



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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**The Service for the Lord's Day — December 28, 2025**

**First Sunday of Christmas**

***From Generation to Generation***

***God Dwells with Us***

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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

*Setting II: Now Sing We, Now Rejoice*

Paul Manz

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Every Year*

Mary Ann Doolen

Poem by Rev. Sara (Are) Speed

\*CAROL 132

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son.**

**Grant us the wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his kingdom of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

When Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, he became like us in all things but sin. May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways. Let us confess our sin to God.

## 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Generous God, you give us the greatest gift of all, yourself, but often we find it hard to take notice; we are caught up with our own gifts, given and received. Forgive us, generous God, for the casual way we treat your gift of love. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.** (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.**

**\*CAROL OF RESPONSE**

*Gloria Patri*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***To God the Father, God the Son, and Holy Spirit Three in one.***

***May every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise. 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.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 1:1-14 (pg. 91)

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

**SOLO**

*Prince of Peace*

Tanner Dalton, Jarrod Morris

Sarah Gwatney, mezzo-soprano

Abby Vaughn

*There is a name of royalty of whom the whole creation sings. There is a name that carries peace and causes suffering to cease. There's no fear now. The King is here now. Jesus, Prince of Peace, God with us. There is a name that calms my soul whose steady hands are mine to hold. There is a name whose gentle voice speaks to me above the noise. Only one name could pay the cost by suffering upon the cross. Bringing hope and flourishing, he is restoring everything.*

**TESTIMONY**

Jim Borgstadt

## 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.**

### \*CAROL INSERT

*God Became Flesh With Us to Dwell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

*Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child*  
Seth Johnson, horn

C. Armstrong Gibbs

### \*DOXOLOGY

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***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

### \*CAROL 119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*Pastorale*

Joseph W. Clokey



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION...

*God dwells with us*

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# God Became Flesh With Us to Dwell

THE FIRST NOEL Irr. with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Traditional English carol

From A - bid - ing lee to Beth - le - hem Did  
The shep - herds in went the fields that had night said The  
To a

Ma - ry and Jo - seph their jour - ney be - gin Ma - ny miles from  
shep - herds in saw a with ra - diant light When an - gels  
man - ger in town with haste they sped And there as

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home came earth with - to and out fill heav - en a the con - room sky verged Em - Break-ing They man - u - el in - shared with to the

came forth from earth par - ents from all Ma - ry's heav - en on that had oc - womb high curred No - el, no - el, no -

el, no - el God be-came flesh with us to dwell

## 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hark! The herald angels sing'. It consists of two staves, a treble staff on top and a bass staff on the bottom, both in the key of B-flat major (one flat). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is in common time (C), and the piece ends with a double bar line.

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"



# 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 | 12:00 p.m.

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

## FPC-OKC Podcast

Discover the FPC-OKC Podcast, featuring weekly sermons, sacred music, and evening prayer services. Whether you missed a Sunday or want to revisit a meaningful message or song, each episode offers inspiration, reflection, and a sense of connection wherever you are. Listen on your favorite streaming platform by searching FPCOKC or visit [tinyurl.com/FPCOKCpodcast](https://tinyurl.com/FPCOKCpodcast).

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## 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](mailto:rockdoc1949@gmail.com).**

***Note: Bridge Group will not meet December 31.***

### **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. ***Note: No class on December 31.***

### **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 reach out to Puffer Jones ([puffer@fpcokc.org](mailto:puffer@fpcokc.org)). ***Note: No rehearsal on December 31.***

### **Music for the Nativity — Friday, January 2 | 12:00 p.m.**

Join us for a special midday concert featuring Mr. John L. Edwards on the organ, in the Sanctuary choir loft. This 45-minute program is based on the story of the Nativity and will include music by Bach/Gounod, Daquin, Gray, Mui, and Smith.

A free lunch will follow in Watchorn Hall. Donations accepted. **For lunch reservations, call the church office (405-525-6584) ASAP.**

**Menu:** Lemon Chicken, Roasted Vegetables, Rice Pilaf, and Lemon Cake