



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — September 20, 2026

17th 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

from Sonata No. 2: *Grave and Adagio*

Felix Mendelssohn

John L. Edwards, organ

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Blackwelder Brass

Ben Failor & Tim Hosler, trumpets; Vincent Vasconcellos, horn

Brevin Hampton, trombone; Jesse Soliz, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACON'S MOMENT

Aidan McKinnon

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Mary Ann Boucher

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Jamie Slade

CHIME

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 116:8-9, 12**

Leader: For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

People: I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Louise McKinnon

Mighty God, give us the courage to roll away the heavy stones in our lives—our doubts, our fears, and the heavy burdens that keep us bound. We invite Your voice to speak into our darkness, calling us out of our tombs and into Your glorious light. We praise You for the power of Your Word, which turns mourning into joy and brings life where there was once decay. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen. (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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

ANTHEM

I Am Not My Own

Craig Courtney

Sanctuary Singers; Blackwelder Brass

Susan Bentall Boersma

I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life he gives me hope. By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him. I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort. I will live for Him forever and ever, forevermore!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130:1-8 (pg. 573)

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

SOLO

Thank You, Jesus

Matt Crocker, Hannah Hobbs

Marina Quintanilla, mezzo-soprano

Grace that flows like a river, washing over me Fount of heaven, love of Christ, overflow in me.

Thank You, Jesus, you set me free. Christ, my Saviour, you rescued me.

Take this life delivered, a vessel of Your love, wholly now devoted to see Your kingdom come.

You've given me life. You've opened my eyes. I love You, Lord.

You've entered my heart. You've set me apart. I love You, Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:17-27; 38-44 (pg. 105)

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

SERMON

Honest Grief

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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O God

WHELPTON

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach

Blackwelder Brass

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

*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 852

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

I'LL FLY AWAY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

from Sonata No. 2: *Allegro maestoso e vivace; Fuga*

Felix Mendelssohn

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Paula and Ron Grace upon the death of Paula's sister, Susan Harden of Tucson, Arizona, who died on September 8, 2026.

Please keep Paula, Ron, and Susan's family, including her son, Geoff Baugh; granddaughter, Atalisa Grindstaff; and daughter and granddaughter by marriage, Robin Matthews and Charlotte Sutton, in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

The Six Sonatas of Felix Mendelssohn Series

Today is the second in the series presented by John L. Edwards of all six of Felix Mendelssohn's organ sonatas during Sunday morning services. Mendelssohn (1809-1847), a German composer, pianist, organist, and conductor of the early Romantic era, helped revive interest in the organ music of Johann Sebastian Bach. Mendelssohn's *Six Organ Sonatas*, Op. 65, published in 1845, are not written in the traditional classical sonata form but instead consist of varied collections of movements.

Today's Sonata No. 2 in C minor is in four movements and is John's personal favorite. The majestic introduction leads to a lovely aria for the first two movements (prelude). The third movement is stately, while the fourth is a fugue (postlude).

The remaining sonatas will be presented on the following Sundays: November 22, Sonata No. 3; January 17, 2027, Sonata No. 4; February 14, Sonata No. 5; and March 14, Sonata No. 6.

**Give to
FPC today!**



SCAN ME

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1 When the Lord re-deems the ver-y least,
 2 When the Lord re-stores the sick and weak, we will re-
 3 When the Lord re-vives the world from death, we will re-joyce, will re-
 4 When the Lord re- turns in vic-to-ry,

joyce. When the hun-gry gath-er for the feast,
 joyce, will re-joyce. When the earth is giv-en to the meek,
 When the word of God fills ev-ery breath,
 When we live in glo-rious lib-er-ty,

Refrain
 we will re-joyce. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce.
 we will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce.

What does it mean to pray "thy kingdom come"? This text (loosely modeled on Psalm 126) sketches out some of the features that help us to know when God's reign has truly come. The energy of the gospel song tune adds to the sense of rejoicing repeatedly promised in this text.

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.
joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our

days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has lyrics: 'joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce.' and 'joyce with glad-ness. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce with glad-ness. All our'. The second system has lyrics: 'days we'll sing to God in praise. We will re-joyce, will re-joyce, will re-joyce!'. The music is written in a simple, clear style with notes and rests clearly visible.

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. Flutists Linda Millier Bosteels, Andrea Day, and Karen Schiler will perform during worship on Sunday, September 27.

In addition, the women of the congregation are invited to join the choir at the end of worship on September 27 to sing the Mizpah Blessing! Visit www.kempconcerts.org/pw-mizpah-blessing to find a copy of the score and listen to practice recordings!

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. Today will be the last class of this session. **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.

Pastor John's 10th Anniversary Celebration | 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 | 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.

Supper Shuffle Signup

Supper Shuffle is a great tradition at First Presbyterian Church and a wonderful way to get to know fellow church members over a shared meal. Groups meet about once a month for approximately six months. This year, you may choose from four kinds of groups: dining out, weekend brunch, dining in (members take turns hosting), and lunch.

Signups begin today, September 20, in front of the Reception Center before worship. You may also sign up there before worship on September 27 or during First Sunday Lunch on October 4.

Online signup is available at fpcokc.org/suppershuffle. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Henning at quewho@hotmail.com.

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.

Meeting of the Congregation — Sunday, September 27 | 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

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 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 to remember beloved pets who have died.

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