



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – November 9, 2025

22nd 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

Allegro and Minuet from Water Music Suite

George Frideric Handel

Flute Quartet

arr. Ricky Lombardo

John L. Edwards, Linda Millier Bosteels, Karen Schiler, and Michael Johnston, flutes

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Sanctuary Singers

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 84:1-2**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh
sing for joy to the living God.**

All: Let us worship God!

***HYMN 624**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

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

Erica Taylor

**Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all
times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the
unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, we confess that it is much easier to say we follow Jesus than to do it.

We accept more readily the ways of the world than the strange way of the cross.

What others think of us is often more important than what you think of us. Forgive us,

O God, and teach us to be faithful followers of the way of Christ. (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

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Cecil Frances Alexander

Treble Choir

English melody, adapt. Martin Shaw

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

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

Joy in the Morning

Natalie Sleeth

Sanctuary Singers

Joy, there'll be joy in the morning on that day. For the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone. There'll be peace and contentment evermore. Every heart, every voice on that day will rejoice. And the glory of the Lord will shine upon us, and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine. There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 98:1-9 (pg. 551)

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

SOLO

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Ronn Burton, baritone

Bless the Lord, O my soul; worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger. Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing: ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending: ten thousand years and then forevermore.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 20:27-38 (pg. 84)

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

SERMON

God of the Living

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 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

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Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic-tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai-ment
 he greets us, scat-ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad-ness
 with-out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con-querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-quer-ing
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION



Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature (C). It begins with a large '8' time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with various note values including eighth, quarter, and half notes, and rests. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and common time. It also begins with a large '8' time signature. The bass line consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody. The lyrics are written between the two staves, aligned with the notes.

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (hymn 65)

arr. Evelyn Sabina

Flute Quartet

*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 822

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes

Alexander Schreiner

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!

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.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!**



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.

Winter Coat Drive

As temperatures start to drop, it's time for our yearly winter coat drive! This year's donations will once again support Church Under the Bridge. You can drop off coats in the narthex or Reception Center through the end of November. Their greatest need is gently used men's coats in sizes large to XXXL, but all sizes, and warm gloves, are appreciated.

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.**

Evening Prayer Service — 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 Evening Prayer Service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. This 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).**

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, November 11 | 10:00 a.m.

Meeting at the church in Room 122.

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, November 11 | 1:30 p.m.

Meeting at Kathy Berry's house.

Abigail Circle — Friday, November 14 | 6:00 p.m.

Meeting at Darci McKinnon's house.

Note: Abigail Circle will now be meeting on the 2nd Friday of the month.

MORE EVENTS ON BACK

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.**

Reserve the Third — Saturday, November 15 | 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

This month, 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) ASAP so he can share final details, parking information, and the number of volunteers expected.

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 on Wednesday, November 26, for our Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship service. Dinner will be served in Watchorn Hall at 5:45 p.m., followed by worship in the Chapel.

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 30 | 12:00 p.m.

Kick off the Advent season with our annual ADVENTure fun on Sunday, November 30! There will be an 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.

During this time, the children and youth will have their Christmas pageant rehearsal. Lunch will be provided.

Christmas Food Boxes — December 5 & 6 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Volunteer to help with Christmas Food Boxes at The Urban Mission!

- On Friday, December 5, volunteers are needed to set up the assembly line and put together boxes.
- On Saturday, December 6, volunteers are needed to pack food boxes and hygiene bags.

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