



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – September 13, 2026

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Women of the Miracle Windows

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

Selected Hymns of Faith

Elaine Chard, organ

(#1 NICAEA; #36 AR HYD Y NOS; #630 CRUSADERS' HYMN; #270 JERUSALEM)

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Susan Perry

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Eric Turner

INTROIT

Give Thanks to the Lord

Marina Quintanilla

Sanctuary Singers

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Micah 6:6, 8**

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One, and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: God has shown us what is good. What does the Holy One require of us, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN (Insert)**

The Church Was Built with Many Hands

WESTMINSTER NEW

Elaine Chard, composer

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

Susan Perry

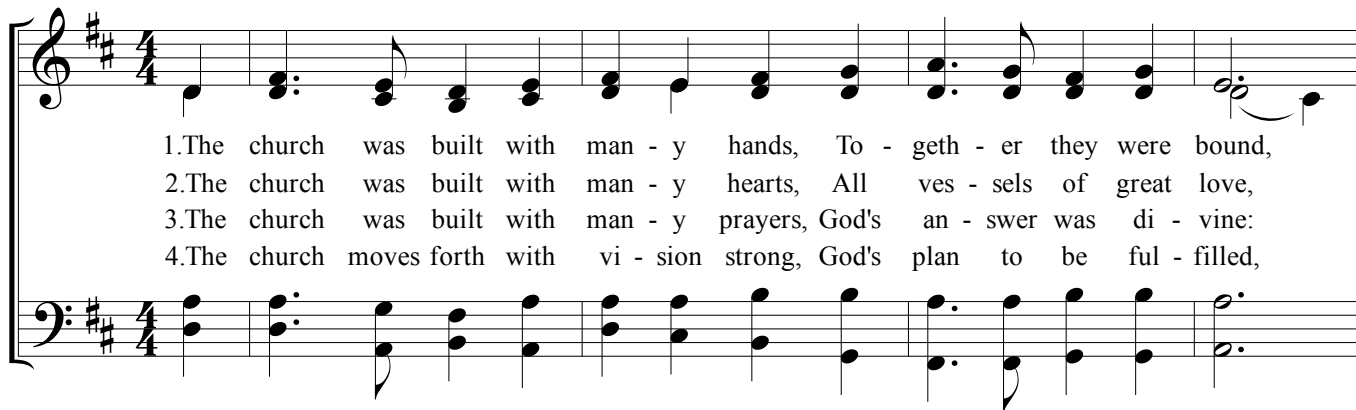
Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened. Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Elaine Chard, 1996

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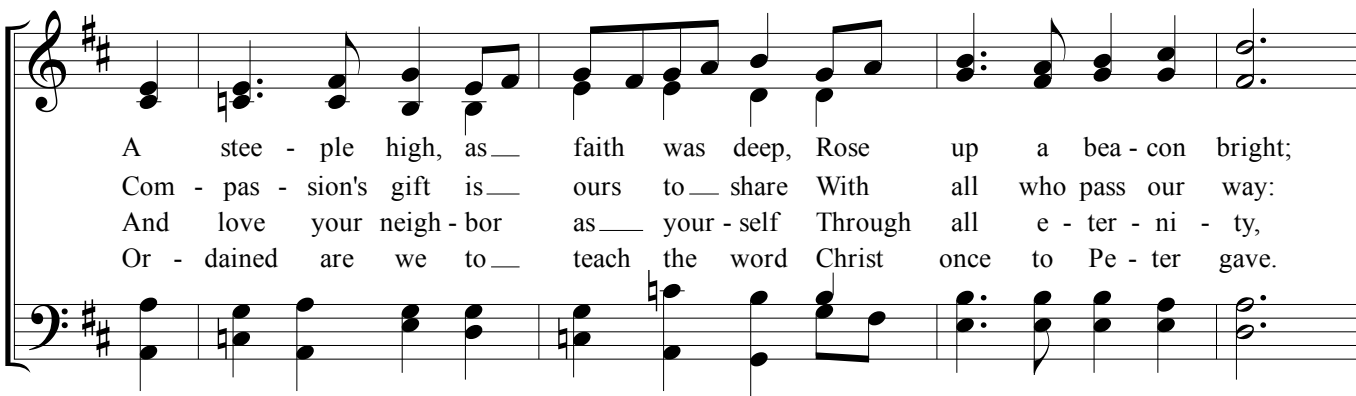
Elaine Chard



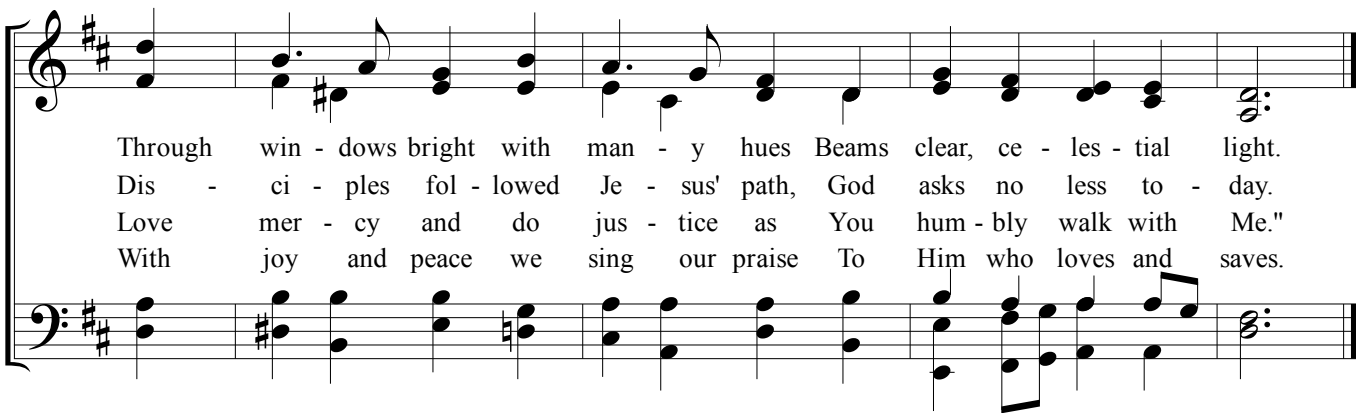
1. The church was built with man - y hands, To - geth - er they were bound,
2. The church was built with man - y hearts, All ves - sels of great love,
3. The church was built with man - y prayers, God's an - swer was di - vine:
4. The church moves forth with vi - sion strong, God's plan to be ful - filled,



The cor - ner-stone was put in place in con - se - cra - ted ground;
To - geth - er bound through joy and grief, Strength gained from Heav'n a - bove,
"To love the Lord with all your heart, With all your soul and mind,
The gates of Hell shall not pre - vail As on this rock we build;



A stee - ple high, as — faith was deep, Rose up a bea - con bright;
Com - pas - sion's gift is — ours to — share With all who pass our way:
And love your neigh - bor as — your - self Through all e - ter - ni - ty,
Or - dained are we to — teach the word Christ once to Pe - ter gave.



Through win - dows bright with man - y hues Beams clear, ce - les - tial light.
Dis - ci - ples fol - lowed Je - sus' path, God asks no less to - day.
Love mer - cy and do jus - tice as You hum - bly walk with Me."
With joy and peace we sing our praise To Him who loves and saves.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. (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

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

Sanctuary Singers

O Love, that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer fuller be. O Joy, that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:40-56 (pg. 68)

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

SERMON

Restored to Life

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 442

Just as I Am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Interlude

Martha Sobaje

*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

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDER

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ELDER

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

PRAYER OF ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Ordained & Installed

Melanie Duff

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 543

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GREEN TYLER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

442 Just as I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, thy love un-known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, and that thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

come to thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!
 I be - lieve,
 thine a - lone,

SPANISH

1 *Tal como soy de pecador,
 sin más confianza que tu amor;
 a tu llamada vengo a ti,
 ¡Cordero de Dios, heme aquí!*

KOREAN

1 큰-죄에 빠-진 날 위해
 주보-혈 흘려주시고
 또-나를 오-라 하시니-
 주께로 거-저 갑니다

When illness limited her involvement in a bustling household, the author wrote this hymn that helped her both to achieve and to express a renewed sense of worth grounded in Christ's self-giving. Its simple, direct, and deeply felt language has made it a source of comfort to many.

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

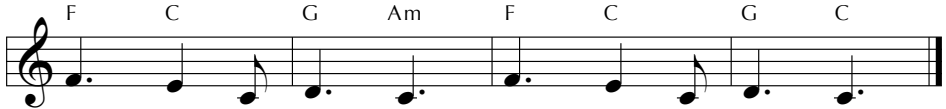
O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.

Presbyterian Women's Month with Music

During the month of September, the music department will feature music composed and/or performed by women of faith. Many of the postludes this month will feature Eleanor Whitsett's compositions. Elaine Chard is featured today, September 13, and flutists Linda Millier Bosteels, Andrea Day, and Karen Schiler will participate on September 27.

Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, September 27 | During 11:00 a.m. Worship

A Meeting of the Congregation (for the election of officers) will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, September 27, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

– Clerk of Session, Susan Perry

Today

Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

Getting to Know You, Me, & 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 through 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!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Give to
FPC today!



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.

Evening Prayer Service — Wednesdays | 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.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, September 19 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Reserve the Third is serving at The Urban Mission this month! This is a great way to get to know your fellow congregation members while also serving our community.

To RSVP or ask any questions, please contact Barbara Charlet at barbara.charlet@outlook.com.

Reminder: Volunteers should park on the south side of the Urban Mission building on 37th Street.

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.

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. This much-loved concert is one you don't want to miss!

Featuring Organists: Watchorn Hall, John L. Edwards; Chapel, Tyler Stone; Choir Room, Melissa Plamann; and Sanctuary, Nolan P. Reilly.

World Communion Sunday — Sunday, October 4 | 11:00 a.m.

During World Communion Sunday, we will collect the annual Peace & Global Witness Offering. This offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, October 4 | 12:00 p.m.

Our First Sunday Lunches are a great time to share in fellowship with the congregation. Join us in Watchorn Hall after the worship service to enjoy a delicious meal organized by Junebug Catering!

Menu: Creamy pumpkin and sausage pasta, chicken pasta with roasted red peppers and onions, Caesar salad, and white cake

Blessing of the Animals — Sunday, October 4 | 3:00 p.m.

You and your pet or pets are invited to join us for a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Courtyard. We will offer treats and present personalized certificates of blessing. All pets and their people are welcome!

Following the Blessing of the Animals, there will be a Service of Remembrance for Pets in the Chapel. This short service of readings and prayers will offer time for personal remembrance.