



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – September 14, 2025 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 *Prelude on NEW BRITAIN (Amazing Grace)* Dale Wood

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
4X4 ORGAN CONCERT & YOUTH CHORALE Puffer Jones

INTROIT *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* CARLISLE
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 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) David Ligon

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.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníúgo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshíitínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da rít'éé.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

THANKSGIVING

CHEROKEE

*Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
e gah gwoo yah ho nah.*

KIOWA

*Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.*

***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 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

I Am With You

Greg Habegger

Sanctuary Singers; Isaac Jones, violin

arr. Molly Ijames

I am with you, says the Father; through the floods I calm and keep. Though the swelling waves surround you, I surround the waters deep. Fear not, loved one; feel My presence. You will never be alone. Trust Me, loved one; you are precious. You are Mine – My very own. I am with you, says the Savior, even to the age's end. Never leaving, nor forsaking, I'm your ever-present Friend. Fear not, loved one; hear My comfort: none can pluck you from My hand. Trust Me, loved one; I am constant: none can change what I have planned. I am with you, says the Spirit, there is nowhere you can flee. Neither height nor depth can hide you, every place is home to Me. Fear not, loved one, hear my witness, you are God's own child and heir. Trust Me, loved one, hear My whisper, deep within you, I am here. Come be with Me, says the Master, greeting hopeful, homesick eyes. I was with you through the journey; be with Me in paradise. Trust Me, loved one, know My promise; I will surely, quickly come. Trust Me loved one, know My purpose, I will bring you safely home.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10 (pg. 78)

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

SOLO

His Mercy Is More

Matt Papa & Matt Boswell

Puffer Jones, baritone

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more. Praise the Lord, His mercy is more: stronger than darkness, new every morn. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 51:1-10 (pg. 520)

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

SERMON

A Steadfast Spirit

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

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

The Ninety and Nine

arr. Betty Jean Chatham

Puffer Jones, baritone

*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 545

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Festival Trumpets

Elaine Chard

Elaine Chard, organ

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.)

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

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

Sunday Worship | 11:00 a.m.

**Give to
FPC today!**



SCAN ME

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.

Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace 545

Song of Simeon

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace; your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the

word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing

va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

This unrhymed 20th-century paraphrase by a Scottish Jesuit gives fresh immediacy to the Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29–32) and recaptures something of that aged priest's sense of wonder in beholding the infant Christ. The shape note tune enhances the text's down-to-earth quality.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969

MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 691)

Youth Chorale Rehearsals Resume!

Middle and High School students (grades 5th through 12th) are invited to stay after worship on Sundays in September to sing together! We'll meet in room B-32 (the choir room) and make music until 12:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee

The work of our Nominating Committee has begun and will continue until the slate is complete. We invite the congregation to submit nominations for members willing to serve as Deacon, Elder, Trustee, or in an at-large role on next year's Nominating Committee.

Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate and share their names with any committee member. This year's committee includes: Edward Burden, Jim Boughman, Brad Davenport, Paula Grace, Bill Hancock, Mike Hancock, Nancy Myer, Bret Sholar, and Ginnie Tack.

Thank you for your prayers and support of this important work! - Nancy Myer

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.

After the service, we'll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

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).**

More Events on Back

Resilient Women Gathering Together — Tuesday, September 16 | 6:00 p.m.

All Presbyterian Women are invited to join us as we kick off a new year! We'll gather for pizza, salad, and PW chocolate cake, along with a time of fellowship.

This year's PW Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*, will be introduced by Dorothy Hays, who will also lead the first lesson, "Mary Magdalene, The Tower."

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.