



# First Presbyterian Church

## OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

March 2021

## From the Pastor

Greetings,

The pandemic has stretched First Presbyterian in many ways — but we are still very much ... here. We have discovered ways to close the distance and be together. We have continued to worship. We have continued ministry and mission to our local community through Reserve the Third, Mobile Meals, SPARK and FPS. We have continued to take care of one another. On Easter Sunday we will have another opportunity to do that.

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Scripture reminds us time and again that God's people belong with those in need, releasing people from the bonds of injustice and with the hungry, with those who are thirsty, imprisoned and suffering illness.

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Despite difficulty, struggle and loss, the Church continues to declare its presence in the world. We build God's house and extend shelter to those who have no place to stay, we reflect Christ's love and offer compassion to those who have pain — be it physical, emotional, or spiritual — and we provide for those who lack access to enough food to eat. The programs supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing have been providing for just these things for over 70 years.

**YOU SHALL BE  
CALLED  
REPAIRERS  
OF THE  
BREACH  
— Isaiah 58**

I challenge each of you to increase your normal gift to the offering due to the challenges we have witnessed over the past year. If you have never given before, I encourage you to go to [specialofferings.pcusa.org](https://specialofferings.pcusa.org) to learn more about this opportunity and join us with your first time gift this Easter.

God bless you on your Lenten journey.

Yours in the love and grace of Jesus Christ,

Rev. John C. McKinnon

## Lenten Services

**Palm Sunday Worship**  
Sunday, March 28 | 11:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
Thursday, April 1 | 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday Tenebrae Service**  
Friday, April 2 | 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Service**  
Sunday, April 4 | 11:00 a.m.

# Palm Sunday

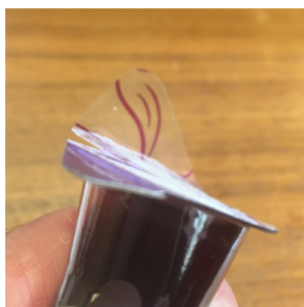
**Sunday, March 28 | 11:00 a.m.**

On Palm Sunday, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Once again, in this time of distance and live worship, we want everyone to share of one bread and one cup.

To that end, we are distributing prefilled communion cups to members worshipping remotely. These will be the same elements distributed to the congregation in the Sanctuary.

Please call the church office (405-525-6584) or stop by the church office to obtain elements.

**Step 1:** Peel back top layer of film to reveal the wafer.  
Remove and set aside.



**Step 2:** Peel back and remove the bottom layer of film, uncovering the juice. Set aside.



**Step 3:** You are all set. Log in and enjoy worship March 28 at 11:00 a.m.

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# Maundy Thursday

**Thursday, April 1 | 7:00 p.m.**

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, the night on which Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane, and serves as a reminder of Jesus' command to follow his example of service; it ushers in the three final days of Christ's passion.

*During our service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.* If you are joining us online, please prepare the elements for your use before worship begins.

The bread used for the Lord's Supper should be common to the culture of the congregation so anything you have at home will do. The same goes for the contents of the cup. When we pray the Prayer of Great Thanksgiving together over all the different elements brought to worship from different places, common elements united in purpose will become holy. We will indeed share of one body, of one cup. Once blessed, the elements you prepare should be consumed or returned to the earth outside.

## Good Friday Tenebrae Service

**Friday, April 2 | 7:00 p.m.**

On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross pondering the wondrous love of God in the death of Jesus. Until we kneel at the cross, we will not experience or know the awesome wonder of Easter.

Tenebrae services, services of darkness and shadow, date to the 7th century. The service takes us from light to darkness, from the joy of Christ's ministry to his death.

During this service, we will remember the events of the week that the world fell into darkness through the reading of selections from the Gospel of Matthew and the extinguishing of candles.

# Easter Service

**Sunday, April 4 | 11:00 a.m.**

We will hold our traditional Easter Sunday service. Join us in person or online as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

## Presbyterian Women (PW)

**Offering for the Alice Stoker Women's Seminary Student Fund will be taken at Circle meetings this month.**

**Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, March 9 | 10:00 a.m.**

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 868 5440 4696

Passcode: 594309

**Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, March 9 | 1:30 p.m.**

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 858 1216 4380

Passcode: 815511

**Abigail Circle — Tuesday, March 16 | 6:30p.m.**

[Link](#)

Meeting ID: 811 4820 4385

Passcode: 747183

### **PW Student Grant**

Applications for PW's student grants are now available.

These grants are given to students, age 17 to 25, doing undergraduate work. Detailed information about eligibility and the application process can be found [HERE](#) or by visiting [www.okinp.org](http://www.okinp.org).

Applications are due **March 16**.

# KirkNight To-go

Pick up a delicious KirkNight To-go meal this March! 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

## UPCOMING MEALS:

**March 3:** Greek Lemon Chicken Rice Casserole with Greek Salad and Loukomades

**March 10:** Chicken Picatta with Risotto and Asparagus and Peanut Butter Brookies

**March 17:** Spring Break (No meal)

**March 24:** Tater Tot Breakfast Casserole (tater tost, eggs, sausage, bacon and gravy) and Donut Holes

**March 31:** Chicken Carbonara with Asparagus and Panna Cotta

# Children & Youth

## Jelly Bean Jackpot

**Sunday, March 28 | 4:00 p.m.**

Join us on Zoom for an afternoon with jellybeans! Everything you need for this event will be in your March Sunday School To-go bag.

We will make an Easter hat, conduct an experiment, read a story and eat some jelly beans.

[Link](#) | Meeting ID: 841 4213 7743 | Password: 417503



# Easter Lilies

Share the beauty of Easter by sponsoring a lily or lilies to be used as decoration in the Sanctuary. Easter lilies can be given in memory of a loved one, to honor family and friends or in celebration of an event. All dedications will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

**Suggested donation is \$15 per plant.**

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily, please email Blake Barrett (blake@fpcokc.org). Also, submit your \$15 donation to the church office by mail, online or through Venmo (@fpcokc).

Word your dedication exactly how it should read. For example:

- In memory of Mrs. William S. Smith by Mr. & Mrs. John L. Smith
- In honor of Robert J. Jones by Amy Jones
- In celebration of the birth of Jenny Smith by Traci Roberts

## March Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

**03:** Isidore Fokum

**05:** Kim Pittman,

Charles Rodriguez,

Tyler Woods

**06:** Michael Smith,

Nancy Kellogg,

Carren MacLemore,

Quinn Greenwood

**07:** Jeanne Fisher,

Jamie Roberts,

Wyatt Thomas Pitts,

Erica Haverly

**09:** Nancy Denner,

Lucia Gray

**10:** Roane Pittman

**13:** Ginnie Tack

**14:** Aileen Turnbull,

Madelaine Hawkins,

Aeriel Akers

**15:** Sue Kunkel,

Tom Hohn

**17:** Bill Walden

**20:** Connie Myers,

Rodney Hall,

Art Rus

**21:** Harriet Adams,

William Winfree,

John Marshall

**23:** Janet Martin,

Quincy Adams,

Holly Holson

**24:** Roberta Carter

**31:** Barbara Charlet

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

## Reserve the Third

**Saturday, March 20 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Stay posted. The site of service is yet to be determined.

If you're interested in receiving email updates about Reserve the Third, please contact Roane Pittman ([johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com](mailto:johnpittmanmd@pnfmc.com)).

## Holiday Family Favorites

The Holiday Family Favorites cookbook is now available for pick up from the church office as well as online at [fpcokc.org/news](http://fpcokc.org/news).

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Happy cooking!