



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — October 11, 2026

20th 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

A Mighty Fortress

Martin Luther

Blackwelder Brass

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

Brevin Hampton, trombone; Jesse Soliz, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

Jason Duff-Williams

CHIME

INTROIT

Praise Ye the Lord

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: The Lord will make a feast for all people

People: and destroy the power of death forever.

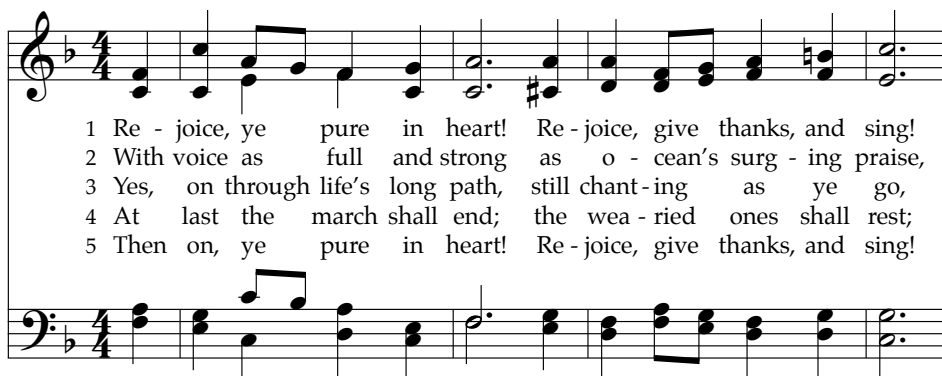
All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 804**

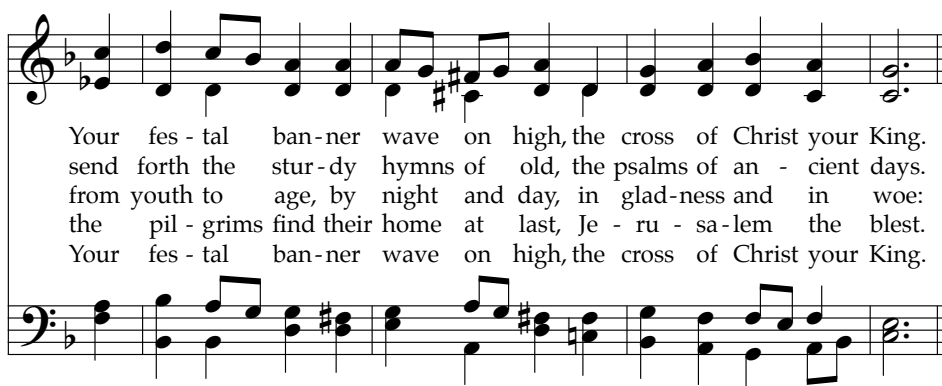
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain


Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! Re - joice!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

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

Angie Sholar

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out life with such abundance that death cannot claim the triumph over your universe. Call us again to your banquet where we may receive your holy food, and be transformed into a people of righteousness and peace. Amen.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we so often ignore your invitation to the banquet. We become preoccupied with our own fields, our businesses, and our daily distractions, treating your gracious call as an inconvenience. We confess that we often approach your grace with arrogance rather than the humility, repentance, and awe that such a feast demands. Lord, have mercy on us. Strip away our pride and our shallow excuses. Clothe us in the righteousness of Jesus, and grant us the grace to accept your invitation, that we may be transformed by your presence and nourished at your table. (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

Praise, Praise the Lord

Jay Althouse

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

Praise, praise the Lord, all ye people! Praise the Lord who is great and exalted. Praise the Lord; he is Savior and King. We stand before him in wonder. We stand before him and sing. The earth rejoices and then our voices will ring! Praise the Lord from the hill to the valley. Praise the Lord from the sea to the sky. God speaks and all the earth listens; with thanks we humbly reply. Our heart rejoices, and we raise our voices on high. Praise the Lord of the strong and the weary. Praise the Lord of the great and small.

The lamb will lie with the lion; they both will follow God's call. And now we sing of him, for he is King of them all.

Praise the Lord, all ye people!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:1–9 (pg. 50)

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

SOLO

At the River

Robert Lowry

Isaac Lynne, baritone

arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1–14 (pg. 24)

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

SERMON

The Chosen

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 822

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O God

WHELPTON

Sanctuary Singers

When We Are Living

822

Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,
 2 En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar
 3 En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,
 4 En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
 y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
 en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
 gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
 sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
 Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Londonderry Air
Blackwelder Brass

arr. Stephen Roberts

*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 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Scherzo
Blackwelder Brass

John Cheetham

Today

Prayer, Praise, and Pumpkins | 9:00 a.m.

Sunday school children and their families are invited to celebrate the fall season with pancakes, prayer, praise, and pumpkin painting! Come early for the fun before children head to their regular Sunday school classes when painting is finished. Parents may stay for fellowship with the Builders or attend an adult Sunday school class.

Sunday School Classes

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

Give to
FPC today!



770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel-come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel-come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

Get Your Ballot Notarized

You can get your absentee ballot notarized before or after service in the Reception Center.

Notarization will be available on Sundays before the November 3 General Election.

Contact Jean Nelson at jmn3925@swbell.net with any questions.

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.

Priscilla Circle Meeting — Tuesday, October 13 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting in Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

Phoebe Circle Meeting — Tuesday, October 13 | 1:30 p.m.

Meeting at the home of Kathy Berry. Contact Lolietta Miller at hellosam519@gmail.com for the address.

More Events on Back

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.

Church Under the Bridge — Sunday, October 18 | 2:00 p.m.

Join us as we serve at Church Under the Bridge during their weekly Sunday service. Church Under the Bridge's vision is to restore hope to the homeless and hurting. CUTB meets for service under the Crosstown Boulevard Bridge. We'll be serving food and helping with their worship service.

You can sign up and find more information at fpcokc.org/CUTB. **Please contact Holly Guadiana (405-202-5410) if you have any questions!**

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.

All Saints' Day — Sunday, November 1 | 11:00 a.m.

All Saints' Day is one of the year's most meaningful worship services. It is a day when we will share in the Lord's Supper, remembering with friendship, affection, and love those who have returned to God. It is a time to support those who grieve.

Above all, it is a time to thank God for all the men and women who now rest from their labors and whose influence on our faith lives on in our hearts and minds.

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, November 1 | 12:00 p.m.

After worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Roasted pork with cranberries, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted carrots, roasted asparagus, cranberry pecan cookies, and pumpkin chocolate chip cookies