



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – September 1, 2024 15th 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 *Improvisation on CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR (hymn 669)* John L. Edwards

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
PURPLE BAG OFFERING

CHIME

INTROIT *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* CARLISLE
Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For the stranger and the guest

People: the Lord prepares a table.

Leader: Every child of God is welcome

People: to share this feast of grace.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Mickie Smith

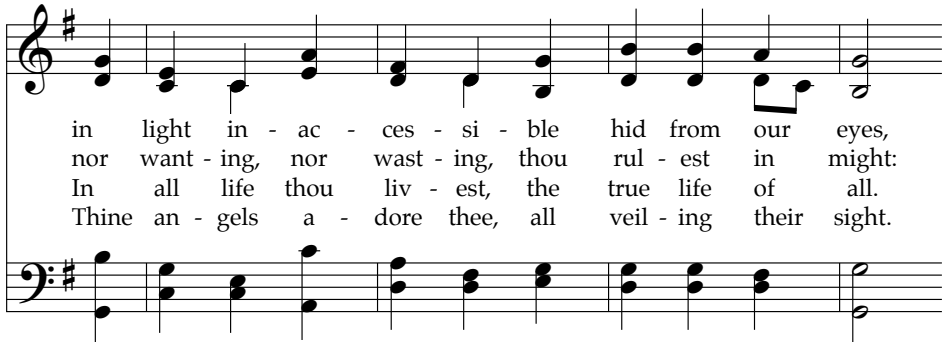
God of glory, at your command the thundering skies fall silent and the hills sing out with joy. Open our hearts to your Word and open our lips to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

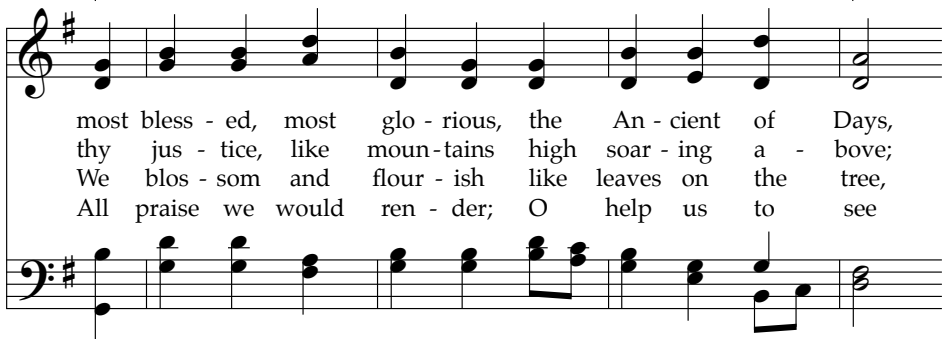
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You call us to seek justice, yet we abuse and ignore the poor. You call us to show mercy, yet we turn away from those in need. Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the wisdom and courage to abandon our places of privilege and to show our faith in action; 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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women

Cyndi Lockwood

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME Children are invited forward for a special message.

Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream image;
those on the floor facing the steps will not.

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
Sanctuary Singers

K. Lee Scott

*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 45:1-2, 6-9 (pg. 516)

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

SOLO

Refiner's Fire

Brian Doerksen

Marina Quintanilla, mezzo-soprano

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver. Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold. Refiner's fire: my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord. I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master; ready to do Your will. Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy. Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (pg. 42)

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SERMON

Tradition

Rev. Dr. Charlie Smith

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 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

The LORD Reigneth (Psalm 93)

Damon B. Martin

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*The LORD reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength,
wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.*

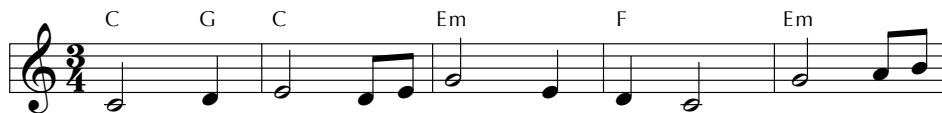
² *Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.*

³ *The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.*

⁴ *The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.*

⁵ *Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O LORD, forever.*

All Who Love and Serve Your City 351



1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

*PRESENTATION HYMN

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 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on ORA LABORA (hymn 719)

John L. Edwards

Organ Update

Steady progress continues with the organ repairs.

We cannot wait to have the organ back in worship in the coming weeks!

Today

Sunday School Classes | 9:30 a.m.

- Builders | Room B-8
- Evergreen | Room B-14
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room
- High School | Youth Lounge

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

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

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Rally Day | 12:00 p.m.

Join us for lunch and learn about all the classes and opportunities that FPC-OKC has to offer!

Menu: Grilled Chicken, Roasted Salmon, Wild Rice, Roasted Asparagus, Roasted Carrots, and Beach Cups for Dessert

Scan for our
online giving.
Thank you!



39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 베 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Upcoming Events

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

After service, we'll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Choir members are welcome to arrive early and join us!

Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.

Our Free Yoga Class is back on Wednesdays! We'll meet in the Rec Room in the basement. Angela Rose will lead our hour-long class. All skill levels are welcome!

Choir Practice — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

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

Kick-off Joint Circle Meeting — Tuesday, September 10 | 10:00 a.m.

Our kick-off meeting for the 2024-2025 PW year will be on Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room/Room 122. Any Presbyterian Woman is welcome to attend!

Reserve the Third — Saturday, September 14 | 8:30 a.m.

In September, Reserve the Third will be held on the second Saturday rather than the third. We're headed to Restore OKC to help carry out an inventory of their newly acquired apartments. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast at their central facility (2222 NE 27th St, OKC 73111), visit the apartments, conduct an inventory, and return by 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

Please RSVP with Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) if you plan to join us!

PW's Wild West Roundup — Sunday, September 22 | High Noon

All Presbyterian Women are invited to join us for a wild-west-themed luncheon in Watchorn Hall! We'll enjoy food, fellowship, and kick off the start of a new season. This is a great time to get involved with a Circle or find out more about what PW does throughout the year.