



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — August 9, 2026 Eleventh 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

Modal Prelude

Gordon Young

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: Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

People: God will speak peace to the faithful.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Angie Sholar

God of awe, from whom we flee in holy terror: your silence burns like ice; your whisper cuts through fear; we long to hear your faithful word of righteousness and peace. Bless us with bold belief even in the darkness of the night and the assault of life's storms, that we may be messengers of your justice, in the name of the One whom wind and wave obey.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

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How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts too much. We have offended against your holy laws. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. (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 1 Kings 19:9–18 (pg. 326)
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Matt Crocker, Joel Houston,

Marina Quintanilla, mezzo-soprano

Salomon Ligthelm

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown, where feet may fail. And there I find You in the mystery—in oceans deep, my faith will stand. And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine. Your grace abounds in deepest waters. Your sovereign hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed, and You won't start now. Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders; let me walk upon the water wherever you would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:22–33 (pg. 16)

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

SERMON

Silence and Storm

Rev. John McKinnon

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 184

Calm to the Waters

CALM SEAS

(sung three times)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

RICHMOND: Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God

arr. Robert Graham

*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

Calm to the Waves

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The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major and 4/4 time. The first system consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth notes: B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4, C4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The accompaniment starts with a half note G2, followed by a quarter note A2, and then a series of eighth notes: B2, A2, G2, F#2, E2, D2, C2. The second system also consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody from the first system, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The bass staff continues the accompaniment from the first system, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.' Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice."

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be

still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The first half of this refrain text deals with the external environment, while the second half concerns our interior response. Similarly, the first half of the music gradually moves upward, while the direction of the second half is downward, enhancing a sense of centeredness.

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 353

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Divertissement (Gigue)

Gordon Young

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to John and Connie Harris upon the death of John's sister, Cathy Voorhies of Oklahoma City, who passed away on August 4, 2026. Please keep John, Connie, and the Voorhies and Harris families in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Meeting of the Congregation to be held in the Sanctuary **after 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, August 23**, for the election of a Ruling Elder to the Class of 2029.

-Susan Perry, Clerk of Session

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

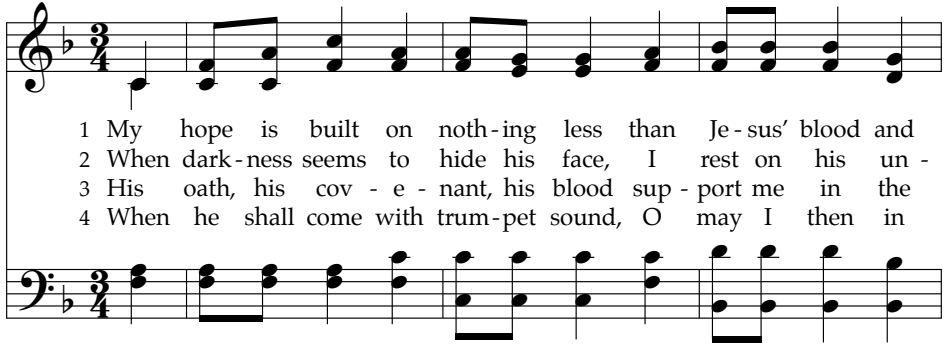
Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Give to
FPC today!

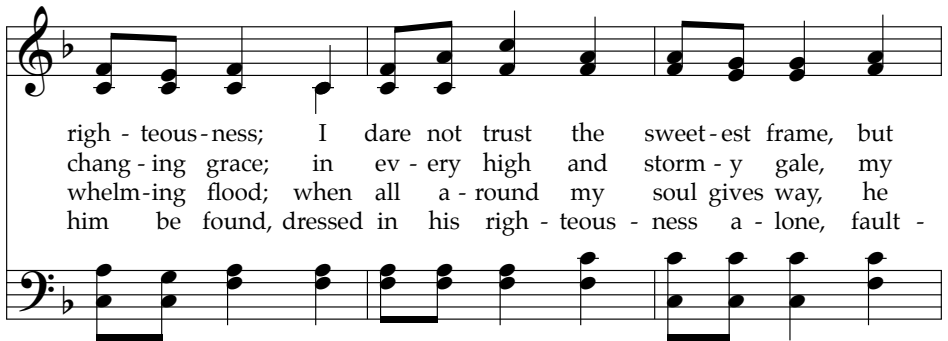


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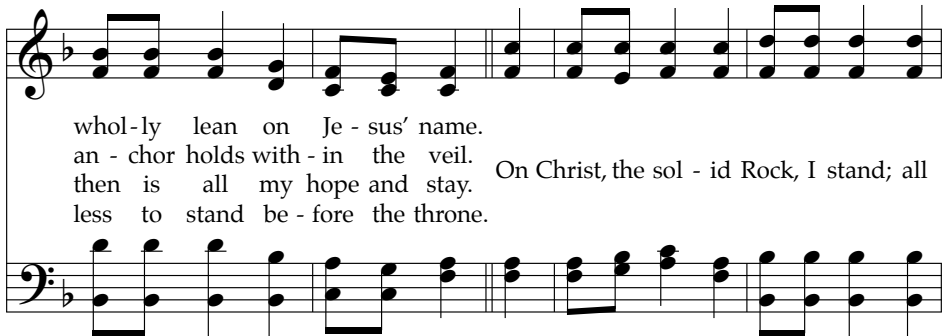
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



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.

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. Whether you've never played, are returning after a break, or just want to join a friendly bridge group, we've got a spot for you!

Contact Barbara Charlet (barbara.charlet@outlook.com) or David Ligon (david.m.ligon@gmail.com) for more information.

Evening Prayer Service — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m., followed by an Evening Prayer Service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. This short worship service features sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday and helping us transition into a restful night.

After the service, we'll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00–6:30 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, August 15 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Reserve the Third returns this month with a service opportunity at The Urban Mission! If you haven't ever participated, it's a great way to get to know your fellow congregation members while also serving our community.

To RSVP or ask any questions, please contact Roane Pittman at johnpittmanmd@gmail.com.

More Events on Back

Faith Coalition Training: Partnering to Address Homelessness

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

Everyone is invited to attend a special presentation from the Oklahoma City Key to Home Partnership!

During this informational session, 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.

Getting to Know You, Me, and FPC-OKC — August 23–September 20

9:30 a.m. | Room 122

Would you like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church, or are you interested in membership? If so, please join Pastor John at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 23, in Room 122 (outside the east Sanctuary door).

Please contact Pastor John at 405-525-6584 with any questions.

Rally Day — Sunday, September 6 | 12:00 p.m.

Kick off the fall season at Rally Day! Join us for lunch and discover the many different classes, ministries, and opportunities to learn and get involved at FPC-OKC.

Menu: Roasted turkey with apples and onions, wild rice salad with cranberries and butternut squash, harvest salad, and corn pudding with berries

Presbyterian Women

Joint Circle Meeting — Tuesday, September 8 | 10:00 a.m.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to gather for a joint circle meeting on Tuesday, September 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Reception Center. Join us for fellowship and conversation as we begin a new season together!

Kemp Concert Series

4x4 Organ Concert — Sunday, September 20 | 4:00 p.m.

Save the date for this upcoming concert as part of our Kemp Concert Series!

Featuring Organists:

- Watchorn Hall, John L. Edwards
- Chapel, Tyler Stone
- Choir Room, Melissa Plamann
- Sanctuary, Nolan P. Reilly!