First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — November 22, 2026

Christ the King

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 — *All Glory Be to God on High* — Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
CHRISTMAS BOXES — Holly Guadiana

CHIME

INTROIT — *Lift High the Cross* — CRUCIFER
Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
People: God's steadfast love endures forever.
Leader: The Lord is God; we are God's people.
People: We are the sheep of God's pasture.
All: Let us worship God!

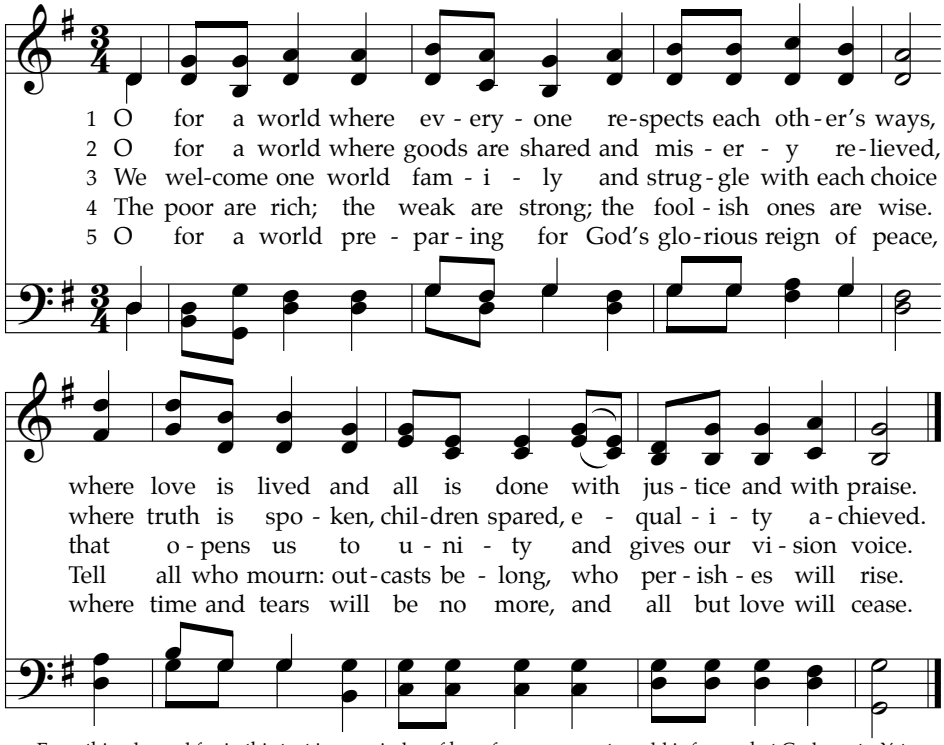
*HYMN 372 — *O for a World* — AZMON

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) — Barbara Charlet

You raised up your Son, O God, and seated him at your right hand as the Shepherd and King who seeks what is lost, binds up what is wounded, and strengthens what is weak. Empowered by the Spirit, grant that we may share with others that which we have received from your hand, to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

O for a World 372



Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

TEXT: Miriam Therese Winter, 1987
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord, we come before you, acknowledging that one day we will stand before your throne of glory. You call us to care for the "least of these," yet we confess that we have often failed to live up to this calling. In our busyness and comfort, we confess that we so often fail to see your face in the faces of the distressed and needy. We have loved with conditions and held back our compassion when it cost us too much. Pardon us for our selfishness. By your mercy, wash away our guilt and awaken our hearts to the needs of our neighbors.

(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 *This Is My Father's World* Maltbie Babcock
Treble Choir Franklin Sheppard

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 *May Jesus Christ Be Praised!* Lloyd Larson
Sanctuary Singers

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed. His compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is God's faithfulness. When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair, may Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the ages long. We'll sing the one eternal song: may Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100:1-5 (pg. 552)

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

SOLO *Give Me Jesus* traditional Spiritual

Sophie Beck, soprano arr. Moses Hogan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 29)

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

SERMON *Standard of Judgment* 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.

*HYMN 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* WAREHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE *Amen* DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

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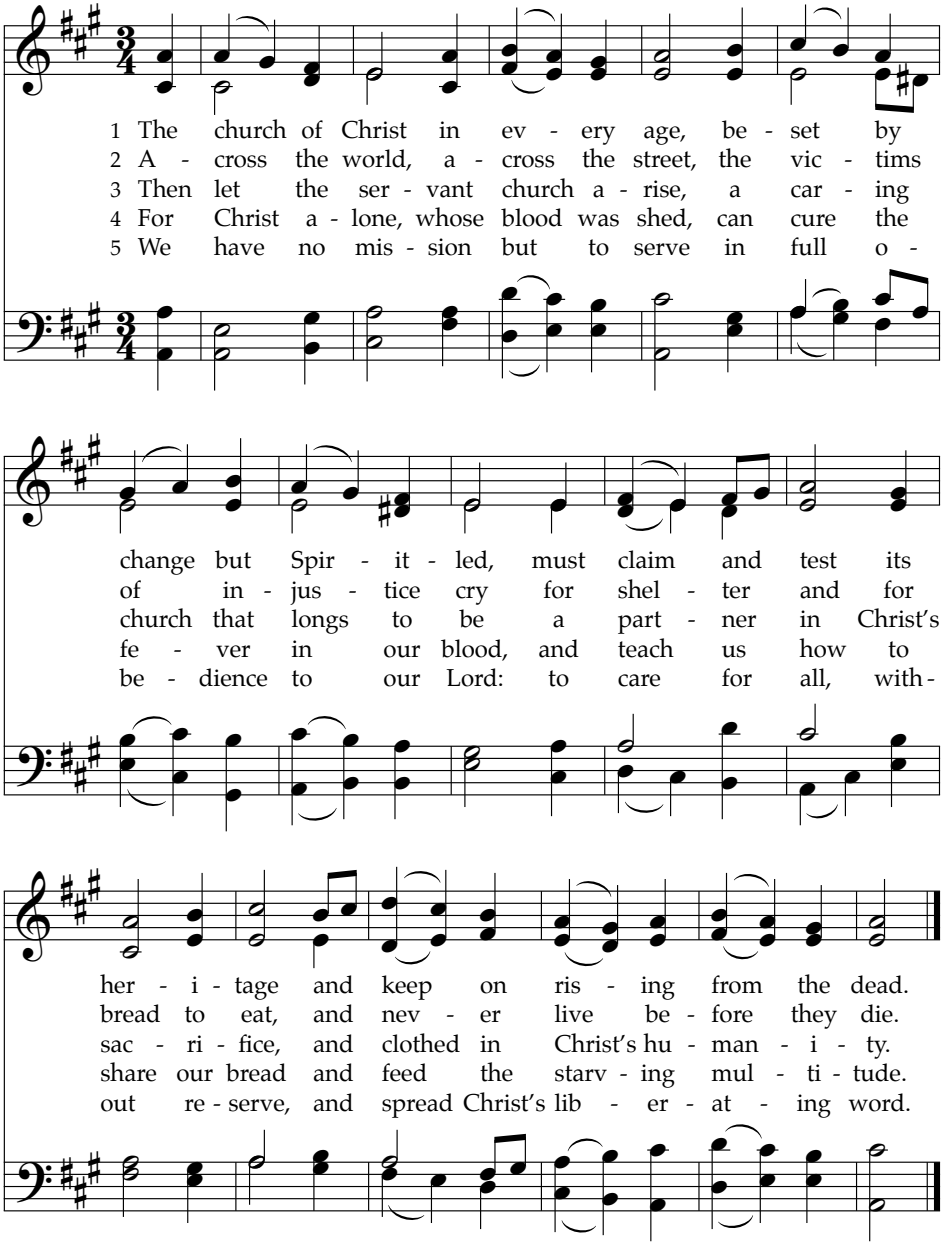
OFFERTORY from Sonata No. 3: *Andante tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn

*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

320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1969
MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738
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We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* MC KEE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE from Sonata No. 3: *Con moto maestoso* Felix Mendelssohn

The Six Sonatas of Felix Mendelssohn

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847) was a German composer and organist who helped revive interest in the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. His *Six Organ Sonatas*, published in 1845, feature a variety of contrasting musical movements.

Today's offertory and postlude feature **Sonata No. 3 in A Major**. The offertory, *Andante tranquillo*, is peaceful and meditative. The postlude, *Con moto maestoso*, opens with a Grand Chorus Dialogue, incorporates the chorale "Out of the Depths" (hymn 424), and concludes with a return to the opening dialogue.

The remaining sonatas will be presented on January 17 (No. 4), February 14 (No. 5), and March 14 (No. 6).
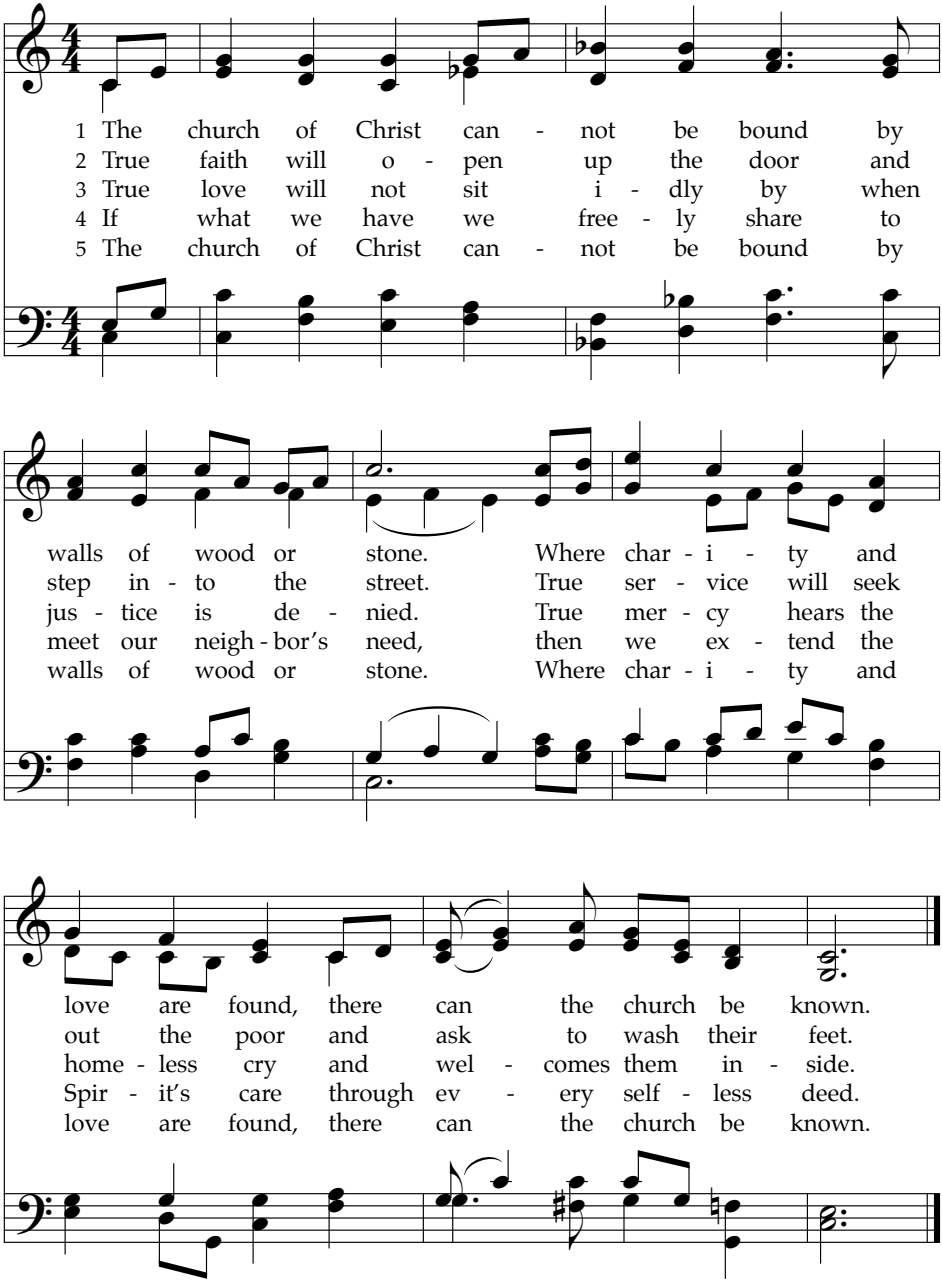
Winter Coat Drive

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.

Give to FPC today!

SCAN ME

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005 MC KEE
MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs,* 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940 CM
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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.

Hanging of the Greens | 12:00 p.m.

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

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.

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

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship! Enjoy a traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the classic sides in Watchorn Hall at 5:45 p.m., followed by worship in the Chapel at 6:30 p.m. Come share in an evening of food, faith, and thanksgiving!

Please note: Evening Prayer, Choir Rehearsal, and Yoga will not meet on Wednesday, November 25. All three will resume on December 2.

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!

More Events on Back

Memorial Ornament Tree Service — Sunday, November 29 | 2:00 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.

First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, December 6 | 12:00 p.m.

After worship, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Soup & sandwiches, a Christmas cookie bar, hot chocolate and apple cider, and cookie decorating for the kids.

Christmas Pageant — Sunday, December 20 | 11:00 a.m. Worship

Our children and youth will offer their annual Christmas pageant during worship. Join us to celebrate the story of Christ's birth and support the hard work of our young people and those who have helped prepare them.