



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

September 2020

## World Communion Sunday

On October 4 we will join with Christians around the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday originated in Shadyside Presbyterian Church, located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, led by the Rev. Dr. Hugh Thomson Kerr in 1933.

1933 was the darkest year of the Great Depression. The clouds of Nazism and fascism hovered over Europe and threatened the entire world.

As a faith response to these concerns, a group of leaders at Shadyside Presbyterian sought to do something both real and symbolic to proclaim that God is God indeed, in spite of politics, economics and anything the future may hold.

Rediscovering the unifying power of Christ in the Lord's Supper, they reaffirmed that in Christ all Christians are one, regardless of nationality, race or ethnicity. From their meeting came the first World Communion Sunday in 1936. In the years that followed, other denominations began to celebrate this special Sunday.

As we tire of the stress and strain of separation during pandemic times, we need to rediscover peace in the unifying power of Christ through the Lord's Supper. To that end, the Session has authorized the celebration of communion on October 4.

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In unity of our in-person and worship-from-home congregation and in order to do this safely, we will use prepackaged elements so that we will all taste common bread and juice. The elements will be distributed during service in the Sanctuary. They are also available for pick up from the church office or can be delivered to you at home. Call the church office (405-525-6584) to arrange delivery.

## Fall Face Mask Fashion Show

The Nurture Committee is hosting a church-wide fashion show and we want you to be a model! The church has plain face masks for everyone. We ask that you take a mask and decorate it any way you choose.

Masks are available in the Sanctuary on Sunday morning and in the church office during operating hours. If you would prefer for a mask(s) to be mailed to you or left at your door, please call the church office. We are happy to help. Once you've finished decorating, take one picture of your smiling face and another of your smiling face behind your newly-created, fashionable face mask.

Text the pictures to Pastor John (405-420-6383) or email Blake (blake@fpcokc.org) by **September 27**. We will use the pictures as we celebrate World Communion Sunday on October 4.

Check out our [YouTube video](#) for some inspiration on decorating your mask. We hope that you will have fun with this and share your smiling face with us as well as your new look of the season!

## West Window Update

A crew will be arriving in the last half of October to begin the installation of the stained glass in the west Sanctuary window.

We look forward to seeing our beautiful window in all its glory!

# Presbyterian Women (PW)

Joint PW Circle Meeting - September 8 | 10:00 a.m.

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 856 6793 2237

Passcode: 444796

This joint meeting for all PW Circles will happen via Zoom this year. The meeting will be co-moderated by Susan Perry-LeGrand and Lolieta Miller.

During the meeting, PW will provide instructions for PW offering contributions.

## September Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

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| <b>01:</b> Robin Lancaster,<br>Ethan Lusby,<br>William Pitts | <b>18:</b> Glenna Higgins,<br>Bret Sholar,<br>Ryland Streuli,<br>Brian Upp | <b>25:</b> Nancy Myer,<br>Tom Myer,<br>C. Marie Niemeyer,<br>Lanie Pitts          |
| <b>04:</b> John Ellis,<br>Nikki Weibel                       | <b>19:</b> Jan Robinson,<br>Collin Weibel                                  | <b>26:</b> Brad Davenport,<br>Becki Teague  |
| <b>05:</b> Gladys London                                     | <b>21:</b> Lee Keesee,<br>Pierce Keith                                     | <b>27:</b> Elizabeth Sidler   |
| <b>07:</b> David Denner                                      | <b>22:</b> Emily Holson,<br>Christine Woods                                | <b>28:</b> Ashton Keith,<br>Jim Rogers,<br>John Taylor                            |
| <b>08:</b> Chris Carter                                      | <b>23:</b> Linda Herider   | <b>29:</b> Elaine Buzan,<br>Claire Kennedy,<br>Amanda Ogden,<br>Peggy Whittington |
| <b>09:</b> Ruby Johnson                                      | <b>24:</b> Jeffrey Coan,<br>Tom Hays,<br>Jim Tack                          | <b>30:</b> Jack Sergent,<br>F. Alan Stevens                                       |
| <b>10:</b> Holly Moorad,<br>Caden Tyler                      |  |   |
| <b>11:</b> Raymond Poe,<br>Brooklyn Robles                   |  |   |
| <b>12:</b> Barbara DeCastro                                  |  |   |
| <b>13:</b> Seth Keeton,<br>Nancy Marshall                    |  |   |

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## Serenity Prayer

**May this timeless prayer speak afresh to you today and bring you peace.**

God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,

Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things right,  
If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen.

- Paul Reinhold Niebuhr