



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — August 31, 2025 12th 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

BISHOP THORPE

Healey Willan

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

CARLISLE

Sanctuary Singers

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 71:1-2, 5-6**

Leader: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.

Leader: For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.

People: From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb.

I will ever praise you.

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)**

Mary Ann Doolen

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. (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 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.

ANTHEM

God Be in My Head

K. Lee Scott

Sanctuary Singers

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking; God be at mine end, and my departing.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 112:1-10 (pg. 563)

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

SOLO

God Help the Outcasts

Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz

Jennifer Coffman, mezzo-soprano

I don't know if you can hear me, or if you're even there. I don't know if you would listen to a gypsy's prayer. Yes, I know I'm just an outcast; I shouldn't speak to you. Still, I see your face and wonder, "Were you once an outcast too?" God help the outcasts, hungry from birth. Show them the mercy they don't find on earth. The lost and forgotten, they look to you still. God, help the outcasts, or nobody will. I ask for nothing. I can get by. But I know so many less lucky than I. God, help the outcasts, the poor and downtrod. I thought we all were the children of God. I don't know if there's a reason why some are blessed, some not. Why the few you seem to favor, they flee us, try not to see us. God help the outcasts, the tattered, the torn, seeking an answer to why they were born. Winds of misfortune have blown them about. You made the outcasts; don't cast them out. The poor and unlucky, the weak and the odd; I thought we all were the children of God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (pg. 77)

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

SERMON

Mealttime Manners in the Kingdom

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 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Divertimento

John Parry

John L. Edwards, flageolet (c. 1880)

*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 755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

WEISSE FLAGGEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jubilate

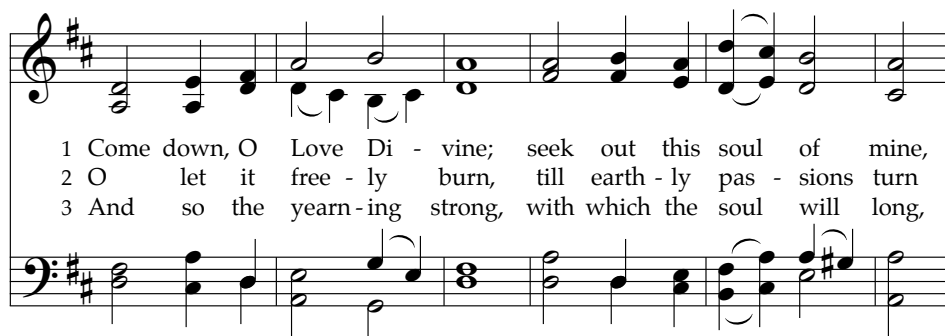
Alice Jordan

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FPC today!**

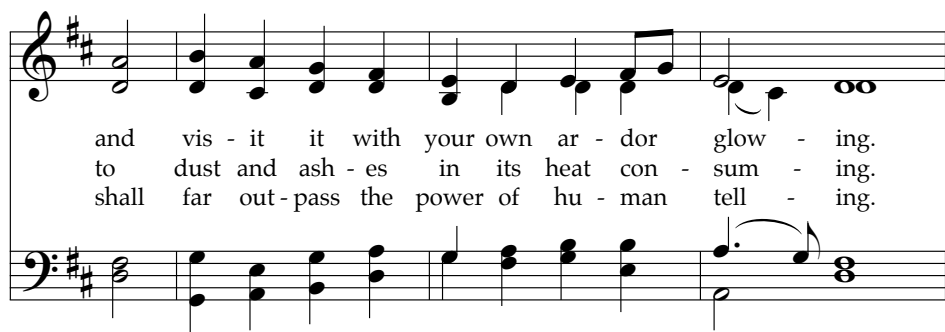


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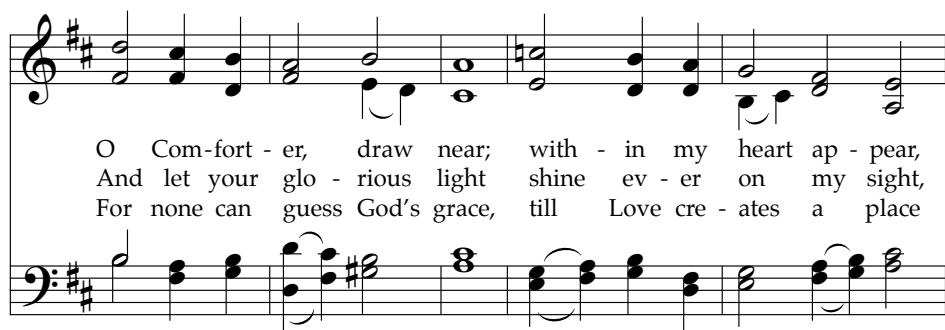
282 Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.

755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless-ing to our God, whose Word is sure;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus-tains us; match-less are the gifts we share:
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil-dren now re-claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp-tion, in whose love we live se - cure.
 light in dark-ness, hope in con - flict, an-sw-ers to our deep-est prayer.
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ-teous-ness and rich com-pas-sion shall at-tend us all our days;
 Ours to give as we are giv-en: arms to lift when oth-ers fall;
 Fill our hearts with un-der-stand-ing, brace our weak-ness by your might;



may God's prom-ise to be faith-ful ech-o through our songs of praise!
 im - ag - es of God's great good-ness, faith-ful ser - vants to God's call.
 awe - some hon-or, born in wis-dom; your great glo-ry, our de-light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.

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.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 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 today for Vacation Bible School! This year we will be discovering the bigness of God in the smallest of things through our *Magnified* series.

Sunday 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 (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 a friendly bridge group to join, **contact Dan MacLemore at 405-496-0185 or rockdoc1949@gmail.com.**

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., followed by an Evensong service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. Evensong is a short worship service featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, to help transition into the restful night.

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 — Wednesdays | 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The choir rehearses at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays! **If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please reach out to Puffer Jones (puffer@fpcokc.org).**

Rally Day — Sunday, September 7 | 12:00 p.m.

Our First Sunday Lunch will be part of Rally Day on Sunday, September 7! Join us after worship for a delicious lunch and a chance to explore the many classes, ministries, and opportunities here at FPC-OKC.

Menu: Burger & Hot Dog Bar with Toppings, Roasted Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad, and Brownies

More Events on Back

Habitat for Humanity — Saturday, September 13 | 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, September 13, from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. as we volunteer with Habitat for Humanity's Critical Home Repair program to support existing low-income homeowners facing challenges due to age, disability, or other circumstances. Typical projects include interior and exterior painting, minor roof or structural repairs, caulking and sealing windows and doors, installing grab bars and ramps, and basic weatherization.

All tools and supplies are provided. **Please RSVP by Friday, September 5, at tinyurl.com/FPCOKCHabitat or by calling the church office at 405-525-6584.** If you have any questions, please reach out to Suzanne Baxter at suzannecfp@aol.com.

PW Joint Meeting — Tuesday, September 16 | 6:00 p.m.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to join us for a Joint Meeting as we kick off a new year together! We'll gather on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 122. We will introduce this year's PW Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Dorothy Hays will cover an introduction to the study and present the first lesson, "Mary Magdalene, The Tower."

Note: Transportation can be provided for anyone who needs a ride or doesn't wish to drive. Please contact Dorothy Hays at DorothyMHays@gmail.com or **405-550-4261** no later than **Friday, September 5.**

PJs, Pancakes & Pottery — Sunday, September 21 | 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School families are invited to come a little early for a pancake breakfast! Join us in your comfiest pajamas. After breakfast, we'll paint clay pots with supplies from House of Clay, the pottery studio down the street. Your pot can be used for many things such as a family prayer pot: write names or intentions on small slips of paper, place them in the pot, and draw one each day for prayer time.

All ages are welcome, even our youngest disciples are invited to paint a pot. **Please let Miss Cyndi know if you can attend: cyndi0507@gmail.com.**

4x4 Organ Concert — Sunday, September 21 | 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Join us for the Kemp Concert Series presentation of a moveable musical medley with our 4x4 Organ Concert! Audience members begin in Watchorn Hall, then move to the other organ rooms in the church, hearing a short recital in each location. Music is chosen to highlight the special characteristics of each instrument and space.

Featured performers include David Anderson, Benjamin Clark, Tony Leon, and Rebecca Ward.

Free admission. All are welcome!

Blessing of the Animals — Sunday, September 28 | 2:00 p.m.

Bring your beloved pets for a joyful blessing! Pets will receive a blessing as a sign of gratitude for their companionship. All vaccinated pets on a leash or in a carrier are welcome. There will be treats and certificates for everyone. The blessing will take place in the church courtyard.