



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

From *Four Miniatures for Organ*

Eric H. Thiman

No. 1 *Song without Words*, No. 3 *Meditation on a Theme by Tchaikovsky*

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Lamentations 3:21-22*

Leader: Let us call to mind the reason for our hope:

People: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 266

Joy to the World

RICHMOND

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Bret Sholar

Here we gather, your children, with our own unique stories, different needs, varied gifts. Some of us have brought burdens with us today that we need to lay down; others are looking for challenges to take up. Some of us are uncertain of what lies ahead; and others are eager with expectation. Help each of us learn in this hour that we are loved, and to celebrate the humanity we share. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Joy to the World

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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and

earth re - ceive her king; let ev - ery heart pre -
 all their songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks,
 thorns in - fest the ground; he comes to make his
 makes the na - tions prove the glo - ries of his

pare him room, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 hills, and plains re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 bless - ings flow far as the curse is found.
 righ - teous - ness and won - ders of his love.

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Take away our distractions, O God, so we may be confronted by your expectation of us. We realize that our striving after the things of this world has dulled our awareness of you. We have sought fulfillment in ways that deny you and hurt other people. We bring to you today our troubles and anxieties, our estrangements and hostilities. O God, we want to find our hope in the gospel. Help us, we pray. Meet us here with truth we cannot avoid. (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

Cyndi Stumpf

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

O Christ, Surround Me

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

Sanctuary Singers

arr. David Sims

God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to move my voice; God, be the strength to now uphold me: O Christ, surround me. Bind to myself the Name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold; prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround me. Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ, surround me. Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, and from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ, surround me. Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ, surround me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 10:44-48 (pg. 130)

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

SOLO

I Saw the Light

Hank Williams, Sr.

Puffer Jones, baritone

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin. I wouldn't let my dear savior in. Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord, I saw the light! I saw the light—no more darkness, no more night. Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light! Just like a blind man, I wandered along. Worries and fears I claimed for my own. Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight: praise the Lord, I saw the light! I was a fool to wander and stray, for straight is the gate and narrow is the way. Now I have traded the wrong for the right. Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 5:1-6 (pg. 241)

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

SERMON

World Conquest

Rev. John C. 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 341

O God, Show Mercy to Us

THAXTED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

Peter C. Lutkin

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Oblivion

Astor Piazzolla

Solena Rizzato, viola

*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***

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(Psalm 67)

1 O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
2 For you will judge the peo - ples in truth and righ - teous -

grace; and cause to shine up - on us the bright - ness of your
ness, and on the earth all na - tions will your just rule con -

face, so that your way most ho - ly on earth may soon be
fess. Let all the peo - ples praise you; let all the na - tions

known, and un - to ev - ery peo - ple your sav - ing grace be
sing. Then earth in rich a - bun - dance to us its fruit will

As this paraphrase shows, Psalm 67 combines many themes: a communal prayer for blessing, a prayer for all people to acknowledge God, and thanksgiving for a bountiful harvest. In Jewish practice it was recited at the end of every Sabbath, a reminder of God's universal sovereignty.

shown. Let all the peo-ples praise you; let all the na - tions
bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will bless - ing

sing; in ev - ery land let prais - es and songs of glad - ness ring.
send, and all the earth will wor - ship to its re - mot - est end.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 306

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Pièce Héroïque

César Franck

Solena Rizzato, organ

Happy Birthday to our dear mother, Mary Louise Thomas, and Happy Mother's Day to all!

-Paula and Ron Grace and Susan and Pat Harden

Today

Deacons' Flower Dedication

Happy Mother's Day! The Deacons would like to present the women of the church with a rose as a thank you for all you do! Pick up a rose on your way in or out of the Sanctuary."

Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

*Or "Maker's"

Written to express a pastor's unwillingness to leave a beloved congregation, this hymn is frequently used as an expression of Christian fellowship, especially at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper. The tune is attributed to an influential Swiss musician and publisher.

Upcoming Events

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle – Tuesday, May 11 | 10:00 a.m.

In Watchorn Hall at the church. Priscilla Circle has decided to continue meeting throughout the summer months.

Phoebe Circle – Tuesday, May 11 | 1:30 p.m.

In the Reception Room at the church. Dorothy Hays will host. Birthday Offering will be accepted.

Abigail Circle – Tuesday, May 18 | 6:30 p.m.

At Darci McKinnon's house.

KirkNight To-go – Wednesday, May 12 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.

You don't want to miss out on the KirkNight meal this week! **Order by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the latest.** To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or 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: Chicken Mon Amie (Roasted Chicken Breast Topped with Roasted Red Pepper, Fresh Basil, and Provolone (2 or 4 pieces)) with Rice Pilaf, Roasted Vegetable Salad with Feta and Balsamic Vinegar, and Chocolate Cake

Yoga – Wednesday, May 12 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday evenings for our free yoga class. Any and all are welcome!

Organ Recital – Friday, May 14 | 7:00 p.m.

You're invited to new member Solena Rizzato's organ recital on May 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary! Solena will play music from Buxtehude, Wammes, and more.

Pentecost & Senior Sunday Recognition – Sunday, May 23 | 11:00 a.m. Service

Sunday, May 23 will be a very special day in the life of First Presbyterian. Not only is it Pentecost Sunday, but it's also Senior Recognition Sunday. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of the church and the accomplishment of the Class of 2021!

Patriotic Bike Parade — Sunday, May 30 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

Who doesn't love a parade? Especially a parade to honor our great country and the heroes who died defending it! Let's have a bike (or similar riding vehicle) parade. Bring your bike to church on Sunday, May 30.

Feel free to decorate your bike according to the theme or not. Ms. Cyndi will have flags and balloons to add to whatever you bring. We will parade in the parking lot after service and the congregation is invited to watch and cheer us on.

RSVP to Ms. Cyndi (cyndi@fpcokc.org) by May 22 if you can attend.