



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – August 30, 2026 14th 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

To All the World

arr. Jerry Van Der Pol

(A Sequence of Hymns on the Christian Mission)

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT

Give Thanks to the Lord

Marina Quintanilla

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: God said to Moses: I am who I am.

People: This is the name of the Lord forever.

All: Let us worship God!

FIFTH SUNDAY FAVORITE HYMN SING

HYMN 321

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

HYMN 465

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

HYMN

May the Lord, Mighty God

EDELWEISS

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever, grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever. May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

HYMN 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead, and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

HYMN 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

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

John Ellis

In the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people, O God, and in the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. In times of misery, show us the transforming power of your love that we may know the hope of your glory. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You bestow the gift of wisdom, yet we continue in our foolishness. You provide the bread of life, yet we persist in the ways of death. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to make better use of the lives you have given us, giving glory to you in all things; 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.

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Lloyd Larson

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ,

the Lamb of God. Your gift of love, we crucified; we laughed and scorned him as he died; the humble King we named

a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side

to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1–15 (pg. 50)

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

SOLO

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Puffer Jones, baritone

In Christ alone my hope is found—He is my light, my strength, my song; this cornerstone this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in

All—here in the love of Christ I stand. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save, till on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again. And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.

Till He returns or calls me home—here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:21–28 (pg. 18)

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

SERMON

Take Up Thy Cross

Rev. John C. 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 833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST. MARGARET

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O God
Sanctuary Singers

WHELPTON

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus
Seth Johnson, horn

César Franck

*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 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Alleluia

Charles Callahan

**Give to
FPC today!**



O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

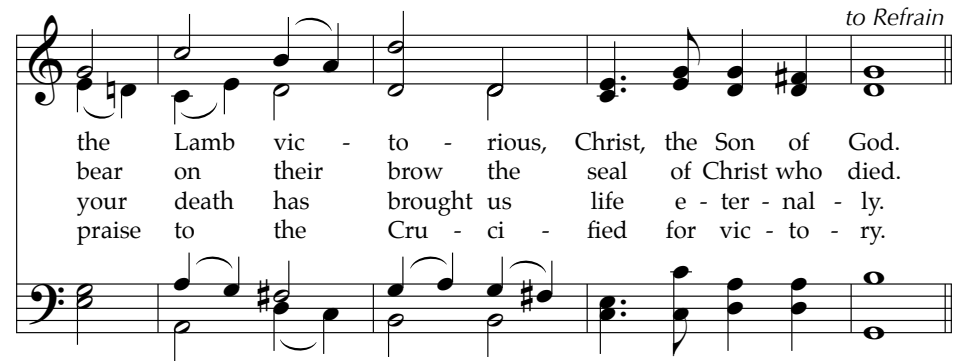
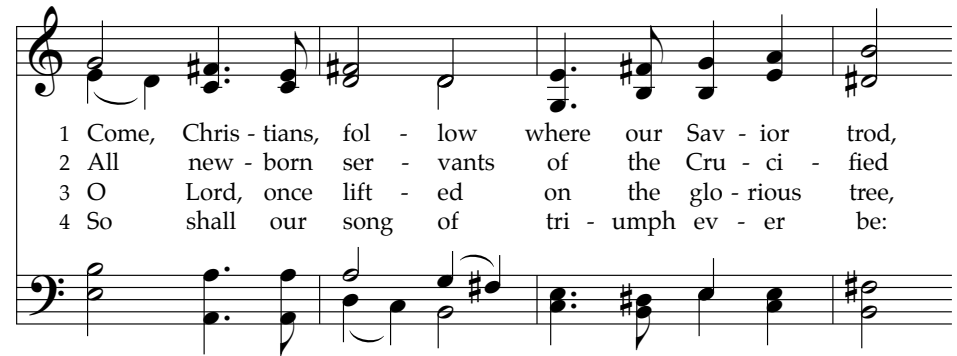
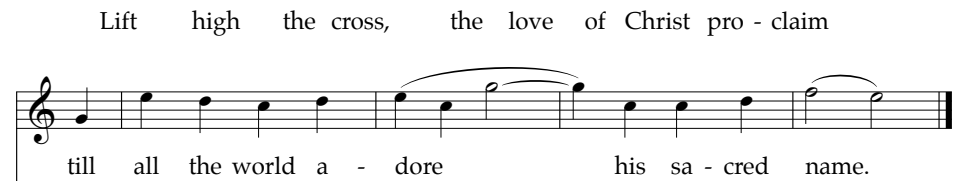
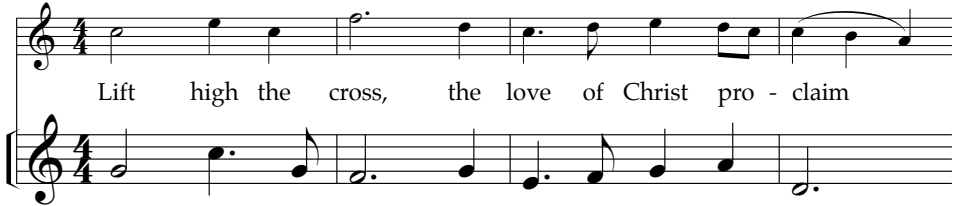
This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant



This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

TEXT: George William Kitchin, 1887; rev. Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916, alt.

MUSIC: Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 1916; desc. Richard Proulx, 1985

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CRUCIFER

10.10 with refrain

Summer Item Donation Drive

FPC-OKC Youth are partnering with Key to Home Partnership to collect summer essentials to help people stay safe and healthy during Oklahoma's hot summer months. Through September 6, donations of sunscreen, DEET bug spray, and new adult-size underwear are needed.

*You can drop off donations at the front of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings
or in the church office during the week.*

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.)

Getting to Know You, Me, and FPC-OKC | 9:30 a.m.

Would you like to learn more about First Presbyterian Church, or are you interested in membership? If so, please join Pastor John in Room 122 on Sundays from August 23–September 20.

Contact Pastor John at 405-525-6584 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!

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

Join us for Vacation Bible School! We're going on a tree-mendous adventure while exploring the nature of God through our *Rainforest Falls* series. We have activities for all age groups!

- 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 at barbara.charlet@outlook.com or David Ligon at david.m.ligon@gmail.com for more information.

More Events on Back

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 have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00–6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays | 6:30–8:00 p.m.

The choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are interested in joining, please contact Puffer Jones at puffer@fpcokc.org.

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.

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!

Pastor John's 10th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 20 | 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Pastor John's 10th anniversary at FPC-OKC! Following worship, everyone is invited to gather in Watchorn Hall for a special lunch prepared by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Fajita bar - chicken, beef, corn and flour tortillas, black beans, rice, elote, chips, salsa, queso, and sopapilla cheesecake

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; and Sanctuary, Nolan P. Reilly.