First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — November 8, 2026

24th 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 — *Suite in D Major* — attributed to Leonardo Vinci
I. Prelude, Allegretto; II. Largo; III. Allegretto e Leggiero

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT — *Give Thanks to the Lord* — Marina Quintanilla
Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve.
People: We will love and serve the Lord.
All: Let us worship God!
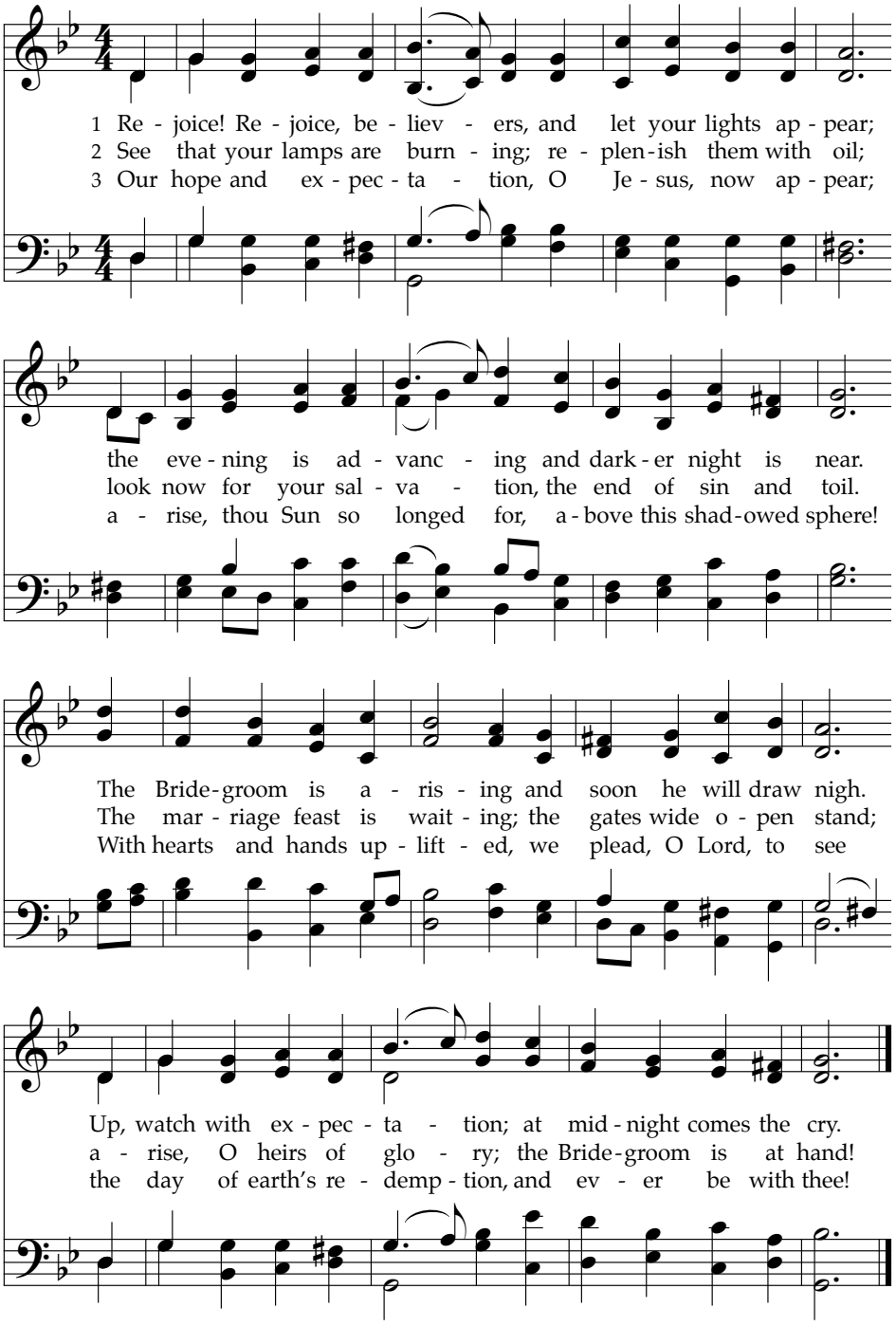
*HYMN 362 — *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* — LLANGLOFFAN

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) — Scott Wilson

Ever-living God, you inscribe our names in your book of life so that we may share in the first fruits of salvation. Grant that we may acknowledge Christ as our redeemer and, trusting in him, be confident that none of your own will be lost or forgotten. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers



The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1–13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.

TEXT: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854; alt. *The Hymnal 1982*
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant,* 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906

LLANGLOFFAN
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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we so often fall asleep at the watch. Like the foolish bridesmaids, we fail to prepare for your coming, neglecting the oil of our faith and allowing our spiritual lamps to grow dim. We admit that we run on our own limited strength rather than relying on your Holy Spirit. Forgive us for our apathy and the times we have been unwilling to share the light and grace you have given us. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and fill us once again with your Holy Spirit. Keep our hearts awake and our faith burning brightly, so that we are always ready to welcome you when you come.

(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.

Afterward, 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 *Keep Your Lamps* African American Spiritual
Sanctuary Singers arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Amos 5:18-24 (pg. 854)

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

SOLO *Let Justice Roll Down* Colin Gibson

Ronn Burton, baritone

Let justice roll down like a river, let justice roll down like a sea, let justice roll down like a river, let justice begin through me. Justice for all who go hungry, crying to God to be fed, left in a world of abundance to beg for a morsel of bread. Justice for those who are homeless, victims of warfare or need, trapped on the borders of nowhere, lost in the canyons of greed. Justice for all who are powerless, yearning for freedom in vain, plundered and robbed of their birthright, silently bearing their pain.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:1-13 (pg. 28)

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

SERMON *Late to the Party* Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR VETERANS & PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO PROTECT OUR NATION

Leader: Prince of Peace, we pause to thank you for brave men and women who freely place their lives in harm's way to protect the freedoms we so often take for granted. Thank you for the simple freedom to gather each week to worship.

People: Creator God, we pray every veteran of our nation's armed forces feels truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens.

Leader: Let no one feel forgotten or neglected.

People: Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of a grateful nation.

Leader: Healing God, you know how deep a warrior's wounds go. You know the loss that many of our veterans suffer in body and soul. You know the memories that haunt them and the scars that many of them continue to carry.

People: We implore you, God, to bring healing to those veterans who are hurting at this very moment. Empower them with your Holy Spirit to help in the healing process.

Leader: Father God, we thank you for the veterans in our presence this morning and for the multitude of sacrifices made by families in support of members of our armed forces. We lift up a son of this congregation, Lane Wallace, currently serving in the United States Army. Surround him with your mantle of protection and hold Lindsey, Cory, and Case in your peace.

People: We are truly grateful for the sacrifices made by wives, husbands, daughters, and sons in sharing their loved ones in service to our country.

Leader: Lord God, we pray for all those who need you in specific ways this day. We lift to you this day the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, and Syria, the people of Sudan, Nigeria, Somalia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the people of North Korea and Haiti. Bring light to darkness, peace to violence, love to brokenness, and meaning to emptiness.

RESPONSE *Amen* DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

*HYMN 346 *For the Healing of the Nations* ST. THOMAS (Wade)

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Canon in D* Johann Pachelbel

*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 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
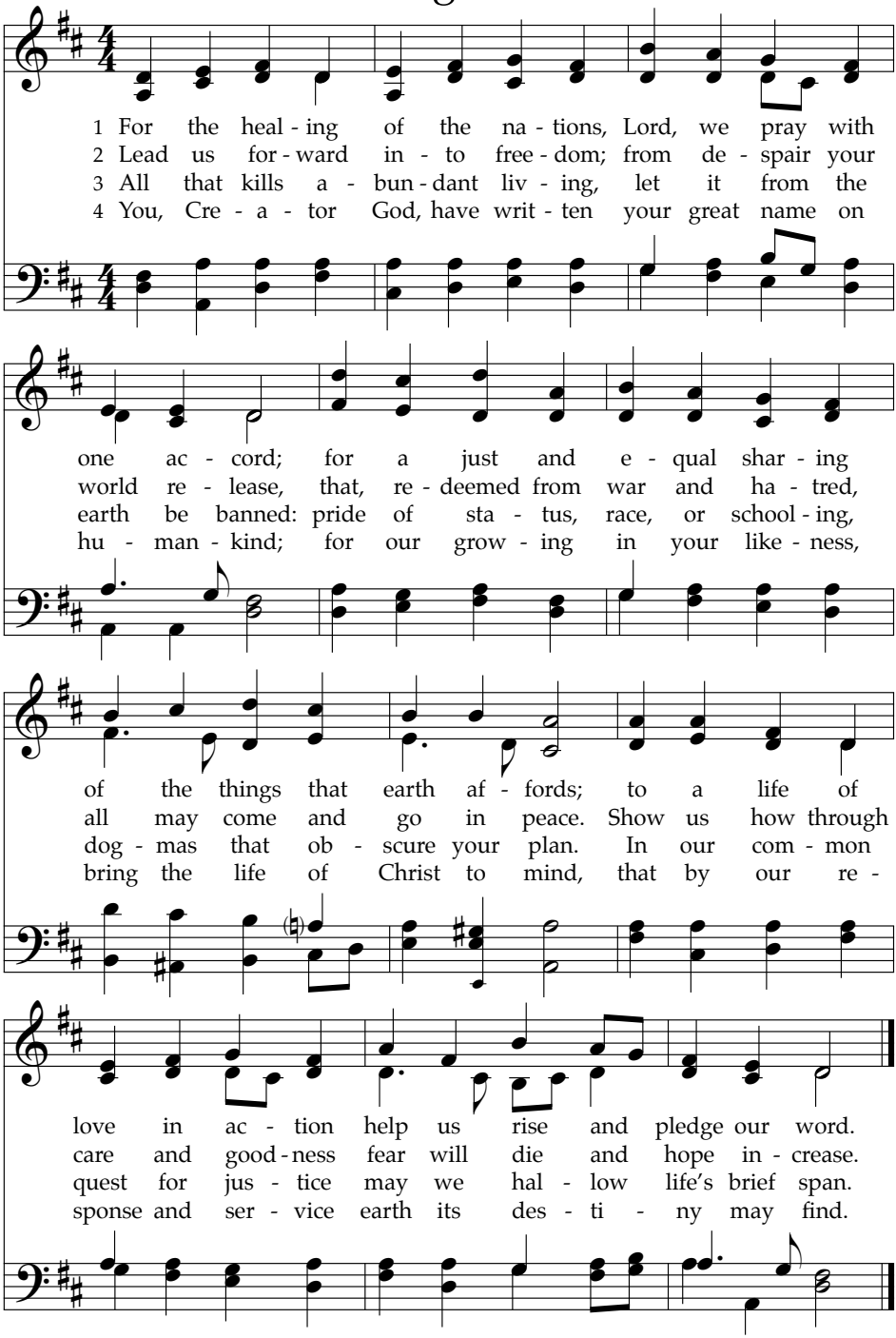
*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D Major* David N. Johnson

Interested in Membership?

The Session will be receiving new members in December. If you are interested in church membership or simply learning more about FPC-OKC and what membership means, please speak with Pastor John or email him at pastorjohn@fpcokc.org.

Give to FPC today! SCAN ME

346 For the Healing of the Nations
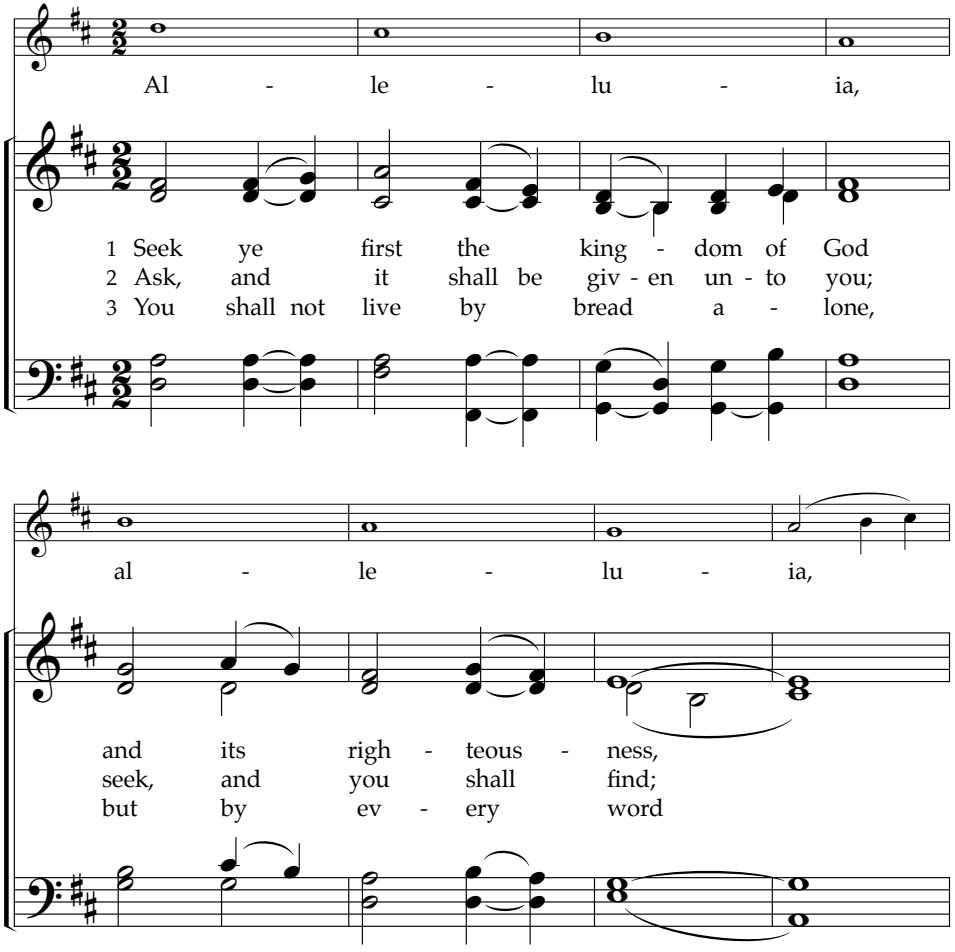


The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1965
MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1750; harm. *Hymns Ancient & Modern,* 1861
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ST. THOMAS (Wade)
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175 Seek Ye First

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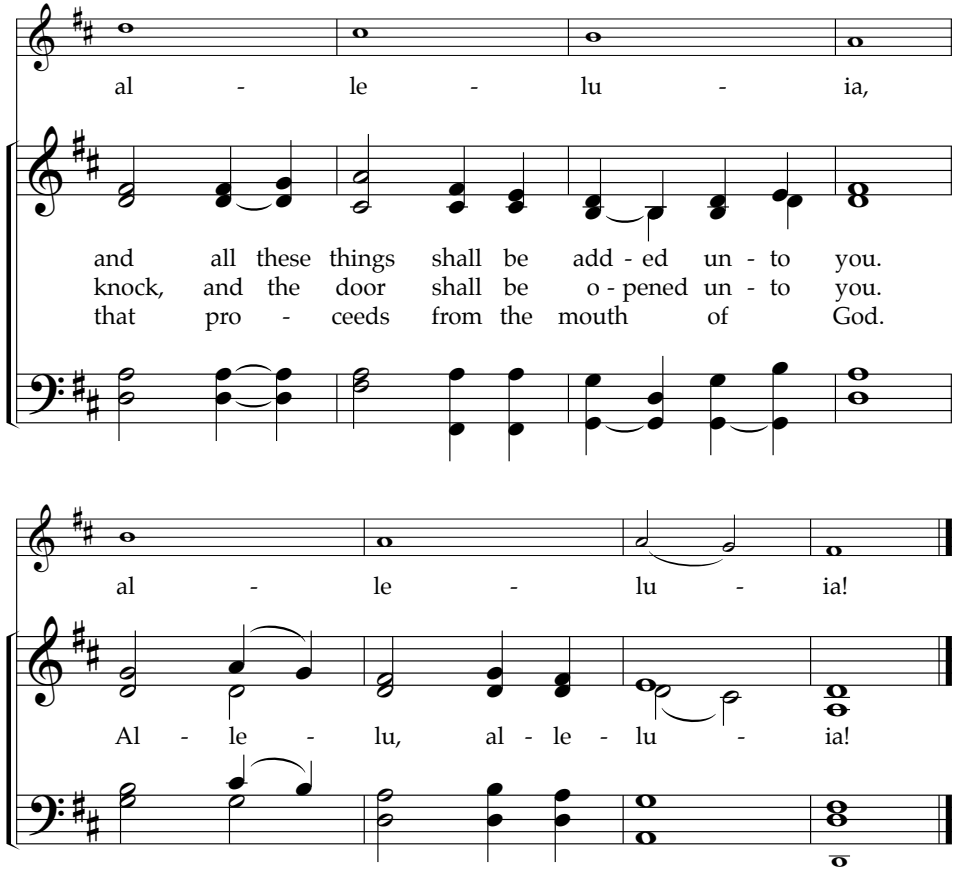


The author and composer wrote the first stanza and folk-style tune after attending a Bible study on Matthew 6:33. The later stanzas, based respectively on Matthew 7:7 and Matthew 4:4 emerged anonymously. Such meditative singing of scripture is an important form of sung prayer.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Karen Lafferty, 1971, alt.; stanzas 2–3, anon.; Spanish trans. anon.; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee
MUSIC: Karen Lafferty, 1971

LAFFERTY
Irregular

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SPANISH

1 *Busca primero el reino de Dios*
y su perfecta justicia,
que lo demás lo añadirá el Señor.
Alelu, aleluya.

KOREAN

1 너희는 먼저- 주의 나라와
그의를 구하-면
이모든것 네게 더하시리라
알렐-루 알렐루야

Winter Coat Drive

Help keep our neighbors warm this winter! We are collecting gently used men's coats, sizes large and up, to benefit Church Under the Bridge. Donations may be dropped off in the Narthex or Reception Center through November 29.

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.

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, November 10 | 10:00 a.m.

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

Phoebe Circle Meeting — Tuesday, November 10 | 1:30 p.m.

Meeting at the home of Kova McLean.

Abigail Circle Meeting — Friday, November 13 | 6:00 p.m.

Meeting location TBD.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, November 14 | Coming Soon

In November, the Reserve the Third crew will serve at the Ronald McDonald House! Volunteers will help prepare and serve a meal to families of children receiving treatment at the OU Health campus, then stay afterward to assist with cleanup.

Please RSVP to Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) so he knows how many volunteers to expect and can share final details and parking information.

Hanging of the Greens — Sunday, November 22 | 12:00 p.m.

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

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship — Wednesday, November 25 Dinner at 5:45 p.m. | Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Gather with us on Wednesday, November 25, for our Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship. Dinner will be served in Watchorn Hall at 5:45 p.m., followed by worship in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the classic sides as we gather in gratitude and fellowship. Come share in this meaningful evening of food, faith, and thanksgiving!

ADVENTure — Sunday, November 29 | 12:00 p.m.

Kick off the Advent season with our annual ADVENTure! Make an Advent wreath with fresh greens, and we'll provide the candles needed for weekly candle lighting throughout the season.

Children and youth will also have a Christmas painting opportunity and take part in a Christmas scavenger hunt around the church. Lunch will be provided. Come celebrate the beginning of Advent with us!

Memorial Ornament Tree Service — Sunday, November 29 | 3:00 p.m.

Join us in the Sanctuary for a special service honoring the memory of loved ones who have died and celebrating the love that continues to connect us. You are invited to bring an ornament in memory of a loved one to hang on our memorial tree during the service.

The tree will remain in the Sanctuary through Christmas, after which ornaments will be available to take home. Together, we will give thanks for those we love and celebrate the hope we have in God's eternal love.

Christmas Food Boxes
Friday, December 4 & Saturday, December 5 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Help The Urban Mission prepare Christmas Food Boxes for families in our community!

- On Friday, December 4, volunteers are needed to set up the assembly line and prepare boxes.
- On Saturday, December 5, volunteers will pack 260 food boxes and hygiene bags.

Contact Jim Tack (jtack@robertsonwilliams.com) to RSVP or for more information.

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