



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day — November 26, 2023 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.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE *Bishops' Promenade* Norman Coke-Jephcott

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
PANTS & PARKAS Kay Brown

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER
Sanctuary Singers arr. Warren Puffer Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Titus 2:11, Isaiah 60:1,3*

Leader: The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all humankind.

People: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

People: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Angie Sholar

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgments and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you, and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation. (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.

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

Rejoice, the Lord is King
Sanctuary Singers

John Darwall
arr. Henry Pfohl

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His kingdom cannot fail; he rules over earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. He all his foes shall quell, shall all our sins destroy, and every bosom swell with pure seraphic joy!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 183)

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

SOLO

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

KINGSFOLD

Puffer Jones, baritone

H. Kenn Carmichael

Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace. But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace. May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.

SERMON

National Responsibility

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

(pg. 34 in the front of the hymnal)

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 320

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

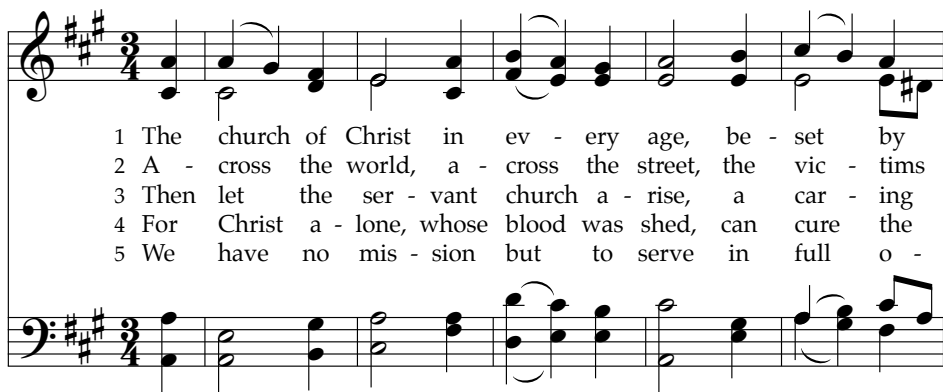
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 562

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

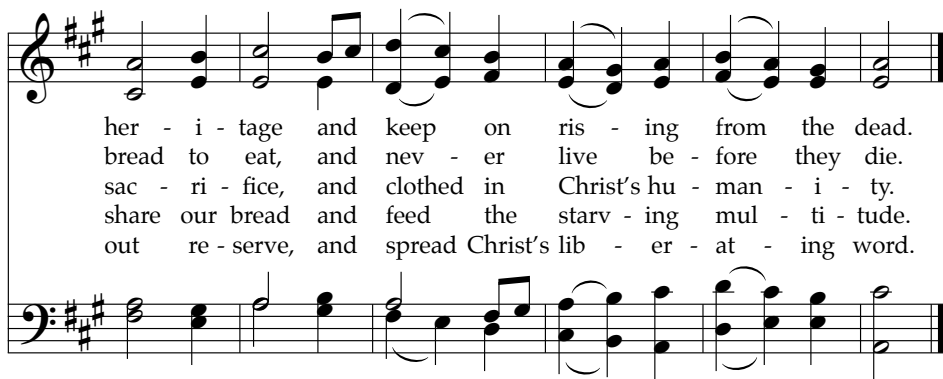
320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

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.

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

HYMN 563 *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.*

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever.

HYMN 564 *Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those
to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*CAROL 541

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

RANDOLPH

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

The Emperor's Fanfare

Antonio Soler

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Glenda Beeson upon the death of her husband, Jim Beeson, on November 20, 2023. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Life will be held in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m. Please keep Glenda and the Beeson family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

Today

Sunday School Classes | 9:30 a.m.

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| – Builders Room B8 | – High School Youth Lounge |
| – Evergreen Room B14 | – Middle School Room B10 |
| – New Beginnings Fireside Room | – Children Room 213 |

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens | After 11:00 a.m. Worship

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.

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 541

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

A North American Congregational minister wrote this text as a Christian expansion of the root sense of "good-bye": God be [with] ye/you. The tune, named for a cousin, was composed by one of the few 20th-century British composers to make a major contribution to hymnody.

Boy Scout Book Donations

William Lange of Troop 15 is collecting books to donate to the VA for his Eagle Project. One of the donation boxes he built will be in the narthex for the next few weeks. Any book or magazine you would like to donate is welcome. Thank you for supporting Troop 15!

Mission Trip Info Session

Monday, November 27 | 4:00 p.m. | Room 122 & via Zoom

We're holding an information session for an exciting mission trip opportunity next year!

When: April 14-19 | **Where:** Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp | **Cost:** No cost to individuals

We'll undertake a variety of mission activities while at the camp, including preparing disaster relief supplies. You can travel by private vehicle or organize carpooling with others. We'll stay in motel-style rooms, and meals will be provided. You can join us for the info session in person or via Zoom.

Link: tinyurl.com/fpcferncliff | **Meeting ID:** 847 2321 8570 | **Passcode:** 017067

Please reach out to Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Our Free Yoga Class will be in session until December 20. As the weather gets colder, we plan to meet in the Rec Room downstairs. As always, all skill levels are welcome. We also have extra mats available if you don't have your own!

Christmas Food Boxes — December 1 & 2 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars to help with the Christmas Food Boxes at The Urban Mission! **Contact Jim Tack (jtack@robertsonwilliams.com) to RSVP or for more information!**

ADVENTure — Sunday, December 3 | After First Sunday Lunch

The Nurture Committee would like to invite you to ADVENTure on Sunday, December 3!

ADVENTure is a time for the children to kick off the Advent season with some fun crafts and activities while the adults create an Advent wreath with real evergreens.

This year Advent falls on the First Sunday of the Month, so the monthly lunch will be served first and ADVENTure will begin immediately after.

MORE EVENTS ON BACK

Cocoa & Cookies — Sunday, December 10 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

The second annual PW Cocoa & Cookies will take place on Sunday, December 10 in Watchorn Hall, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

We'll hold our holiday cookie contest again between 12 talented contestants. The congregation will judge the best tasting cookie by sampling each and voting for their favorite. The winner will be crowned Christmas Cookie Church Champion complete with a crown and a sash and bragging rights for a year!

If you are interested in entering the contest, contact Cyndi Lockwood (cyndi0507@gmail.com) ASAP. Otherwise, mark your calendar and plan on sipping hot chocolate while testing cookies.

Children & Youth

Gingerbread Houses — Sunday, December 10 | During Cocoa & Cookies

During Cocoa & Cookies, we'll have our second annual Gingerbread House event for the kids.

Children should be prepared to get messy with icing and candy (don't wear your favorite clothes or bring a shirt you don't mind getting dirty) as they build their own individual houses.

Tactus Concert: Bring Forth a Savior — Sunday, December 17 | 4:00 p.m.

Tracing the arc from prophecy to epiphany with music that spans eight centuries, the familiar story of Advent and Christmas will become new again. Featuring music of mystery and wonder for solo voice, a cappella choir, string ensemble and mixed groups by J.S. Bach, Palestrina, and Mozart, among others. (Pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m.) Tickets are \$20 and available for purchase at tactusensemble.org.

Christmas Eve Services

Young & Young at Heart Service — Sunday, December 24 | 4:00 p.m.

Our family-friendly Young & Young at Heart Service will take place in the Sanctuary and include the Treble Choir, handbells, and some of your favorite carols!

Service of Lessons & Carols — Sunday, December 24 | 10:30 p.m.

Our candlelight service of Lessons and Carols is modeled after the service made popular by King's College, Cambridge of nine lessons and carols.

The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir anthems. We hope you can join us for this very special time of worship! **(Prelude begins at 10:00 p.m.)**