



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – September 8, 2024 16th 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 WESTMINSTER ABBEY (HYMN 394)* John L. Edwards

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Wisdom cries out in the streets:

People: Listen to my word and live.

Leader: Jesus calls out to the church:

People: Take up the cross and follow me.

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 317 *In Christ There Is No East of West* MC KEE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Amanda Ogden

God of John, Elijah, and all the prophets, in Christ you came to lead us in the way of everlasting life. Set our minds on holy things so that we may have the courage to take up the cross and follow you; through Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you. We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and peace; 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 Amanda Ogden

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.

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 *No Night There* Dan Forrest
Sanctuary Singers; Isaac Jones, violin
God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid. There shall be no night there, no crying there. God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; Lo, I am with you always, even to the end.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 125 (pg. 572)
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

Beautiful City

Stephen Schwartz

Ronn Burton, baritone

Out of the ruins and rubble, out of the smoke, out of our night of struggle, can we see a ray of hope? One pale thin ray, reaching for the day... We can build a beautiful city, yes, we can. Not a city of angels, but we can build a city of man. We may not reach the ending, but we can start slowly but truly mending, brick by brick, heart by heart. Now, maybe now we start learning how. When your trust is all but shattered, when your faith is all but killed, you can give up, bitter and battered, or you can slowly start to build a beautiful city.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-37 (pg. 42)

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

SERMON

The Jesus Surprise

Rev. Dr. Carl Bosteels

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 203

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHERE PONI

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

Concerto in A Minor Op. 3, No. 6—II. Largo

Antonio Vivaldi

Isaac Jones, violin

*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

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F Fine

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F to Refrain

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on HEAVEN SHALL NOT WAIT (HYMN 773)

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
- Middle School | Room B-10
- Children | Room 213

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.

SPARK Volunteer Opportunity

SPARK needs tutors to share the love of learning with kindergarten and first grade students on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Elizabeth Hatcher (elizhatcher@gmail.com).

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online giving.
Thank you!



O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

- 1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

- 1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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.