

THE CHURCH & YOU



First Presbyterian School values the longstanding partnership between school and church, and in this holiday season wishes to share in our good fortune. At year's end, FPS made a \$10,000 financial contribution to FPC.

First Presbyterian School would like to thank the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for their continued support of our school's mission to nurture the minds and hearts of young Oklahomans. Without the generosity and support of the members of FPC our school would not be able to thrive and flourish as it has over the past couple of years.

We have been able to accomplish many goals this year and see the potential for even more growth in the future. Thank you for your encouragement and love of our school. We look forward to a bright future together.

Happy 2020! ~ First Presbyterian School

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF OKC

January 2020



This Month:
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Sunday, Jan. 12 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Ordination and Installation Sunday

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Middle School Youth Fellowship

Friday, Jan. 17-Saturday, Jan. 18
INP Lock-in

Saturday, Jan. 18 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Reserve the 3rd at The Urban Mission

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Kirk Kids: The Cat in the Hat

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High School Youth Fellowship
(Bob Ross Painting)



God's NEXT Thing

Yesterday was a very special day for me. We had two wonderful services to celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent and then I drove to Trinity Presbyterian Church in Wichita, Kansas, where I had the honor of preaching during the service of Southern Kansas Presbytery to install my brother as Pastor of Trinity. Installation services are always an exciting time in the life of a church. A pastor and a congregation are united as companions in Christ. A new thing is about to happen in the life of that church and that pastor. There is joyful expectation to see what God is about to do in the life of a church.

That same excitement will be present at the session meeting tonight where a new class of church officers will be examined. As they are examined by their peers in preparation of service, they will share why they believe God is calling them to serve in their particular office at this particular time. A new thing is about to happen at FPC. Nothing of the old need be lost, but each year in the church is dynamic as one class of officers rotates off and a new group begins. This year, ten new officers will bring their eyes, ears, hopes, dreams and most importantly gifts entrusted to them by God to the tasks before them. I thank God for each of them and their willingness to serve our church.

Please add your prayers to God's next new thing in the life of the Rev. James H. McKinnon, III (my brother, Trip), for God's next new thing in the life of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Wichita, Kansas, and for God's next new thing in the life of FPC and our church officers.

God bless you as we launch into God's purpose for our lives in 2020! ~ Pastor John

Music for the Nativity

Friday, Jan. 3 | 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a depiction of the events of the nativity through music. Our guest organist will be Dr. Adam Pajan, Director of Music at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Norman, OK.

Guests are encouraged to sit in the choir loft of the Sanctuary.

The concert is free. A luncheon by donation will follow in Watchorn Hall.

Ordination and Installation Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 12 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Services for the ordination and installation of affirmed elders and deacons will take place at both worship services on January 12, 2020.

Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 26 | 10:00 a.m

The Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Congregation will be held January 26, 2020, in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for distribution of the Annual Report, Presentation of the Budget and Changes to Pastoral Call.

Christmas Joy Offering

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Joy Offering on Dec. 22. We were able to raise \$833! This collective effort supports church leaders – retired, present and future – who has pointed us to God.

Christmas Eve Services



Lessons and Carols



Young at Heart

FPS Christmas Show



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Newcomer's Classes Offered on Sundays in February

Feb. 2, 9 and 16
9:45 a.m. in Room 122

If you would like to learn more about the Presbyterian church and this congregation at First Presbyterian Church of OKC, please come! RSVP to office@fpcokc.org or call the church office at 405-525-6584.

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Presbyterian Women (PW)

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an inclusive and caring community of women, committed to working toward God's promise of wholeness for all people.

Presbyterian Women are women who are in any way affiliated with First Presbyterian Church Oklahoma City, OK.



Women at Risk Collection

PW is asking people to collect toiletries (travel size soaps, shampoos, conditioners, etc.) while they are traveling this holiday season. This collection will be used to fill the favor bags for women at risk at the Sanctuary Women's Development Center in Norman, OK.

There will be a collection box in the Reception Room through Sunday, Jan. 12.

Please contact Cyndi Stumpf with any questions (973-670-2136).

Upcoming PW Meetings

Priscilla Circle: Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 10:00 a.m. | Elaine Buzan's house.

Phoebe Circle: Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 1:30 p.m. | Reception Room at the church. Bring change for Least Coin.

Abigail Circle: Tuesday, Jan. 21 – 6:30 p.m. | Darci McKinnon's house.

Choir Corner

**I will praise the name of God with a SONG and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
Psalms 69:30**

We begin our new year giving thanks for all the wonderful music we were able to share as your choir during the past year. We loved the challenges of learning many new pieces of music and certainly hope there is more to come.

We continue to be thankful for the talents and gifts God has placed within our choir family. Obviously, the more voices we have, the better we sound and the louder the praise. We welcome those who are interested to consider using their talent by lifting their voices along with ours in praise every week. Feel free to reach out to any choir member, Puffer or John to learn more.

Looking forward to seeing some new faces joining our choir so you too can experience the same love and joy we do. We know it will be as fulfilling for you as it is for all of us.

Happy New Year to All and Blessings for the year ahead!

~ Sanctuary Singers



KirkNights in January

Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m. (Children) | 6:00 p.m. (Dinner) | 6:45-7:30 p.m. (Children & Adults)

This month we will continue collecting items for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Cleanup Buckets. Leigh will deliver these to Ferncliff Camp in Arkansas at the end of January. You will be asked to bring different items each week. Buckets will be assembled at Kirk Night on Jan. 22.

Upcoming Themes, Meals and PDA Items

Jan. 08: Theme | Epiphany

Meal | Bacon-Wrapped Chicken Thighs, Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Greens, Fried Okra and Peanut Butter Banana Cake

PDA Items | 1 pkg. clothespins (48-50), two 50 ft. clothesline, dust masks and dishwashing gloves

Jan. 15: Theme | Unity

Meal | Goulash and Chicken Peppers and Pasta with Garlic Bread, Salad Bar and Tiramisu

PDA Items | Work gloves, 28-count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon), insect repellent (6-9 oz.)

Jan. 22: Theme | MLK Day Remembrance

Meal | Stacked Chicken Enchiladas, Tamale Pie, Cilantro Lime Rice, Calabacitas, Red Onion Salad, Chips, Queso and Salsa and Blondies

PDA Items | Assemble buckets

Jan. 29: Theme | Super Bowl Fun

Meal | Frito Chili Pie (Beef Chili and White Chicken Chili), Cornbread and Strawberry Shortcake

If you would like to know what the programming will be each week, call the church office, check the Sunday bulletin Upcoming Events section or view the church email blast and social media.

Reserve the 3rd

Saturday, Jan. 18 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

The Urban Mission

Come join us as we help out at The Urban Mission! We will be conducting our usual projects, including sorting food and restocking the pantry.

The Urban Mission is located at 3737 N. Portland Ave. in Oklahoma City.

Children & Youth

Jan. 12 – Middle School Youth Fellowship (Sean Games) | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth will go to the Rec Room after Youth Chorale for lunch and fun games with Sean.

Jan. 17-18 – INP Lock-in | 8:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m.

FPC-OKC Youth will go to First Presbyterian Church Norman for the Indian Nations Presbytery-wide lock-in. Come hang with your friends from other INP churches!

Jan. 25 – Kirk Kids: The Cat in the Hat | 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Lyric Theatre brings the classic children's book to life with a wild ride of physical comedy. Sally and her brother are stuck home in the rain, when a Cat comes knocking at the windowpane. But the Cat has brought friends, Thing One and Thing Two, who make messes and problems and oh, what to do?! Mischief and mayhem and laughter galore, bring the kids – they'll clamor for more!

Leigh will get a block of tickets ahead of time so call the office (405-525-6584) or email Leigh (leigh@fpcokc.org) to reserve your tickers.

Jan. 26 – High School Youth Fellowship (Bob Ross Painting) | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Want to paint some happy clouds? Let Bob Ross show you how. He may be gone, but Bob is not forgotten.

To RSVP for any of the events above, please email Leigh Miller (leigh@fpcokc.org) or let her know in the Youth GroupMe (search for "First Pres OKC Youth" in the GroupMe app).

For updates on children and youth activities planned in January, keep an eye on the church's social media and Sunday bulletins!

Watchorn Hall and Chapel Ramp



In progress



Finished

Hosting the Nordic Choir from Luther College Friday, Feb. 7

In February, the Kemp Concert Series will present the Nordic Choir from Luther College. We will need volunteers to host these college student singers for the night of Friday, February 7.

Would you be willing to take 2 or 4 college singers home with you for the night? We will have 74 students to house, so we'll need all the help we can get! If you think you might be able to be a host, please contact Puffer by email (puffer@fpcokc.org) or phone (405-605-4458).

Students may share a bed, and couches or air mattresses also work. All you would need to do is take the students home after the concert, provide a light snack, a simple breakfast in the morning and get them back to the church by 8:30 a.m.

Thank you for your support!
~ Warren Puffer Jones



- 01:** Cecilia Fokum
- 03:** Samuel Borquaye,
Gayle Cox,
Ronald Miller
- 05:** Roberta Orza
- 08:** Wayne Osmond,
Kysten Tyler
- 10:** Elizabeth Denner
- 11:** Ryan Hamann



January Birthdays Happy birthday to all!

- 12:** Daniel Conrad
- 14:** Jamie Slade
- 15:** Oliver Riggs
- 16:** Nabilah Jordan
- 17:** James Bruce
- 18:** Frances Ely,
Scott Joosten
- 20:** Hayden Harvey,
Isaac Kabrick,
David Voelkers
- 22:** Cornell S. Gallagher
- 23:** Eva Huizinga
- 24:** Meredith Tack O'Neil
- 26:** Gaylan Adams,
J. Eric Turner
- 29:** Nicholas Johnson
- 30:** James Slade

2019 Picture Call

Do you have photos or videos of FPC services and events in 2019? We would love to see them!

Please send them to
Communications Director,
Blake Barrett
(blake@fpcokc.org).

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All are welcome! First Presbyterian Church is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 a.m.

For more information, please contact the church office at (405) 525-6584 or email office@fpcokc.org.

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