check out the meeting spaces below:

- 3- to 4-year-olds | Room 119
- 5- to 10-year-olds | Room 113
- 10 years old and up | Room B-10

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday Lunch | 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

Get Your Ballot Notarized

You can get your absentee ballot notarized before or after service in the Reception Center.

Notarization will be available on Sundays before the runoff election on August 25.

Contact Jean Nelson at jmn3925@swbell.net with any questions.

Upcoming Events

Bridge Groups, Free Yoga Class, and Evening Prayer Service

Due to building closure, all three of these weekly events are cancelled for the upcoming week but will resume their regular schedule the following week.

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.

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 our last Summer Super Saturday event! We'll have 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 this 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!