



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day & Congregational Meeting for the Election of Officers* October 19, 2025 — 19th 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

AR HYD Y NOS (hymn 547)

Frank Stoldt

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

Bret Sholar

DEACON'S MOMENT

Lancelot Duff-Williams

STEWARDSHIP

Jim Boughman

CALL TO ORDER*

OPENING PRAYER*

ELECTION OF SECRETARY*

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM*

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE*

CHIME

INTROIT

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

LOUEZ LE SEIGNEUR

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who are we that God is mindful of us?

People: Who are we that God should care for us?

Leader: Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.

People: How majestic is the name of the Lord!

All: Let us worship God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Becky Osmond

Faithful God, in Christ Jesus you came to us as a little child to lead us to your eternal realm. Help us to receive your promise with childlike trust and joy so that we may one day rest in the loving arms of Christ; in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You create us in your image, yet we dishonor your holy name. You call us to live as one body, yet we seek out separate ways. Forgive us, God of grace. By the work of your Spirit within us make us holy and whole, so that we might live for your glory; 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

DISCOVERY TIME Children are invited forward for a special message. Amanda Ogden
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.

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

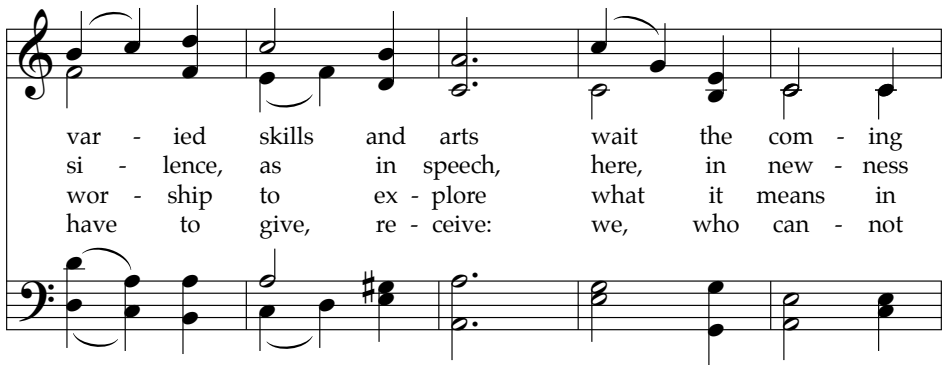
of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

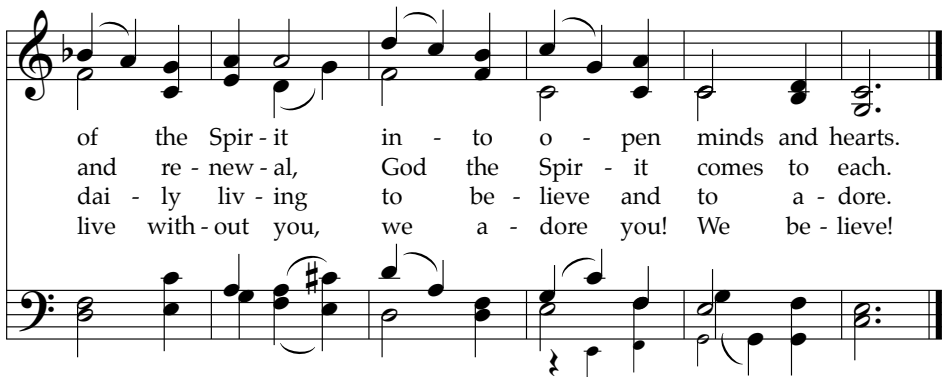
Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

SOLO

Desperate

Jamie MacDonald, Jordan Sapp

Marina Quintanilla, mezzo-soprano

Jonathan Conrad Gamble

I'm at the end of myself, and I'm tired. I've tried all that I know to do. Right now it's just be a thread, but I'm hanging onto You.

I'm running out of hope. I need a miracle. And if I ever needed You, It's right now. O God I'm desperate, down on my knees.

Send help from Heaven, 'cause that's what I need. Redeem this wreckage, restore my peace. I'm not asking; I'm begging.

Lord, come through for me. I need Heaven, and I'm desperate. I've prayed all the prayers I can pray, but I won't stop knocking 'til

You open the door. You can move a mountain; You can calm a storm. I know You can, 'cause I've seen it before.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121 (pg. 571)

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

ANTHEM

Be Still

Mary McDonald

Sanctuary Singers

Herb Frombach

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to

Me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you; and I will wipe your tears;

you will be renewed. Come unto Me, My child, be still, and know that I will give you rest. I am present in your pain

and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend. Peace I leave with you; My peace, I give unto you.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:1-8 (pg. 81)

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

SERMON

Deepening Our Relationship with God

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.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Collection plates are located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.)

OFFERTORY

This Is My Father's World

arr. Stan Pethel

Jim Borgstadt, clarinet

*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 2029*

ELECTION OF DEACONS CLASS OF 2029*

ELECTION TRUSTEES CLASS OF 2029*

ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE CLASS OF 2026*

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

ADJOURNMENT AND PRAYER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.

Meeting of the Congregation | During 11:00 a.m. Worship

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, Barbara Charlet

**Give to
FPC today!**



Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev-er a-lone.
 2 "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos-er to me.

Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy-ful and free.

In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you; here my ten-der com-fort

ev-er. Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 glo-ry. Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."
 stilled you. Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy-ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

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).**

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 tinyurl.com/CUTB-10-26-25, 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