



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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## The Service for the Lord's Day – September 26, 2021 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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

*Canzona #2*

Giovanni Gabrielli

Blackwelder Brass

Isaac Hodapp, Connor Tipton, trumpets; Jose Diaz, horn;

Trey Cole, trombone; Nick Brown, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Stephen Whaylen

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

*Praise Ye the Lord* (Psalms 103:1, 150:6)

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 95:1, Ephesians 5:19b, Psalm 101:1, Psalm 150:3-5

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

**People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader: Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.

**People: I will sing of your love and justice; to you, LORD, I will sing praise.**

Leader: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

DUET

*Open My Lips* (Psalm 51:15, 17)

Fernando Ortega

Puffer Jones & Jennifer Coffman

*Open my lips and I will sing your praise forever. A broken spirit and a contrite heart: these you will not despise.*

Leader: Not one of us is perfect.

**People: No, not one.**

Leader: Not one of us is full of grace.

**People: No, not one.**

Leader: Not one of us is spotless.

**People: No, not one.**

Leader: There is no one who knows God’s fullness or rests completely in God’s grace.

**People: Therefore, let us approach God’s throne together.**

Leader: Let us confess our sin.

**All: Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Let your music find in us, we pray, the pockets of resistance and patches of coldness that keep us closed to your movement among us. Root them out and open us that we may be agents of your grace and instruments of your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SOLO

*For You, My God, I Wait* (Psalm 130 and 131)

SPRINGTIME

Puffer Jones

*For you, my God, I wait with hope born of the Word. Like sleepless ones who long to dream I wait and call my Lord. Lord, hear my pleading voice, and let me know you hear! As sleepless ones feel rest approach, I know my God is near. If you should list my faults, the sins of heart and hand, like sleepless ones who groan at dawn I know I could not stand! For even from the deep I know you hear my cries. Like sleepless ones who dream at last, I ease my weary eyes. And once my soul is still, in you I find my rest, at peace as though a child upon a gentle mother’s breast. O God, you are my hope; I know that you forgive. Your love redeems me from the depths so I may rise and live.*

\*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.**

# All People That on Earth Do Dwell 385

(Psalm 100)

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our  
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with  
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mer - cy

Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his  
 aid he did us make; we are his folk; he  
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his  
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times

praise forth tell. Come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

In a pairing that began in 1561, this paraphrase of Psalm 100 by a Scot is set to a tune that a French composer originally created for Psalm 134 in the Genevan Psalter of 1551. They have appeared together in nearly every comprehensive English-language hymnal since then.

\*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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE PSALMS

ANTHEM

*Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* (Psalm 9:1)

JE LOUERAIS L'ÉTERNEL

Quartet

*Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. In you I will find the source of all my joy. Alleluia!*

PSALM 150:1-2, 4

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with strings and pipe!

ANTHEM

*Larghetto from Sonata in C Major, Op. 1, No. 7*

G. F. Handel

Linda Millier Bosteels, flute; Dorothy Hays, cello

ANTHEM

*I Lift Up Mine Eyes to the Hills* (Psalm 121)

Allen Pote

Sanctuary Singers

*I lift up mine eyes to the hills, and I wonder, from where comes my help? My help, it comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let you stumble, He will not let you fall, the Lord is your keeper. The sun will not strike you by day nor the moon by night, the Lord will keep your life. The Lord will keep you from all evil. He will keep your life. He will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.*

HYMN 74

*When God Restored Our Common Life* (Psalm 126)

RESIGNATION

SOLO

*As the Deer* (Psalm 42:1; Psalm 28:7)

AS THE DEER

Cady Lewis, soprano

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.*

# When God Restored Our Common Life 74

(Psalm 126)



1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -  
 2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing  
 3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a  
 soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the  
 pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy; a shock of joy swept  
 fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who  
 jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the  
 gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The  
 mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.  
 seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.  
 seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This paraphrase brings Psalm 126 to life in two ways: by turning the "they" of the final verses of the psalm to "we," and by adding a prayer for all who still wait for release from oppression. The shape note tune provides just the right balance of gratitude and urgency.

SOLO *I Love the Lord* (Psalm 116) African American Spiritual

Mitchell Gage, baritone

*I love the Lord, who heard my cry and pitied every groan. Long as I live and troubles rise, I'll hasten to God's throne. I love the Lord, who heard my cry and chased my grief away. O let my heart no more despair while I have breath to pray.*

HYMN 802 *The King of Love my Shepherd Is* (Psalm 23) ST. COLUMBIA

PSALM 28:7

The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

ANTHEM *Hymn Tune* AMAZING GRACE

Linda Millier Bosteels, Native American flute

ANTHEM *O Sing to the Lord* (Psalm 98) Brazilian folk melody

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass arr. W. P. Jones

*O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song. O sing to our God. For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets. O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit. For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!*

## 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 755 *Alleluia! Laud and Blessing* (Psalms 111 and 112) WEISSE FLAGGEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O God* (Psalm 102:1-2) WHELPTON

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Arioso* Johann Sebastian Bach

Blackwelder Brass

## 802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
 thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 and O what transport of delight  
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

## 755 Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

(Psalms 111 and 112)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Laud and bless - ing to our God, whose Word is sure;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! God sus - tains us; match - less are the gifts we share;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Ho - ly Par - ent, all your chil - dren now re - claim;



by whose grace we find re - demp - tion, in whose love we live se - cure.  
 light in dark - ness, hope in con - flict, an - swers to our deep - est prayer.  
 may our lives re - flect your jus - tice, heirs to your most sa - cred name.



Righ - teous - ness and rich com - pas - sion shall at - tend us all our days;  
 Ours to give as we are giv - en: arms to lift when oth - ers fall;  
 Fill our hearts with un - der - stand - ing, brace our weak - ness by your might;



may God's prom - ise to be faith - ful ech - o through our songs of praise!  
 im - ag - es of God's great good - ness, faith - ful ser - vants to God's call.  
 awe - some hon - or, born in wis - dom; your great glo - ry, our de - light!



Psalms 111 and 112 are appropriately brought together in this paraphrase. Both form acrostics: each poetic line begins with a letter of the Hebrew alphabet in order. In addition, both psalms begin with "hallelujah," and they share much vocabulary as well as a theme of praise.



\*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 33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* (Psalm 150)

LLANFAIR

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

*Mizpah Blessing*

W. P. Jones

*May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. And abide in hope. (Genesis 31:49; Romans 15:13)*

\*POSTLUDE

*Contrapunctus IX*  
Blackwelder Brass

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.  
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

# Today

## Sunday School | 9:30 a.m.

- **Builders Class | Room B-8 (in-person)**
- **Pastor's Class | Room B-10 (in-person)**
- **Evergreen Class | Room B-14 (in-person & Zoom)**
  - **Meeting ID: 834 6346 0747 | Passcode: 023151**
- **New Beginnings Class | Fireside Room (in-person & Zoom)**
  - **Meeting ID: 817 3543 3278 | Passcode: 531483**
- **Children's Sunday School | Room 213 (in-person)**

## Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

## PW Luncheon/Woman of the Year Celebration | After 11:00 a.m. Service

PW's annual luncheon will be held in Watchorn Hall. During the luncheon, the Woman of the Year will be recognized in front of her peers. Junebug Catering will provide salads and there will be a pie bar for dessert.

**NOTE:** In accordance with church policy—and in order to protect our most vulnerable—because lunch will be served, everyone in attendance must be vaccinated.

**Give to  
FPC today!**



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## Upcoming Events

### **KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, September 29 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

Order your KirkNight meal 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 Piccata, Rice Pilaf and Lemon Roasted Green Beans with Panna Cotta

### **Yoga — Wednesday, September 29 | 6:30 p.m.**

Join us in the Courtyard for some fresh air and fun movement! All are welcome.

### **World Communion Saturday — Saturday, October 2 | 5:00 p.m.**

That's right—World Communion *Saturday*! This year the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, October 3, which is World Communion Sunday. Due to lack of access to the church during the marathon, there will be no church activities that day. We'll celebrate World Communion the day before instead.

### **Peace & Global Witness Offering — Saturday, October 2 | 5:00 p.m.**

The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. Please give generously to support ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation.

- 25% stays with local congregations
- 25% goes to joining with other congregations in our area to support peacemaking in our region
- 50% supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe

### **Blessing of the Animals — Sunday, October 10 | 2:00 p.m.**

Calling precious pooches, cute cats and any other of God's creatures to a Blessing of the Animals! All vaccinated pets on a leash or in a cage are welcome. There will be treats, certificates, and freebies available! The blessing will take place in the church courtyard.

### **Presbyterian Women**

**Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, October 12 | 10:00 a.m.**

**Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, October 12 | 1:30 p.m.**

**Abigail Circle — Tuesday, October 19 | 6:30 p.m.**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Endowment Fund — ~~Saturday, October 16 | 6:00 p.m.~~**

Due to community conditions, relating to the COVID-19 Delta variant, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be rescheduled when it is deemed safe for all of us to gather and celebrate in our desired fashion.