



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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## The Service for the Lord's Day – November 22, 2020

### Reign of Christ

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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. For those of you worshipping with us in the Sanctuary this morning, please remember that masks are required to be worn at all times. Thank you for helping us all stay safe!

## We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE *A Ceremonial Flourish* Stanley Vann

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT *Praise Ye the Lord* LOBE DEN HERREN  
Sanctuary Singers arr. W. P. Jones

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. 4:8

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

**People: who was, who is, and who is to come.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 270 *O Lord, You Are My God and King* JERUSALEM

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Elizabeth Hatcher

**God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

## O Lord, You Are My God and King 270

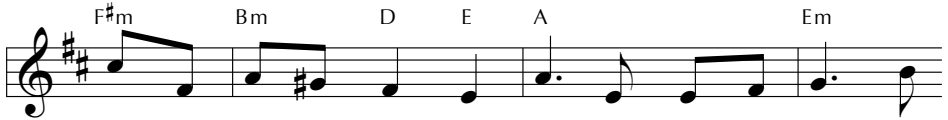
(Psalm 145)



1 O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will  
 2 How rich in grace are you, O Lord, full of com -  
 3 Your works will give you thanks, O Lord; your saints your



ev - er bless your name; I will ex - tol you ev - ery day, and  
 pas - sion, mer - ci - ful, your an - ger al - ways slow to rise; your  
 might-y acts will show, till all the peo - ples of the earth your



ev - er - more your praise pro - claim. You, Lord, are great - ly  
 stead - fast love you show to all, for you are good in  
 king - dom, pow - er, glo - ry know. E - ter - nal is your



to be praised; your great-ness is be - yond our thought; all  
 all your ways; your crea - tures know your con - stant care. To  
 king - dom, Lord, for - ev - er strong, for - ev - er sure; while



gen - er - a - tions shall tell forth the might-y won - ders you have wrought.  
 all your works your love ex - tends; all souls your ten - der mer - cies share.  
 gen - er - a - tions rise and die, your high do - min - ion will en - dure.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Although this paraphrase of Psalm 145 is abbreviated (the original psalm has a verse for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet), it maintains the tone of praise that characterizes the final six psalms. In fact, the whole book takes its Hebrew name, *Tehillim* (praises), from them.

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

**Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.** (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.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.*

*As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

DISCOVERY TIME

Sean Smith

**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.**

**ANTHEM**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King*

John Darwall

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Henry Pfohl

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His kingdom cannot fail; he rules over earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given. He all his foes shall quell, shall all our sins destroy, and every bosom swell with pure seraphic joy!

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 100:1-5 (pg. 552)

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

SOLO

*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

KINGSFOLD

Puffer Jones, baritone

H. Kenn Carmichael

*Today we all are called to be disciples of the Lord, to help to set the captive free, make plowshare out of sword, to feed the hungry, quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the poor and homeless first, our ease and comfort last. God made the world and at its birth ordained our human race to live as stewards of the earth, responding to God's grace. But we are vain and sadly proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our discord spreads a deadly cloud that threatens all of life. Pray justice may come rolling down as in a mighty stream, with righteousness in field and town to cleanse us and redeem. For God is longing to restore an earth where conflicts cease, a world that was created for a harmony of peace. May we in service to our God act out the living word, and walk the road the saints have trod till all have seen and heard. As stewards of the earth may we give thanks in one accord to God who calls us all to be disciples of the Lord.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46 (pg. 29)

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

SERMON

*Jesus, Here and Now*

Rev. John McKinnon

## **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.**

\*HYMN 320

*The Church of Christ in Every Age*

WAREHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*Amen*

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Arr. James Curnow

Gary Bryant, trumpet

## 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age

1 The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

In this challenging text by a British Methodist minister, the odd-numbered stanzas develop the image of "the servant church," while the second surveys the many needs and the fourth describes the true source of strength for the task.

\*PRESENTATION HYMN

*Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Amen.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## We Go in God's Name

\*HYMN 260

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Finale from 'Music for the Royal Fireworks'*

George Frideric Handel

## Presbyterian Women Winter Fundraiser

Presbyterian Women are selling custom FPC mugs for their winter fundraiser this year! The mug is 15 ounces and made of stoneware. These mugs will be perfect for your morning coffee, afternoon tea or hot chocolate.

Each mug is \$12. PW will be selling mugs after service on Sundays. You can also email [office@fpcokc.org](mailto:office@fpcokc.org) to order or fill out an order form at [fpcokc.org/pw](http://fpcokc.org/pw).

You can pay for your mug(s) in two ways:

- At church: Place your cash or check (payable to Presbyterian Women) in PW's mailbox.
- Venmo App: Send to @pwfpcokc and put "mug" in memo area.

## Holiday Family Favorites

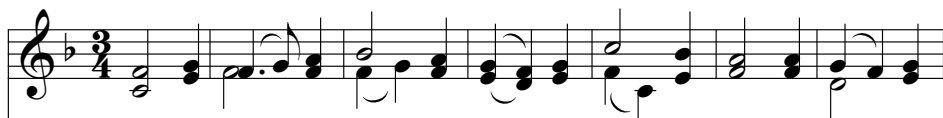
This year we are on the search for amazing Holiday Family Favorites! Submit your favorite family recipe to share with the whole congregation.

We want all the good stuff. Give us grandma's famous stuffing, the dessert no one can resist or a unique dish we've never tried. We'll be releasing a new recipe each week in the E-blast, so be sure to sign up! (You can email [office@fpcokc.org](mailto:office@fpcokc.org) to join the email list.)

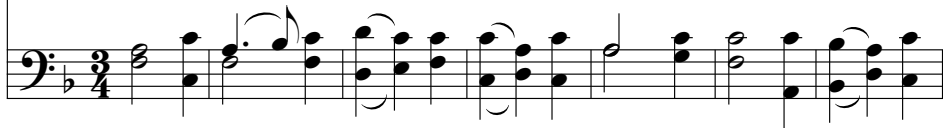
Once we have collected all of the recipes, they will be combined in a booklet that will be posted on our website and printed by request. Email your recipe to [blake@fpcokc.org](mailto:blake@fpcokc.org).

## 260

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we



throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,



ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,



The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.



## Upcoming Events

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service — Wednesday, November 25 | 12:00 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Eve service will be livestreamed from the Sanctuary. In-person attendance is dependent upon community conditions.

If you order KirkNight meals, they will be available for pickup following the service as well as that evening.

### **KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, November 25 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Thanksgiving meal orders must be in by Monday morning.** To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or [jenn@junebugcatering.com](mailto:jenn@junebugcatering.com). Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

**Family Meal for 4-6:** \$20 | Dessert \$5.00 | **Meal for 2:** \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

**Menu:** Thanksgiving Dinner (Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Rolls and Pumpkin Pie)

### **Stewardship Sunday — Sunday, November 29 | 11:00 a.m. Service**

2020 has been a year unlike any other. We have been both blessed and challenged abundantly. Times like these remind us what we are about in the life and work of First Presbyterian Church, glorifying God and caring for God's people. Thank you for all that you do to support the mission and ministry of your church.

Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure allow First Presbyterian Church to be a vital part of our community and God's work in it. We look forward to you receiving the Annual Report in January, so you can witness God's Spirit at work among us in pandemic times.

Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to your church. **On November 29**, we will present our pledge cards as an act of worship. You should have received a letter from the Stewardship Committee that will contain a pledge card and return envelope. If you would like to participate in Dedication Sunday and choose to worship from home, please return the pledge card in the envelope provided. Pastor John will present all envelopes received on your behalf during the service.

Our sincere prayer is that the Holy Spirit fill your heart with gratitude for God's blessings in your life. Let us join together and rejoice in what we have been given and in what is ours to give.

Pledge cards are available in the Sanctuary or from the church office.

## ADVENTure To-go

ADVENTure is coming to your house this year! Keep an eye out for a Chrismon on your doorstep. You will be provided with a kit to create your very own ornament.

Chrismon is a combination of the word “Christ” and “monogram,” and means “symbol of Christ.” They not only serve as a beautiful decoration, but also as a reminder of the true meaning of the season.

### Reserve the Third – December 4 & 5 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Our last Reserve the Third this year will involve our traditional Christmas activities, but with a twist. Fran Smith has diligently worked with The Urban Mission to find out their needs and it turns out the traditional Christmas Food Boxes will come to them prepacked from a group called Farm to Table at no expense to us. Therefore, instead of helping with that effort, we will be purchasing and packaging 370 hygiene bags.

- On Friday, Fran will need four individuals to help set up an assembly line. This is expected to take between one and two hours.
- On Saturday, because of the needed COVID-19 precautions of at least six feet between volunteers, we will take empty bags and go from station to station, filling it with items until full. The bags will then be placed that in a large container and the process will repeat itself until we've finished. It is anticipated this will take between two and three hours.

Of course, all of us are expected to wear a mask and maintain proper social distancing. If you have any questions, please contact Roane Pittman ([johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com](mailto:johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com)).

If you wish to bring a friend that would be great! Please RSVP to Roane by **December 1** so we can make sure we have the proper numbers to successfully and efficiently do this mission work.