

The Church & You October 2018

First Presbyterian Church Oklahoma City

Music: In Worship and In Concert

On **October 7th** we celebrate World Communion Sunday by sharing music from around the world. Worship will include music from Austria, England, France, Germany, Israel, Jamaica, Korea, South Africa, Uganda, the United States, and Wales! Sunday, **October 21st**, we have a student from El Sistema playing in worship. On Reformation Sunday (**October 28th**) the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums will join us for worship.

The Kemp Concert Series presents three great concerts in the month of October!

All concerts are free and open to the public, no tickets required. Donations will be accepted.

More information at www.kempconcerts.org.

4x4 Concert: Four organs, Four organists (plus one piano!)

Sunday, October 7th 4:00 p.m.



Featuring:

Stephen Wurst playing the Austin organ in the Chapel

John L. Edwards playing the Möller organ in Watchorn Hall,

joined by **Rondal J. Wallace** playing the Steinway grand piano

Melissa Plamann playing the Walcker organ in the Choir room

Elaine Chard playing the newly renovated Möller-Banks-Reuter organ in the Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church is one of the few churches in the world that boasts FOUR pipe organs in the same facility. In this moveable musical feast, audience members begin in the Chapel, then move to the other organ rooms in the church, hearing a short recital in each location. Music is chosen to highlight the special characteristics of each instrument.

Tactus: Peace in Our Time

Sunday, October 21st 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:00 p.m.—pre-concert talk 6:30 p.m.)



Oklahoma City's professional chamber orchestra and vocal ensemble presents a concert experience remembering the suffering caused by war throughout the centuries. The performance features music written during the Thirty Years War juxtaposed with music from the First World War, including works by composers who fought in the trenches. Prayers for peace, settings by various composers of the same text—"Grant us peace, Lord, in our time"—are joined by ballads and elegies for the fallen.

Chanticleer

Sunday, October 28th 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.)



Called "the world's reigning male chorus" by the *New Yorker*, the San Francisco-based GRAMMY® award-winning ensemble Chanticleer will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2018. Praised by the *San Francisco Chronicle* for its "tonal luxuriance and crisply etched clarity," Chanticleer is known around the world as "an orchestra of voices" for its seamless blend of twelve male voices ranging from soprano to bass and its original interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz and popular genres, as well as contemporary compositions.

Interested in singing Handel's Messiah this December with the Kemp Concert Choir?

G. F. Handel's Messiah Visit our webpage (www.kempconcerts.org/concert-choir.html) for more information. No audition necessary for singers affiliated with First Presbyterian Church.

Sunday School – Children and Youth

Our PreK-5th grades are using the *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* curriculum. The Middle School and High School Youth are studying *Six Themes in Genesis that Everyone Should Know*. This is a relaxed, discussion-based class that meets in the Youth Lounge.

Children in Worship

The worship bags in the sanctuary have been updated with new art supplies and will have worship bulletins and coloring sheets available for each week's lectionary reading. All children (and even the big kids) are encouraged to color and engage with the sermon during worship. Leigh would love it if you would share some of your in-church artwork with her!

The PreK-2nd grade children have been leaving worship after Discovery Time for a short lesson and play/art time. Beginning in November, Children's worship time will transition into the *Godly Play* model. This is a Montessori-based model that will allow children to engage with God on their own level with hands-on learning experiences. If you are interested in becoming involved with the *Godly Play* team, speak with Leigh.

Youth Fellowship

The youth calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is available in the office and on the FPCOKC website. Youth meet most Sundays in the Youth Lounge with an occasional Saturday or weekend fellowship or mission event.

Can You Bring Bagels One Sunday? (Everyone Welcome to Help!)

There is a SignUp Genius to help provide meals for Youth Chorale and Youth Fellowship. Please sign up. There are only so many parents with youth in the program and Leigh does not want to have to dip into the Youth budget for food. Email or call Leigh (525-6584) and she will sign you up or send you the link. leigh@fpcokc.org



Book Club: *Ordinary Grace*

PW is hosting a book club on October 23rd at Cyndi Stumpf's home at 7:00 p.m. We will be reading *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. This fiction book is a *New York Times Bestseller* and winner of the *2014 Edgar Award for Best Novel*. The book is available on Amazon and there are several copies available in the Metropolitan Library. Cyndi lives at 11425 NW 101st Street, Yukon. RSVP to Cyndi at Cyndi0507@gmail.com.

Circles Meet October 9th

Phoebe Circle meeting at Jannis Dykeman's home. (4604 NW 118th St., OKC 721-8552 1:30 p.m.)

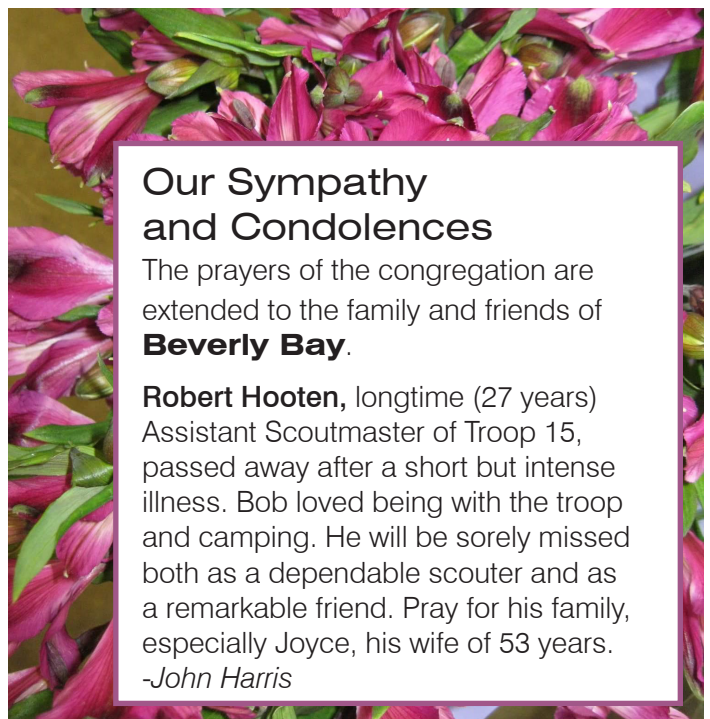
Women's Crafting Night at Board & Brush

Join us for a special girls' night out at Board and Brush. Board and Brush helps you create a wooden sign of your choosing. We have created a special event just for us on Friday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Use this link to sign up: <https://boardandbrush.com/oklahomacity/6675>. More sign choices will be available soon. Wine will be available for purchase and we will provide other beverages and snacks. If you have any concerns about signing up online, let a Presbyterian Woman know and we will do it for you. -Cyndi Stumpf

October Youth Schedule

- 7 Serve at Ronald McDonald House 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- 14 Corn Maze (new location TBA)
- 20 Fall Festival
- 27 INP Youth-Zombie Mystery 5:00-8:00 p.m. here
- 28 Youth Chorale sings in worship

Please follow the FPCOKC Youth & Children on Facebook and request to join our GroupMe group. Contact Leigh for more info at leigh@fpcokc.org



Our Sympathy and Condolences

The prayers of the congregation are extended to the family and friends of **Beverly Bay**.

Robert Hooten, longtime (27 years) Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 15, passed away after a short but intense illness. Bob loved being with the troop and camping. He will be sorely missed both as a dependable scouter and as a remarkable friend. Pray for his family, especially Joyce, his wife of 53 years.
-John Harris



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 14th at 3 p.m.

Courtyard - All Welcome

Our *Blessing of the Animals* is a special time with your pet family members. Bring your cat, dog, bird, goat, bunny, guinea pig or whatever species you have at your house! There will be a photographer to take family pictures of you and your pets. (free)

There will be a short service and then individual blessings. There is also a time of remembrance for pets who are no longer with us. The social hour for pets and their people will include pet treats, human treats and maybe some other freebies! Come and spend time with your pet.



Deacons Fall Out 'n' About

Join the Deacons at Myriad Gardens' "Pumpkinville" festival on Sunday, October 7th! The event includes displays, crafts, games and, best of all, over 16,000 pumpkins! We'll be meeting downtown at 1:30. Cost is \$8 per person (children 2 and under are free) and can be paid at the gate. We'll see you there! -Deacons

Celtic Routes...Celtic Roots

I am very excited to share with you an opportunity I have been given. On September 28th I will be leaving for a pilgrimage to Ireland and the Isle of Iona, Scotland. I will be traveling with my long-time friend and spiritual mentor the Reverend Lloyd Griffith.

He writes, "*Pilgrimage is a call to see life afresh in the face of the unavoidable changes we face. It is a long-standing practice in the Christian Tradition that invites us to clarify our inner stirrings and keep the way open to recover the integrity of our own inner depths. A pilgrimage is different from a vacation. A tourist goes on vacation to see interesting places and relax. A pilgrim, on the other hand, makes an intentional journey to a site of religious significance with an openness to experiencing the sacred dimension of the place and its possible applications to his or her life.*"



"Our travels will begin with a journey to Ireland as we explore its deep influence on Celtic Spirituality. Immersing ourselves in this new culture helps free us from preconceived and perhaps deeply rooted notions, opening our hearts and minds to deeper mysteries of life. Our final destination is the Isle of Iona off the west coast of Scotland. This little island has been a "thin place" that has attracted spiritual pilgrims for thousands of years."

I look forward to seeing places and things I have always dreamed about like Christ Church, St. Patrick's Cathedral, *The Book of Kells*, the High Crosses of Monasterboice, and the Isle of Iona. I look forward to intensive, extended time for spiritual reflection and renewal.

While I am away, Carl Bosteels and Jim Burns will each take a turn in our pulpit. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the church office. They will put you in contact with the pastor on call at that time.

Please pray for me while I am away. I look forward to returning and sharing with you experiences of tracing our Celtic Roots.

Pastor John

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Sunday Worship Hours

8:30 a.m. Chapel
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

October KirkNight

Wednesday Dinners Followed by Fun
All welcome. Nursery available.
Yoga also meets at 6:30 each week.

6:00 *Brisket, Pulled Pork, Smoked Sausage, Toast,
Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Chocolate Cake*

3rd **6:30** Performance by El Sistema's Orchestra

10th **6:00** *Chicken Pot Pie, Cupcakes*

6:30 Dove Academy Presentation & Solar Car

17th **6:00** *Breakfast for Dinner*

6:30 Game Night (games for all ages)

24th **6:00** *Beef Stroganoff, Pumpkin Cheesecake*

6:30 Group Cooking/Packing for Mobile Meals

Special Meeting Called

The Session has called a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, October 14, 2018 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the Session's recommendation to change the By-Laws to decrease the size of the classes of the Session, the Diaconate, and the Board of Trustees. - *Gayle M. Cox, Clerk of Session*



Saturday, October 20th

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FREE • ALL AGES • HELD IN COURTYARD

Children's Activities • Face Painting • Games

Touch-a-Truck (firefighters from 10:00-12:00)

Hot Dog Lunch • Popcorn Stand • Cotton Candy

Chili Cook-Off (help vote for your favorite!)

Inflated Obstacle Course

Extreme Animals • Petting Zoo

Stained Glass Tours

Preschool and Childcare Tours

Book Fair (free to browse, charge for purchases)

Children's Business Fair (free to browse, charge for purchases)

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