



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Newsletter

October 2021

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. We'll celebrate World Communion the day before instead.

We will also collect our Peace & Global Witness Offering on Saturday. This offering brings 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

50th Anniversary of the Endowment Fund

Tuesday, October 12

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

Our stewardship theme this year is *Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart*. It is indeed with very grateful hearts that we approach the 50th Anniversary of First Presbyterian's Endowment Fund. On October 12, 1971, by joint resolution of the Session and the Trustees, the First Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund was created for the support and maintenance of its activities, purposes and properties.

Norman Morse, Edgar Van Cleef, Tom Aldridge, Allen Evans, Walter Snell, Mrs. T. W. Fentem and Bill Kilpatrick were the first trustees. They began a legacy of faithful stewards who have served as trustees over the last half century. Times like this demand that we stop and take a moment to thank God for such a blessing. Please take a moment right now and give thanks to God with a quick prayer. Thank God for generous hearts that have and continue to contribute to the fund and for faithful, dedicated trustees to guide it!

Sunday School Classes

Here's what the Sunday School classes are getting up to this month! All classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor's Class | Room B-10

October 10: The Called People – Covenant | **October 17:** God Hears the Cry – Deliverance

October 24: God Sends the Law – Order | **October 31:** When God Draws Near – Atonement

Builders Class | Room B-8

The Builders will focus on devotions from d365, followed by study and light discussion. Time will also be made for fellowship and coffee.

Evergreen Class | Room B-14 (in-person & Zoom)

October 10-31: Parables of Jesus (led by Bobbie Heimbach)

New Beginnings Class | Fireside Room (in-person & Zoom)

New Beginnings class will begin a study of “3:16” by Max Lucado. Lucado digs deeply into one of the most famous and oft-quoted passages of the Bible—John 3:16.

First, situating it in its biblical context as part of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, Lucado then dissects the 26-word promise phrase by phrase, picking out key theological ideas that provide hope to Christians.

KirkNight To-go

KirkNight To-go meals are looking especially tasty this October! To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com.

UPCOMING MEALS:

October 6: Orange Chicken, Stir Fry Rice, Eggrolls and Matcha Tea Cheesecake

October 13: Fall break

October 20: MS Pork Roast, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Smore's Bars

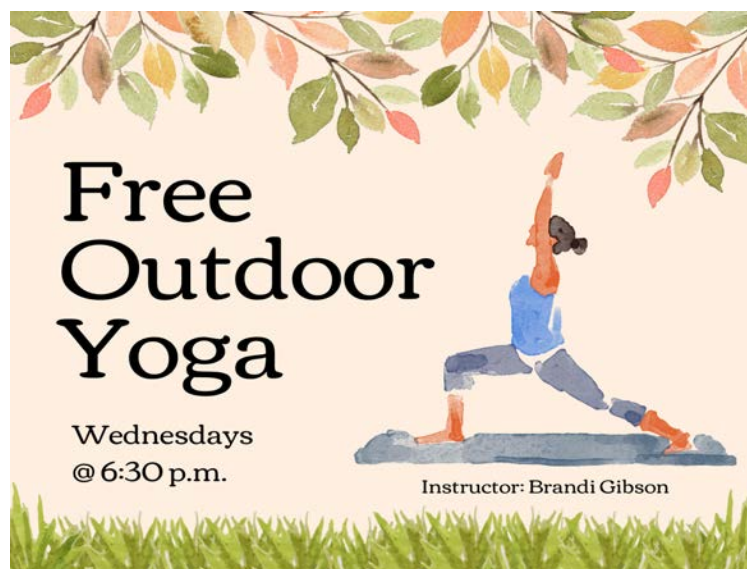
October 27: Bat Wings, Mummy Dogs, Spooky Pasta Salad and Caramel Apple Nachos

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

Take a break! Enjoy the outdoors and some fun movement with our free yoga classes.



Presbyterian Women (PW)

Woman of the Year — Amanda Ogden

PW's Woman of the Year was announced at the annual luncheon, and it's none other than Amanda Ogden! It's not just the acts of service that make Amanda Woman of the Year, but it's also her spirit.

Amanda gladly offers a hand when anyone needs it. She listens to stories from the kids even when they don't make sense. She can also talk you into a good thing and out of a bad one. Amanda is more than willing to laugh with you or offer a shoulder to cry on when you need it.

We are proud to have Amanda as PW's Woman of the Year!



Presbyterian Women

**THE MORE WE GET
TOGETHER...
THE HAPPIER
WE'LL BE**



 Directory 2021-2022 

PW Directory

The 2021-2022 PW Directory is available to pick up from the church office!

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

In the Reception Center.

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

In the Reception Center.

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

At Ginnie Tack's house.

Thank Offering will be taken at Circles this month!

Melting Pot — Thursday, October 21 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner at the Melting Pot in downtown OKC! Make your reservation by putting a check for \$35 in Lolieta's/Treasurer mailbox in the hallway near the front office **no later than**

October 15. This is a hard deadline.

You can also use Venmo at: PWFPCOKC. Look for Lolieta's name. The \$35 includes a salad, cheese and chocolate fondue, gratuities and tax. Beverages are not included. We look forward to enjoying fellowship and food again!

Book Club — Tuesday, October 26 | 7:00 p.m.

Let's cozy up with a book about the power of family! This month's book is Kristin Hannah's "The Four Winds." We'll meet at Cyndi Stumpf's house (11425 NW 101st Street, Yukon, OK 73099) for a time of discussion and fellowship. **RSVP with Cyndi at cyndi0507@gmail.com.**

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.



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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Three polaroid-style photographs are displayed on a string with colorful clips. The first photo shows two children and a dog in a park. The second photo shows two children sitting on the ground with a dog. The third photo shows a child sitting on the ground with a dog.

Sunday, Oct. 10 | 2:00 p.m.
Church Courtyard

All vaccinated pets on a leash or in a cage are welcome!

Reserve the Third

Reserve the Third plans for October are still developing! We'll keep you updated on the group's activities in the coming E-blasts and bulletins.

For the moment, you can consider helping our great partners at The Urban Mission! If you're not able to join us in physically volunteering when we go to The Urban Mission, donations of food are greatly appreciated.

You can grab a purple bag during service at FPC on 1st Sundays and bring it back the following Sunday filled with your donation. You can also drop off purple bags during the week in the church office.

The Urban Mission accepts any non-perishable food items. Examples include but are not limited to: canned goods, crackers, peanut butter, shelf-stable milk, pasta and rice.

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Children & Youth

Halloween Bingo — October 24 | 4:00 p.m. (via Zoom)

Last year, Halloween Bingo via Zoom was a big hit. Let's play again!

Pick up your Halloween Bingo cards on a table in the narthex or near the interior Sanctuary entrance. They will be available on Sunday, October 3 and every Sunday through October 24.

Your M&M "markers" will be included with the cards. Do not eat the M&M's until we play. (This is the hardest part of the activity!) If you cannot come to the church, contact the church office (405-525-6584 or office@gmail.com) and we will get the necessary materials to you.

Everyone is invited and we hope to see y'all on Zoom!

Link: tinyurl.com/FPCbingo

Meeting ID: 832 9127 9126

Password: 974107

2nd Annual Halloween Parade

Sunday, October 31 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

Back for a second year, due to last year's popularity, the 2nd Annual Halloween Parade is not to be missed!

Thanks to the generosity of this congregation, several very happy children were joyously overwhelmed last year with all of candy being thrown to them as they showed off their Halloween costumes. This year the event falls on Halloween, so it is sure to be extra special.

Immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, children will change into their Halloween costumes and line up inside the fenced playground behind the church. They will face the road as congregation members drive by, enjoy the kids in costume and throw candy/treats to them. Afterward, everyone will meet in the parking lot in front of the church for the 2nd Annual Tailgate Pizza Party.

We can't wait to see how the kids dress up and how the adults decorate their cars!

Save the Date!

2nd Annual Tailgate Pizza Party

Sunday, October 31 | After 11:00 a.m. Service & Halloween Parade

Come enjoy some good food and fellowship with your church family!

After the Children's Halloween Parade, we'll all meet in the south church parking lot for the Deacon's 2nd Annual Tailgate Pizza Party.

More details will be released in the E-blast and bulletin in the coming weeks.

Deacons

Deacons' Out 'N' About

The Deacons' first Out 'N' About of the season was a big success! All 30 Dodgers tickets were taken, and we enjoyed the game as a big group. Check out these pictures and be sure to join us for the next Out 'N' About event. Stay tuned by signing up for our weekly E-blast (by emailing blake@fpcokc.org) or checking the upcoming event section of the Sunday bulletin.



Reformation Sunday

Sunday, October 31

On October 31 we will have an annual service where we recognize the Protestant Reformation and how it has shaped who we are as Presbyterian Christians. Although the phrase “ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda, secundum verbum Dei” (“the church reformed, always being reformed, according to the word of God”) does not originate in the Reformation, we return to it as a watchword because it is accurate to that watershed moment. In times of crisis, challenge and conflict—then and now—God calls us to be transformed by the Word and Spirit.

As Christians, our faith began with the followers of Jesus. But the beginning of our Christian faith as Presbyterians is rooted in the Reformation. The Reformation marks something significant for us in this part of the universal church: the coalescence of our focus on the Holy Spirit’s ongoing reform of us as a church and as individuals. Our annual acknowledgement of events put into motion 500 years ago is an acknowledgement of the Holy Spirit’s continuing activity in our lives at this very moment.

We will celebrate the history of the Presbyterian Church on Reformation Sunday with the help of the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums. We hope you will join us for this very special service!

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Welcome Rev. Joseph Moore

Our annual stewardship campaign in November is characterized by the theme *Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart*. We will give thanks for God's steadfast mercy, love and blessings!

As part of that, we welcome Rev. Joseph Moore to our church. Joseph serves as the Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation. He works with congregations to create a culture of generosity in our churches.



Joseph and Shelley

Prior to joining the Foundation, Joseph served as pastor at several churches in Texas and Colorado. He is a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Trinity University (TX). He and his wife Shelley live in Ft. Collins, CO with their three children: Micah, Liam and Hettie.

Rev. Moore will be joining us November 13 and 14 to spend time with our congregation, our church officers and to preach.

October Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

01: Jim Boughman,

Elizabeth Montgomery,

Juli Rhodes

03: Hart Greenwood,

Mike Lusby

05: Gilda Garrett-Etherton

07: Melissa Altdoerffer,

Matthew Gray

08: Glenda Beeson

09: Tammy Hall

12: Linda Bosteels

14: Betty Bruce

16: Hannah Lusby

17: Erin Henning,

Lolieta Miller

18: MarySue Green

19: Kova McLean

24: Brooke Kivett

25: Diana Kelley

26: Gary Bryant

27: Connie Eggleston

28: Fitz Gray

29: Scott Wilson

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