



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – September 27, 2026

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Election of Officers

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

Allegro

Ludwig van Beethoven

Linda Millier Bosteels and John L. Edwards, flutes

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Dorothy Hays

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING PRAYER

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

CHIME

INTROIT

Give Thanks to the Lord

Marina Quintanilla

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we gather, we come together as people of the cross and resurrection.

People: We come as children of the Father,

Leader: reconciled by grace through the Son,

People: and filled with God's love through the Spirit.

All: Let us worship the Triune God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Dorothy Hays

Heavenly Father, thank you for turning the ordinary into the extraordinary. Just as Jesus transformed water into wine at Cana, we pray you transform the quiet, everyday moments of our lives into opportunities to witness your glory, trust your perfect timing, and celebrate your abundant grace. In Jesus' name, amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God, You invite us to the wedding feast of Your kingdom, offering a life of overflowing joy. Yet, we confess that we often settle for the dull water of our own ways. We hold back our best gifts. We hoard our faith instead of letting it spill over into the world. We grow weary of serving, dull our senses to the needs of others, and fail to see the abundance of Your grace. Forgive us, Lord. Transform our stale hearts, just as You turned water into wine. Make us vessels of Your love, so that our lives might reveal Your glory. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. (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.

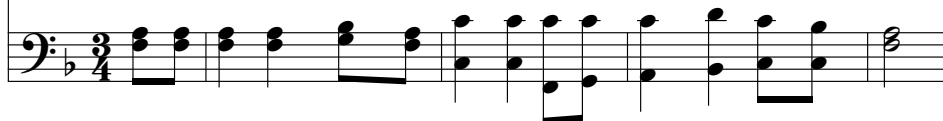
Children—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 215.

Parents may pick up children after worship from those locations.

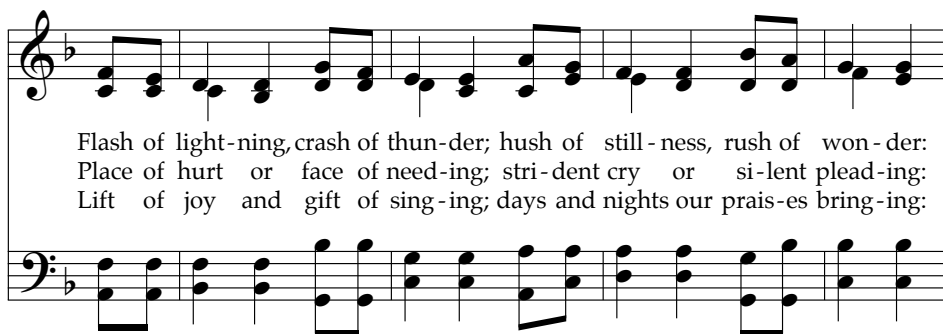
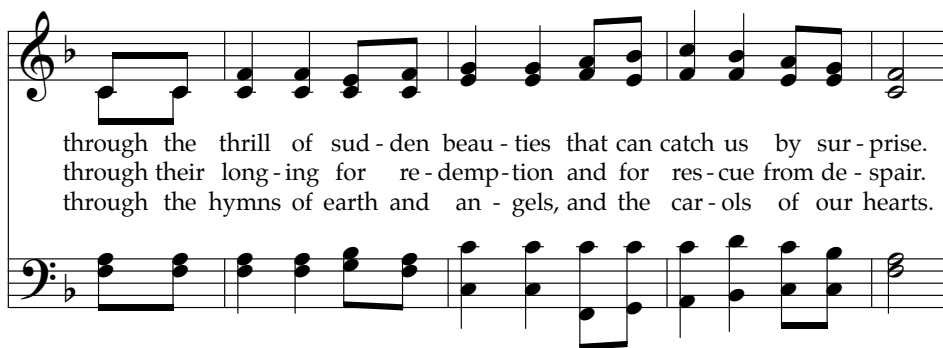
410 God Is Calling through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—can you hear? God is call-ing—can you hear?
 God is call-ing—and we hear! God is call-ing—and we hear!

This wide-ranging text reminds us of the many surprising and urgent ways God calls to us, both to draw us near and to send us forth. In the third line of music it is especially effective at harnessing the momentum of the phrases that are each a note higher than the one before.

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

Worthy To Be Praised

Byron J. Smith

Sanctuary Singers; Sarah Gwatney & Sophie Beck soloists

*Praise the Lord in the highest. Praise His Holy name. Let all things that haveth a breath just praise the Lord. I believe in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. I will sing, I will shout: He's worthy to be praised! We have come into the house of the Lord to praise His Holy name. To give glory, honor and adore His Son whose life He gave. Let the trumpet sound, let the rocks resound, our sinful souls he saved. Raise your voices high and sing to the Lord: He's worthy to be praised. Shout hosanna high to God for His everlasting grace. Let the trumpet sound, let the rocks resound, our grateful voices raise! Join all and sing hosanna. Praise ye the Lord.
O let every voice sing out that He's worthy to be praised!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:1-11 (pg. 93)

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

SERMON

Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN 156

Sing of God Made Manifest
(Stanza 3 only)

SALZBURG

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Old-Time Gospel Medley

arr. Denise Parr

Linda Millier Bosteels, Andrea Day, John L. Edwards and Karen Schiler, flutes

*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

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nancy Myer, Chair

ELECTION OF ELDERS CLASS OF 2030

ELECTION OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2030

ELECTION TRUSTEES CLASS OF 2030

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE CLASS OF 2027

PRAYER

Sing of God Made Manifest 156

1 Sing of God made man - i-fest in a child ro - bust and blest,
 2 Sing of God made man - i-fest when at Jor - dan John con-fessed,
 3 Sing of God made man - i-fest when Christ came as wed - ding guest
 4 Sing of God made man - i-fest on the cloud-capped moun-tain's crest,

to whose home in Beth - le - hem where a star had guid-ed them,
 "I should be bap-tized by you, but your bid-ding I will do."
 and at Ca - na gave a sign, turn-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 where the law and proph - ets waned so that Christ a - lone re-mained:

ma - gi came and gifts un-bound, signs mys - te - rious and pro-found:
 Then from heaven a dou - ble sign—dove-like Spir - it, voice di - vine—
 fur - ther still was love re-vealed as he taught, for-gave, and healed,
 glimpse of glo - ry, pledge of grace, given as Je - sus set his face

myrrh and frank-in-cense and gold grave and God and king fore - told.
 hailed the true A - noint - ed One: "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
 bring - ing light and life to all who would lis-ten to God's call.
 towards the wait-ing cross and grave, sign of hope that God would save.

"Epiphany" means "manifestation" or "showing forth," and this text cites key disclosures of Jesus as Messiah: the coming of the Magi, his baptism by John the Baptist, the wedding at Cana. All are summed up in the Transfiguration, recalled on the Last Sunday after the Epiphany.

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Women are encouraged to join the choir on the steps to sing the *Mizpah Blessing*. Please come forward during the final stanza.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING (ADJOURNMENT)

Mizpah Blessing

W. P. Jones

May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. And abide in hope. (Genesis 31:49; Romans 15:13)

*POSTLUDE

We're Marching to Zion

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

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!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

A Meeting of the Congregation (for the election of officers) will be held in the Sanctuary today, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. —Clerk of Session, Susan Perry

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.

You can sign up in front of the Reception Center before worship or during the First Sunday Lunch on October 4. Online signup is available at fpcokc.org/suppersshuffle. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Henning at quewho@hotmail.com.

Give to
FPC today!



SCAN ME

450

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) B^b (D) E^b (G) A^b (A) B^b



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) $Gm7$ (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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.

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

More Events on Back

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.

Deacons Out & About — Sunday, October 18 | 1:30 p.m.

Join us for the next Deacons Out & About as we tour the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum. We will meet near the Reflecting Pool shortly before 1:30 p.m. for a brief presentation by a park ranger about the Outdoor Symbolic Memorial, followed by a self-guided tour of the museum. Most visitors spend about 90 minutes inside the museum.

Tickets are limited, so sign up soon! **Sign up online at fpcokc.org/outandabout or call the church office at 405-525-6584.** If you have any questions, contact Mary Su Forsman at 501-253-8338.

Reformation Sunday — Sunday, October 25 | 11:00 a.m.

On Reformation Sunday, we will celebrate the Protestant Reformation and its lasting influence on our Presbyterian faith and tradition. The Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums will be part of this special service as we reflect on the history and heritage of the Presbyterian Church.