



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – August 16, 2026 Twelfth 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

Sinfonia from Cantata 156

Johann Sebastian Bach

Karen Schiler, flute

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACON'S MOMENT

Mary Su Forsman

MUSIC

Puffer Jones

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Maintain justice, and do what is right.

People: God our Savior is coming soon.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 127

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

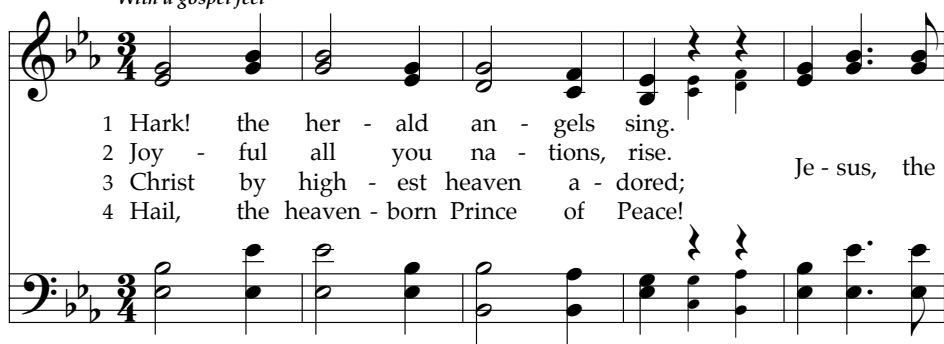
Melanie Duff

God of the foreigner and outcast, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of Christ so to love the world that your name may be known throughout the earth. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

127 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

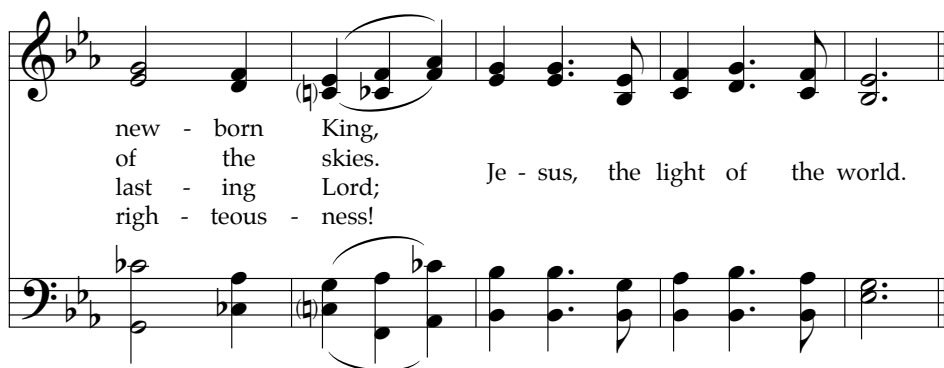
Jesus, the Light of the World

With a gospel feel


1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing.
 2 Joy - ful all you na - tions, rise.
 3 Christ by high - est heaven a - dored; Je - sus, the
 4 Hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!



light of the world. Glo - ry to the
 Join the tri - umph
 Christ, the ev - er -
 Hail, the Sun of



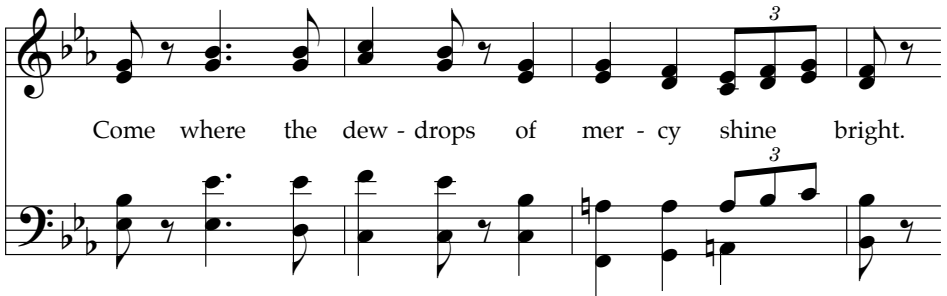
new - born King,
 of the skies. Je - sus, the light of the world.
 last - ing Lord;
 righ - teous - ness!

This blues-tinged setting of a familiar Christmas carol participates in a longstanding African American practice of adapting Anglo-European texts, as is done here by incorporating a repeated internal line and by appending a refrain that expands that line's language and imagery.

Refrain



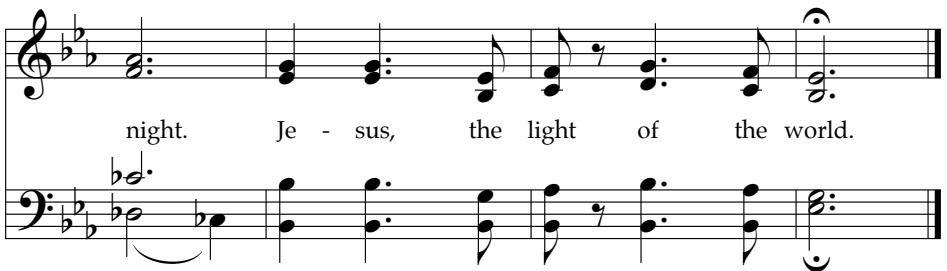
We'll walk in the light, beau - ti - ful light.



Come where the dew - drops of mer - cy shine bright.



O, shine all a - round us by day and by



night. Je - sus, the light of the world.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, in your gracious presence, we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. (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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elizabeth Bliss-Burger
Senior Program Manager – Housing & Homelessness
Office of the Mayor | City of Oklahoma City

SOLO

Holy Forever Chris Tomlin, Phil Wickham,
Puffer Jones, baritone Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson
and Jason Ingram

A thousand generations, falling down in worship to sing the song of ages to the Lamb, and all who've gone before us and all who will believe will sing the song of ages to the Lamb. Your name is the highest, your name is the greatest, your name stands above them all.

All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions, your name stands above them all. And the angels cry: Holy!

All creation cries: Holy! You are lifted high! Holy forever!

If you've been forgiven, and if you've been redeemed, sing the song forever to the Lamb.

If you walk in freedom, and if you bear His name, sing the song forever to the Lamb.

Hear Your people sing: Holy! To the King of Kings: Holy! You will always be holy forever!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28 (pg. 17)

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

SERMON

Dogs

Rev. John 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.**

***HYMN 503**

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

O QUANTA QUALIA

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Rorate Caeli

Jacques Berthier

Karen Schiler, flute

***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**

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

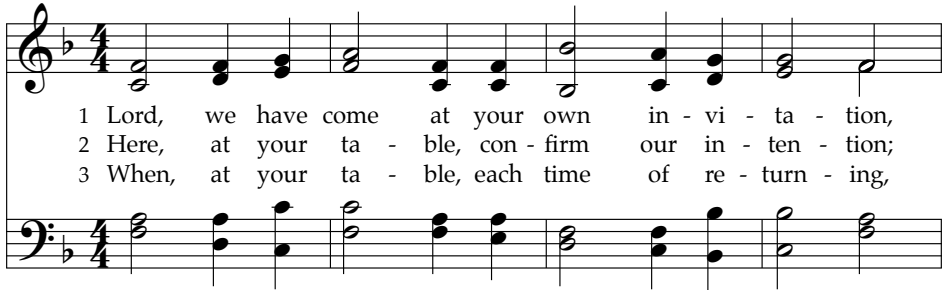
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.***

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

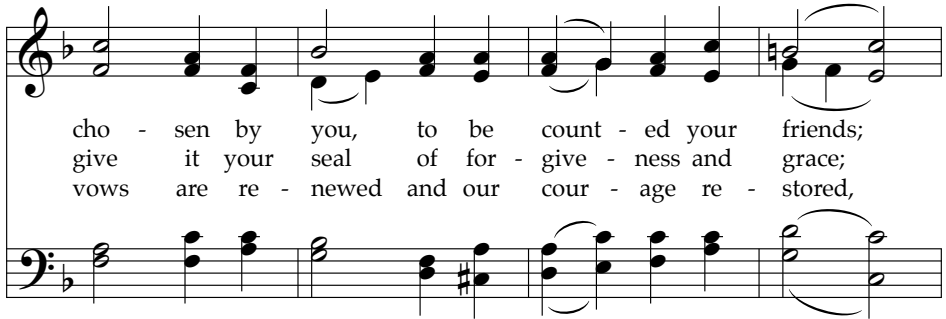
HYMN 563

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation



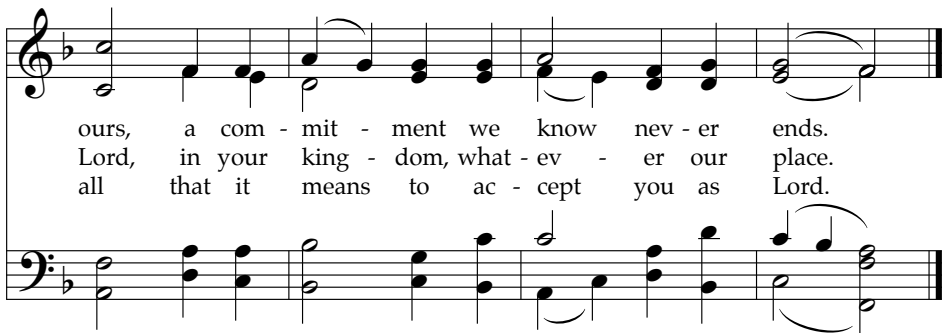
1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,



cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;
give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;
vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,



yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing



ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.
Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

St. Augustine spoke of eucharist as "the repeatable part of baptism," and this hymn reminds us that each time we share in the Lord's Supper we are renewing our baptismal vows. The text is set to a tune that dates to the transition between plainchant and modern tonalities.

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 *The Heavenly Word Proceeding Forth*

Charles Callahan

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those
to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 754

Help Us Accept Each Other

BARONITA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Miniatures for Organ, No. 4

Herbert Howells

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

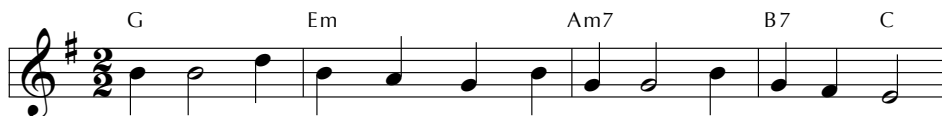
Fare Thee Well Friend

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rachel Boggess for her faithful service to First Presbyterian Church. Rachel joined FPC in March of 2019 and has served as a Ruling Elder here in the Class of 2023 and the Class of 2027. We will miss you as part of our church family, and we celebrate your move to be with your son.

**Give to
FPC today!**



Help Us Accept Each Other 754



1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The scriptural basis of this text is Romans 15:7, recast as a prayer in the opening two lines of the first stanza. The many implications of living as people who have been accepted by Christ fill the remaining stanzas. This tune was composed for the first publication of this text.

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.)

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.

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

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

Faith Coalition Training: Partnering to Address Homelessness

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.

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 9-year-olds | Room 113
- 10 years old and up | Room B-10

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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