



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — October 26, 2025 20th Sunday After Pentecost | Reformation Sunday

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.

Today is Reformation Sunday, and the liturgy for this morning's worship comes from or is inspired by the Iona Abbey Worship Book. The Reformation is considered to have started on October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany.

This event marked the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

Fantasy in G Major, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

Sanctuary Singers

*THE GRAND PROCESSIONAL

The Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums, The Crucifer, The Bible Bearer, The Acolyte,
The Beadle, The Minister, The Banner Bearer, The Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day to the rising of this life itself.

The purpose of God be between us and each purpose,

People: the hand of God between us and each hand;

Leader: the pain of Christ between us and each pain,

People: the love of Christ between us and each love.

Leader: O God, you brought us to the light of this new day;

People: bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

(stanza 3: organ alone)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) - *from Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Mary Ann Doolen

Each thing we have received, from you it came, O God. Each thing for which we hope, from your love it will be given. Kindle within our hearts a flame of love to our neighbors, to our foes, to our friends, to our loved ones all, from the lowliest thing that lives, to the name that is highest of all. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Everlasting God, whose timeless grace unites us, forgive the ways we have sinned against our ancestors. We failed to follow their example and heed their wisdom. Free us from the legacy of their sins. Forgive the ways we have sinned against our descendants. Our greed has threatened their well-being, and our hatred has damaged their peace. Free us to be your worthy servants in this hour, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: With the whole church

All: We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

Leader: With people everywhere

All: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

Leader: With all creation

All: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life the unfolding purposes of God forever at work and ourselves in the world.

Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow and love. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE Deep peace of the running wave to you,
deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you,
deep peace of the shining stars to you, the peace of the Son of Peace to you.

And also with you.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 581

Gloria Patri

H. W. Greatorex

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

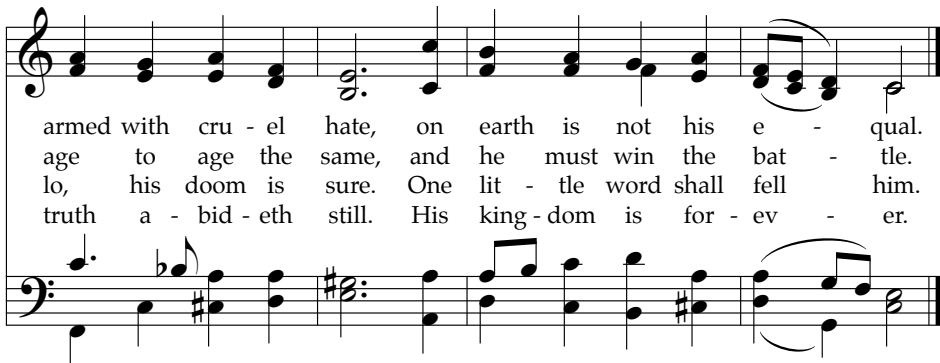
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal melody in treble clef, featuring a series of chords and single notes, with a final cadence. The lower staff is a basso continuo line in bass clef, providing harmonic support with chords and single notes, including a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a time signature change to 3/8.

We Proclaim God's Word

DISCOVERY TIME

Children are invited forward for a special message.

Jack 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.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter

Sanctuary Singers

8th century Irish poem

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art. Be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word. Be thou ever with me and I with thee, Lord. Be thou my great father and I thy true son. Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight. Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might. Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower. O raise thou me heavenward, great power of my power. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Be thou mine inheritance, now and always. Be thou, and thou only, the first in my heart. O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art. High king of heaven, thou heaven's bright son, O grant me its joys after victory is won. Great heart of my own heart whatever befall still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 84:1-12 (pg. 543)

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

SOLO

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Charles C. Converse

Michael Johnston, tenor

Joseph Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer! Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer! Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14 (pg. 81)

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

SERMON

O Lord, It's Hard to Be Humble

Rev. John McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Westminster Confession of Faith (6.012)

Please rise in body or Spirit and hear these words from Chapter II of The Westminster Confession of Faith, titled Of God, and of the Trinity.

“God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them: he is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest; his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature; so as nothing is to him contingent or uncertain. He is most holy and all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them.”

Amen.

*HYMN 739

O for a Closer Walk with God

CAITHNESS (Scottish Psalter)

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

Antiquities of Scottish Music, Set 4

Traditional Scottish Tunes

John L. Edwards, Scottish whistle and Warren Puffer Jones, bodhran

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

(stanza 3: low/bass voices; stanza 4: high/treble voices)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL

The bagpipes will lead the recessional.

O for a Closer Walk with God 739

1 O for a clos - er walk with God, a
 2 Re - turn, O ho - ly Dove, re - turn, sweet
 3 The dear - est i - dol I have known, what -
 4 So shall my walk be close with God, calm

calm and heaven - ly frame, a light to shine up -
 mes - sen - ger of rest! I hate the sins that
 e'er that i - dol be, help me to tear it
 and se - rene my frame; so pur - er light shall

on the road that leads me to the Lamb!
 made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
 from thy throne, and wor - ship on - ly thee.
 mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

Merely longing for a restored relationship with God is not enough; real repentance requires amendment of life (stanza 3). The similarity of stanzas 1 and 4 suggests both continuity and improvement. This tune was one of the new common tunes in the Scottish Psalter of 1635.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhóníúgo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshíitínigí,
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da rít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

THANKSGIVING

CHEROKEE

*Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
e gah gwoo yah ho nah.*

KIOWA

*Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.*

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!

Reformation Sunday Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Today, 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 enjoy this very special service!

Church Under the Bridge | 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.

Youth Chorale Rehearsals

Middle and High School students (grades 5th through 12th) are invited to stay after worship on Sundays (except for 1st Sundays of the month)! We'll meet in Room B-32 and make music until 12:30 p.m.

**Give to
FPC today!**



SCAN ME

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).**

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

Deacons Out and About: Our Town — Friday, November 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Join the Deacons for a night out at the theater! The Diaconate has purchased 30 tickets to Harding Fine Arts Academy’s play *Our Town* on Friday, November 14, at 7:00 p.m., directed by our very own Sean Smith.

Tickets are free but limited, so sign up today at tinyurl.com/DeaconsPlay25. The show is best suited for ages 16 and up. **Contact Blaine Moore (bmoorokc@aol.com) if you have any questions.**

Hanging of the Greens — Sunday, November 23 | 12:00 p.m.

Join us as we hang greenery around the church, readying ourselves and the church for the coming season! All ages are invited to participate. Pizza will be provided.

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship — Wednesday, November 26 Dinner 5:45 p.m. | Worship 6:30 p.m.

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Worship on Wednesday, November 26. We'll have dinner in Watchorn Hall, followed by worship in the Chapel. This traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the sides is sure to please.

We are blessed in so many ways and we must not forget to recognize them for what they are. There is no better way to respond to God's grace than to worship. Come join us in table fellowship and to worship God with thanksgiving and praise!

ADVENTure — Sunday, November 30 | 12:00 p.m.

Kick off the Advent season with our annual ADVENTure fun on Sunday, November 30! There will be the opportunity to make an Advent wreath with fresh greens. We'll also provide the five candles needed to begin your weekly candle lighting to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ.

Lunch will be provided.

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