



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

May 2022

Come Home for the Great Fifty Days of Easter!

Easter is a season. Each year we celebrate the resurrection throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter. During this season we remember Christ's rising from the tomb, his appearances, his ascension, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This is intended to be the most festive period of the church year.

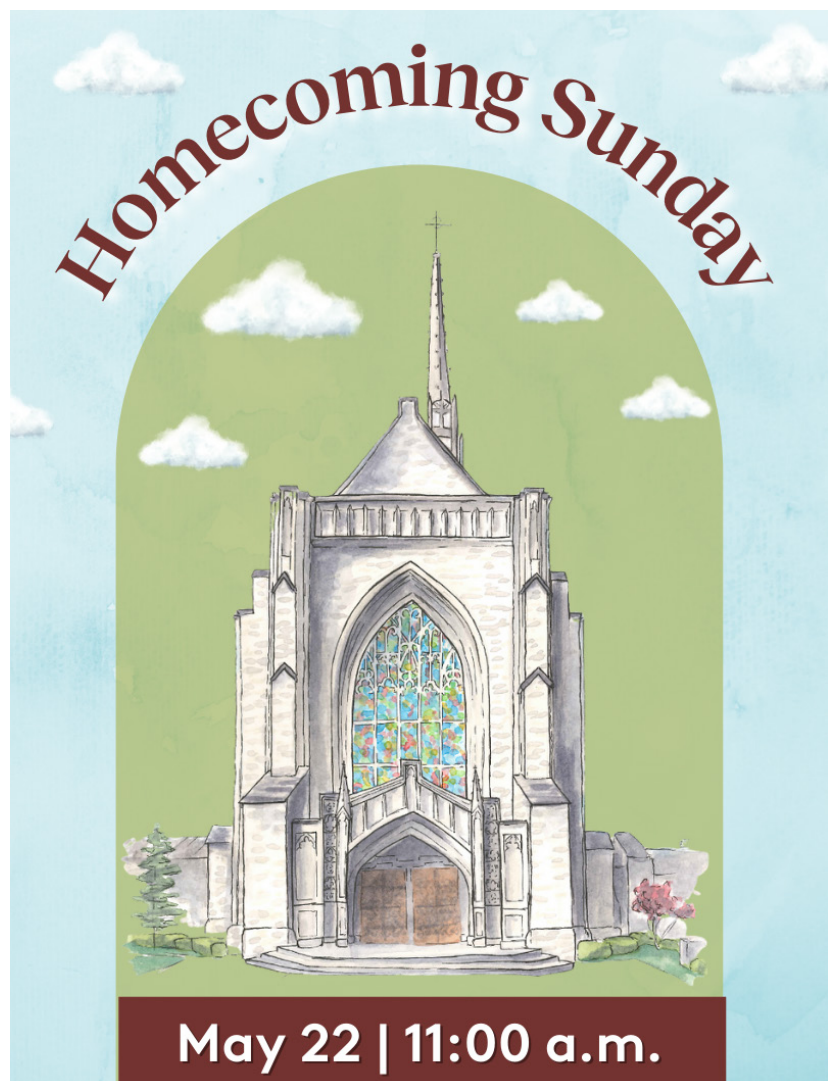
Easter Sunday was a wonderful day of celebration in the life of First Presbyterian as we welcomed many new and familiar faces to our worship. We hope to see you all back for another celebration during the Great Fifty Days, **Homecoming Sunday, May 22.**

Please help spread the word and invite a friend or former member to come home with you that day as your guest at church. In our worship that day we will celebrate our Presbyterian Heritage as well as rededicate the "Godly Men of the Bible" and the Witness Windows located in the West Transept and south façade of the Sanctuary.

Following worship, you are invited to a potluck lunch in Watchorn Hall. The church will provide fried chicken and dessert. You are asked to bring one of your favorite side dishes to add to the table.

Psalm 133:1 states, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

For the past two years we have lived together, apart. Let's gather in a space dear to our hearts as we reconnect with one another and celebrate the blessing that is First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City.



Easter at FPC-OKC

It was good to be back with our FPC family this Easter!

Easter Brunch took place in a beautifully decorated Watchorn Hall. Gathering for good food and fellowship is that much sweeter for not having had it in a while.

The kids choir sang during worship and had an exciting Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard after service. The Easter Bunny was there—who the adults enjoyed as much as the kids!





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New Member Welcome!

William Stumpf was welcomed as a new member during worship at FPC-OKC on Sunday, April 23. It's great to have him as a part of our congregation and church family!



Confirmation of Caroline and Max

Caroline Kivett and Max Keith were confirmed as members of FPC-OKC during worship on Easter Sunday. These are their statements of faith:

Caroline Kivett

My faith is important to me because faith has always been a constant in my life. Even in times when my faith has wavered, the Church and God have always been there for me to fall back on and return to when I was ready. I understand God to be the Creator of all things. I understand that God made us all to be equal and good in His image. My belief in God impacts my life because my belief in a higher power inspires me to reflect the values that being represents.

My belief in God leads me to be more compassionate, kind, serving, and humble in appreciation of all He has given me. I am also respectful of those around me with the understanding that He created each of us in His image with love and care. My understanding of Jesus is that he is the Son of God, sent to die for my sins and the saving of humanity. I understand that Jesus is the prime example of a good Christian and I should strive to listen to his teachings and replicate his behavior towards those around me. I understand the Holy Spirit to be the remaining force of God in our world who engages with God's children during communion and through the Word. While I can not pinpoint an exact moment in my life when I have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, I have full faith that these moments are in my future, and even though I may not recognize it, the presence of God in the form of the Holy Spirit is with me.

The Church signifies a familiar place of worship—a home away from home. Even when I am traveling, I find comfort in attending a worship service. Confirmation is important to me because I want to be recognized as an adult within the Church I have grown up in, and I view it as an important milestone in my life. While someone may not be able to tell that I am a Christian just by looking at me, I hope that my actions reflect those of a good Christian in that they are kind, loving, and serving to all people. My faith may not change the world on a large scale, but if I could say that my faith helped make the life of even one person better, I would be happy to say that my beliefs as a Christian helped make the world a better place.

Max Keith

The first time I prayed alone was after the funeral of a very close family friend. I prayed that he had found peace and no longer felt pain. I also prayed that he could forgive me. He passed away in his sleep and I never got to say goodbye to the man that took care of me when everyone else was busy. I never fully appreciated everything he did for us until he was gone. Before that day I never really thought of the church as an extension of my family. I know now that everyone in this congregation wants what's best for me, and each and everyone of you drive me to do better.



I learned the true meaning of community at Dwight Mission. I've always felt welcome there and consider it a second home to this day. I found a sense of belonging and warmth in every area of that beautiful place.

This church was always my safety net if I needed reassurance or advice. For me, life is a suspension bridge, swaying violently in the wind. Christianity is the rope you hold onto for dear life to avoid falling down and the path that leads you to peace and grace. Our God is the one who helps us know which step to take on the rocking bridge that is life. Jesus is the teacher of what's right and wrong. The test is love—how to feel it, give it, and accept it. The Holy Spirit helps you truly understand and accept Christ's teachings and what it means to be Christian. The first place I ever felt the Holy Spirit was right outside of Washburn Hall at Dwight Mission the last morning of family camp. I used to go outside and watch the sunrise. I would listen to the sound of the camp itself waking up. All the birds and crickets would welcome me as I smelled the freshly cut grass. It was then when I would truly feel God's presence.

Reserve the Third

The clean up went well during April's Reserve the Third, allowing us not only to take care of the church grounds and Military Park, but also the streets in between, Shepherd Manor and the west side of the cemetery!

Saturday, May 21

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Reserve the Third is serving at The Urban Mission in May! If you'd like to participate, please RSVP to Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com).

Presbyterian Women

Priscilla Circle

Tuesday, May 10 | 10:00 a.m.

Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

Zoom Meeting ID: 881 7807 7431

Password: 114955

Phoebe Circle

Tuesday, May 10 | 1:30 p.m.

Home of Dorothy Hays.

Abigail Circle

Tuesday, April 17 | 6:30 p.m.

Location TBD.

Strawberry Festival Spring Fling and Quilt Show

Sunday, May 15 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

All women of the church are invited to attend a strawberry-themed luncheon immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, May 15. Strawberry shortcake will be on the menu. (Not fan of strawberries? Other options will be available.) Participants will have the opportunity to thank the outgoing PW Council Officers and welcome the 2022-2023 Council Officers as well as congratulate the 2022 Woman of the Year.

After lunch, you can head over to the parlor for a small quilt show. You'll find members' treasured family quilts or quilts members have made. If you have a quilt you would like to display, contact Cyndi Stumpf (cyndi0507@gmail.com). Bring your quilt to the church office between Sunday, May 8 and Friday, May 13. Quilts can be picked up after the event or during the week in the church office.

Children & Youth

Mission: Planting Flowers — Saturday, May 14 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We have been invited to join the Evergreen Sunday School class in their planting of flowers in the church flower beds. These beds are by the Watchorn Hall entrance and the portico. Wear gardening clothes, including gloves and sunscreen, and come ready to do Christian service for church and the Earth.



Blow up your tires, shine your vehicle, decorate it, and bring it to church on Sunday, May 29 for our Second Annual Memorial Day Parade. You can ride your bike, scooter, wagon or whatever you've got that rolls!

We will parade in the church parking lot in front of the new playground.

The congregation is invited to cheer on the parade participants by coming to the parking lot right after service.

Celebrating the Year of César Franck

In 2022, we will be celebrating with a year of César Franck's (December 10, 1822–November 8, 1890) organ works. On Sunday, May 15, the postlude [13 minutes] will contain the following:

Franck's final major works for the organ are the three chorals composed during the last year of his life (1890). These three fantasias of large design are not built upon a pre-existing chorale melody, but they do contain sections which suggest hymn writing.

Perhaps the most popular of Franck's Trios Chorals is the **Choral No. 3** in A minor. This choral is in large ternary form. The center section is an extended lyric Adagio, which contrasts with the fiery first and final sections. Franck frequently used changes of key in order to keep the restatements of the themes effective. Chords which demand wide stretches of the hands are often found in Franck's works because he had such large hands.

– Corless Richard Arnold

THE URBAN MISSION
**GOLF
SCRAMBLE**

\$100 PER PLAYER

JUNE 6 | 8 AM
CHOCTAW CREEK GOLF COURSE
2200 N HIWASSEE RD
CHOCTAW, OK 73020



The Urban Mission's annual Golf Scramble is coming up on June 6! Get your team together and join in the fun.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The shotgun start is at 8:00 a.m.

There is a **\$100 registration** for each player that covers half of a golf cart, lunch and green fees. You can pay at the door or at the link below when you register.

Register: tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolfs scramble

May Birthdays

Happy birthday to all!

01: Gillian Stearns

02: Amy Sergent

04: Brandi Ludden

06: Jack Lancaster

07: Richard Hatcher

Cyndi Stumpf

08: Carroll Carter

Susan Perry-LeGrand

09: Eleanor Hawkins

Edie King

Philip Taylor

10: Richard Riggs

11: James Herider, Jr.

12: Katie Burden

Clay Hamilton

Erica Taylor

15: Jim Robles

18: Eric Foster

19: Edward Burden

20: Violette Altdoerffer

Emily Bakhtiari

22: Lacey Howard

23: Christine Niemeyer

Linda Sechrist

24: Holly Guadiana

25: Jeffrey Leyerle

26: Dorothy Hays

Kaley Morlock

Chris Riggs

Nita Wilson

28: Sullivan Collins

29: Delores Strider

Kathleen Dougherty

30: Paul Denner

Dean Sergent

31: Sally Whitten

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

Come Enjoy KirkNight!

We're meeting in person for two week in May before we take a break! Reservations should be made with the church office (405-525-6584 or office@fpcokc.org) before noon on Tuesday.

Cost

\$7 Adults | \$4 Kids | Max \$20 per family

KirkNight To-go meals are still available, but you will need to come inside to pick them up.

To-go Cost

Family Meal for 4-6: \$20 | Dessert \$5.00

Meal for 2: \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

KirkNight Menu

May 4

Shrimp and Grits, Greens, Banana Pudding

May 11

Ham and Swiss Sliders, Italian Mini Subs, Potato Salad, Broccoli Salad, Fresh Vegetable Platter, Ranch and Spinach Dip, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Summer Sunday School Offering

The New Beginnings Class and the Pastor's Class are joining for a summer study starting June 5. We will be watching and discussing "The Chosen," a TV series based on the life of Jesus. We will meet in Room 215 on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. from June 5 to July 31.

Contact Blaine Moore (bmoorokc@aol.com) for more information.