



October 2017

The Church & You

First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City

World Communion Sunday October 1st

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

On October 1st we celebrate World Communion Sunday by sharing music from around the world.

Worship will include music from Austria, the Bahamas, the Dakota tribe, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, the Philippines, and the United States!

Reformation Sunday Worship to Feature the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes & Drums October 29th

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

Hymn Festival

October 29th at Westminster Presbyterian
4:00 p.m.

“God’s Kingdom is Forever: A Festival of Hymns in Celebration of the Life and Faith of Martin Luther and the Work of the Protestant Reformation”

Featuring the combined choirs of First Presbyterian, Central Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian, the OCU Faculty Brass Quintet, organist Melissa Plamann, conducted by nationally recognized composer K. Lee Scott.

With Thanks

Elizabeth Garrett wishes to thank those who sent the lovely messages on the occasion of her 90th birthday recently.

Each card and message was special, and she appreciates them very much.

All Women
Sat., Oct. 7th
9:30 a.m.

Presbytery-Wide
Gathering at FPC
includes lunch

Speaker
Carol Winkler
rsvp 525-6584

From the Pastor

Stewardship: Discover the Joy in Giving

This year, as we begin our stewardship season, my hope is that we will each rediscover the joy of giving. Giving to the church is not just another charitable contribution. It is a spiritual discipline. It is an acknowledgement to God that we believe the words we say, that all that we have or ever hope to have in this world we truly only hold in trust for God. We are trustees of the blessings of God in our life and are bound by gratitude to God to be a blessing for others. One of the significant ways we do that is through our involvement in the church. The ministries we provide together as a church reach people in meaningful and significant ways. These ministries require the best of what we have to offer. The church needs your time, the church needs your talent, and the church needs your generous financial support, a portion of your treasure. We need the full support of the best of all you have to offer—your time, talents, and treasure—to be the blessing for others in all the ways God is calling our church to be his witness in Oklahoma City and the world beyond.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 says, “Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

In the coming weeks, I ask you to prayerfully consider all the ways you can share abundantly in the witness and ministry of our church. May God bless you with a cheerful heart! -Pastor John

Kirk Night: Wednesdays in October

This is going to be an exciting October on Wednesday nights at the church! Yoga classes continue. Mickie Smith, Senior Creative Consultant for COX Media, will present a three-week series designed to help us better understand media, context, and information flow October 4th, 11th, and 25th. On the third Wednesday, we will have a special night of recreation for all ages led by Pastor John. The children and younger youth will continue their Bible study with emoji’s and the youth will be choosing and beginning activities/studies for the remainder of the semester.

(October 4) Week 1: What is the Media? News Media (curated for accuracy)

(October 11) Week 2: What is the Media? Pop Media (curated for emotion)

(October 18) PASTOR JOHN’S FAVORITE GAMES AND CHALLENGES!!!

(October 25) Week 3: What is the Media? Social Media (curated for self)

We are all enjoying the delicious meals being prepared by our new caterer very much! Thank you, Jenn, and crew. -Pastor John

October’s Thursday Noon Bible Studies

October is the month this year we will highlight Presbyterian Women. We are grateful to be welcoming Carol Winkler, Moderator of the National Presbyterian Women to our church October 7-8. In keeping with that theme, Pastor John will lead us in Bible studies this month featuring women from scripture. Come learn more about the Canaanite Woman, the Samaritan Woman and others as we discover how our own faith can be shaped by theirs. -Pastor John

Ways We Can ALL Help Our Preschool

Our preschool will be having a book fair during Kirk Night on October 25. Preschool parent and board member, Lindsey Clinton, is a book representative for Usborne books. She will have books on display and be available for book ordering. It's never too early to plan for Christmas gifts for children and grandchildren. Last year, our preschool classes were rewarded with \$400 worth of free books due to sales during the book fair.

Also, in the preschool hall, there is a "Giving Tree." Our preschool classes have a wish list item on each apple. Take a look at the "Giving Tree" and see if there is something you can donate to a class. Thanks for helping our FPS teachers and students!

-Lolietta Miller, FPS Board President

Window Repair Moves Forward

The process of making repairs from the storm damage of April 28th is progressing but will be a long slow process. The stained glass window has been removed, and is with Willet Hauser for repair and re-build. We are still waiting for the construction contractor to come up with the design and plan for re-building the window structure. This will hopefully begin soon. The roofing contractor is ready to get crews here to begin work as soon as we have approval of the proposal from the insurance company.

A decision will be made in the next 30 days as to whether we take down the scaffolding during the long process of construction or if we will leave it up until completion. We will keep you informed of the progress as work continues.

-Jack Lancaster

Local Mission Opportunity

October Reserve the 3rd community outreach takes us to Urban Mission, located at 3737 N. Portland, Oklahoma City. There are always a variety of tasks to accomplish at the mission, such as sorting canned goods, bagging water bottles, repackaging rice and stocking pantry shelves. The groceries collected in our purple "Fill a Bag Feed a Family" find a home on the shelves of the pantry. The casual atmosphere builds camaraderie and fills a need of the mission. Please join the group, Saturday October 21st, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. For more information contact Elizabeth Hatcher at elizabethhatcher@gmail.com.



Creation Care Tip:
Plastic bottle caps are recyclable. Separate cap from bottle and toss both in your curbside recycle bin.



The sympathy
of the
congregation
is extended
to the families
of
Jean Stockham
and
Jinny Caldwell
and
John Dougherty.



Jay, Lanie, and Wyatt Pitts

are proud to introduce

William Shepherd Pitts

7.13lbs and 20.5 inches

born September 1st at 4:37 p.m.



Vienna Boys Choir

Tuesday, Nov. 7th

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Doors open at 7:00.

Free concert!

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Pastor-The Rev. John McKinnon
Director of Music & Arts-Dr. Warren Puffer Jones
Organist-John L. Edwards
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Sunday Worship Services
8:30 a.m. Chapel
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Vision Statement

First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City: A Christ-centered congregation glorifying God, in the heart of the City, built on tradition, embracing transformation, and serving diverse local and global communities.

THE URBAN MISSION PRESENTS

Music & The Mission
"Oklahoma Style"

WITH SPECIAL GUEST "WILL ROGERS"
AND
MUSIC BY THE CLASSEN SCHOOL SHOW CHOIR

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017
COCKTAILS AND SILENT AUCTION BEGIN AT 6:00 PM
DINNER BEGINS AT 6:45 PM

at

THE OKLAHOMA HISTORY CENTER
800 NAZIH ZUHDI DR, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73105

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