

## First Presbyterian Church

OF OKLAHOMA CITY

## The Service for the Lord's Day — October 12, 2025 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Fanfare Paul Dukas

Blackwelder Brass

arr. Wayne Barrington

Ben Failor & Seth Seneca, trumpets; Vincent Vasconcellos, horn

Tyler Martindale, trombone; Jesse Soliz, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

John Ellis

STEWARDSHIP Mary Ann Doolen

**CHIME** 

INTROIT Praise Ye the Lord LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 103:1-4

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from death and crowns you with steadfast love and

compassion.

All: Let us worship God!



This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

TEXT: Jane Parker Huber, 1976
MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778

TRURO
LM

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY Paula Denner

Loving God, you sent Jesus Christ for us, to show your power and speak the truth. By your grace, keep us from stumbling, so that we might enter your eternal realm; through Christ, teacher of righteousness. Amen.

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with your love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. (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

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Willow Ophelia Wilson

**PRESENTATION** 

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

Scott and Nicole Wilson

#### QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Willow by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his church?

We do.

Will you support Scott and Nicole as they seek to raise Willow in the faith?

We will.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER
THE BAPTISM

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS

Please join me as we pray together for Willow. Let us pray.

Loving God, uphold Willow by your Holy Spirit. Give her the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Look with kindness on Scott and Nicole. Let them always rejoice in the gift you have given them. Grant them the presence of your Holy Spirit, that they may bring up Willow to know you, love you, and serve you and her neighbor, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### **WELCOME**

Brothers and sisters, we now receive Willow Wilson into Christ's church. I charge you to nurture and love her and to assist her to be Christ's faithful disciple.

Willow, with joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.

**HYMN OF WELCOME 487** 

These Treasured Children

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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 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!

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 80)

**SERMON** 

The Nature of Gratitude

Rev. John 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 703

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

ST. CATHERINE

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** 

La Fille aux cheveux de lin

Claude Debussy

Blackwelder Brass

arr. David Sabourin

\*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. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### We Go in God's Name

\*HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

**BEACH SPRING** 

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Intrada Johann Pezel

Blackwelder Brass ed. Robert King

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the Siewert family upon the death of Edgar Siewert, on September 15, 2025. Please keep the Siewerts in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

# 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me



John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

## 490

# Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1987, rev. BEACH SPRING

## Meeting of the Congregation Sunday, October 19 | After 11:00 a.m. Worship

A Meeting of the Congregation (for the election of officers) will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 19, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. – Clerk of Session, Barbara Charlet

## **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.

## Family Fun Sunday: Pumpkins & Pins | 1:00 p.m.

This afternoon, our families will enjoy two special outings designed for our different age groups.

- Younger Disciples Pumpkinville at Myriad Botanical Gardens
  - Meet at the main entrance (301 West Reno) to experience Pumpkinville, a favorite fall tradition since 2012. Each October, more than 50,000 pumpkins, gourds, and fall plants are arranged into creative displays. This year's theme highlights the wonder of museums around the world. Explore exhibits that bring famous paintings to life, see rockets and planets made of pumpkins in *Space*, or encounter dinosaurs in *Natural History*. Pumpkinville is fun for all ages, even our youngest disciples.
- Older Disciples (Age 9+) Bowling at Dust Bowl Lanes
   Older kids will gather at Dust Bowl Lanes (421 NW 10th Street) for an afternoon of bowling and fellowship.

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 (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).

## Priscilla Circle Meeting — Tuesday, October 14 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting at the church in Room 122.

## Phoebe Circle Meeting — Tuesday, October 14 | 1:30 p.m.

Meeting at Dorothy Hays' house.

## Reformation Sunday – Sunday, October 26 | 11:00 a.m.

On Sunday, October 26, we will recognize the Protestant Reformation and how it has shaped who we are as Presbyterian Christians. We will celebrate the history of the Presbyterian Church on Reformation Sunday with the help of the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums. We hope you will join us for this very special service!

## Church Under the Bridge — Sunday, October 26 | 2:00 p.m.

We're headed back to 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.

You can meet us directly at the venue's parking lot (1801 W. Reno.) at 2:00 p.m. or meet in our parking lot where people will carpool over. Paula Denner will be the point of contact for carpoolers. We will leave the church parking lot promptly at 1:45 p.m.

Sign up online at <u>tinyurl.com/CUTB-10-26-25</u>, on Sunday mornings in the narthex, or by calling the church office (405-525-6584). Please contact Paula Denner (405-514-9844) if you have any questions!

## First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, November 2 | 12:00 p.m.

Our First Sunday Lunches are a great time to share in fellowship with the congregation. After the worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall to enjoy a delicious meal organized by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Roasted Turkey, Roasted Salmon, Wild Rice Salad, Roasted Corn Salad, Harvest Salad (Wild Greens with Cranberries, Pecans, Sliced Apples and Maple Vinaigrette), Cornbread, Blue Cornbread, Blue Corn Cookies, Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cookies, and Pecan Cranberry Cookies

