



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – August 7, 2022
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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

When Morning Guilds the Skies (hymn 667)

arr. Lani Smith

Rondal J. Wallace, Guest Organist

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lift up your prayers for God's mercy.

People: Earnestly seek to know the ways of truth and salvation.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Bret Sholar

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things: behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million suns.

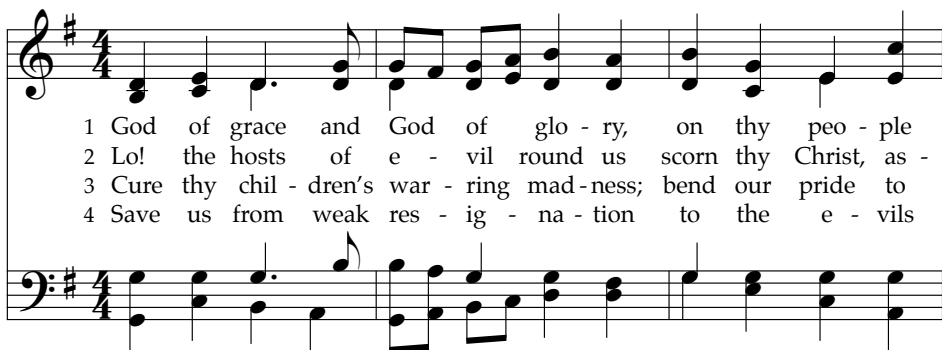
Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds: behind the ability to think and reason, behind all understanding of the truth.

Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ: behind the weakness, the torture and the death, behind unconquerable love.

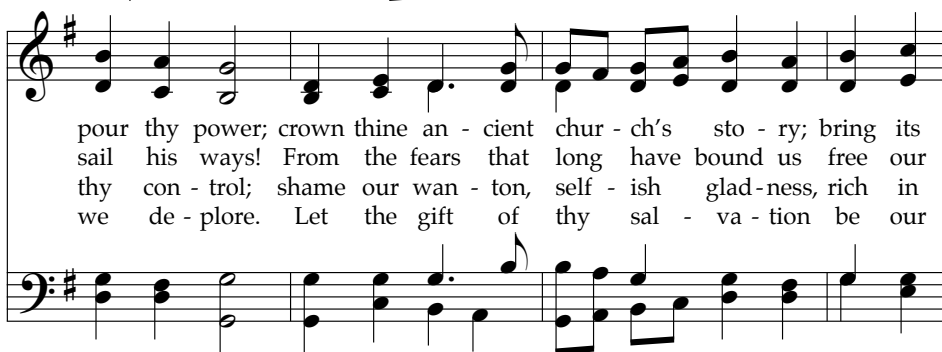
Eternal God, we worship and adore you. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

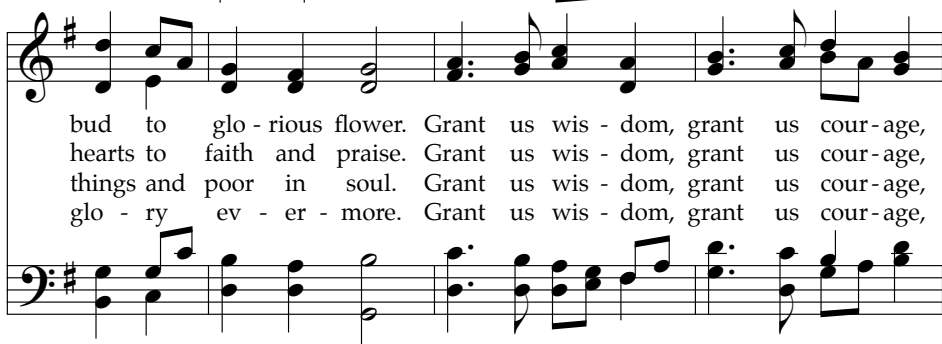
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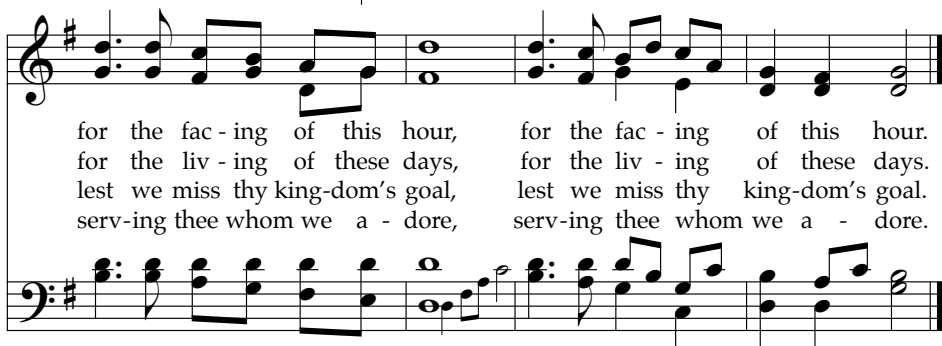
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) *National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

Leader: We confess that we are still uninformed about mental health and how it impacts individuals and their families.

People: At times, because of our lack of knowledge and understanding we find ourselves separated from those with mental health disorders, their families, and ourselves.

Leader: There are lines drawn between us because we may define wholeness and normality with different words, but not a different spirit.

People: Because of our lack of knowledge we live cut off from sources of strength and power that would help us be present to people with mental health disorders. This lack often makes us feel that we cannot act.

Leader: So many events, meetings and needs call to us, grabbing for our attention, that we find ourselves stretched to a fine, thin line.

People: In the face of all this, we continue to seek knowledge and understanding of mental health that will bring liberation and shalom to us and those we serve and unite us to action.

All: O God, our liberation and shalom, we seek the power of your Spirit, that we may live in fuller union with you, ourselves, and our loved ones with mental health disorders. Also, grant that we may gain courage to love and understand each other. Amen.

***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 Children are invited forward for a special message.

Cyndi Stumpf

Afterwards, a nursery is provided in Room 119 for children four and under.

Children—5 years old to 4th grade—are invited to attend Children's Church in Room 215.

Parents may pick up children after worship from those locations.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 130:1-8 (pg. 573)

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

SOLO

When We Are Living (hymn 822)

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Puffer Jones, baritone

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God. Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace, whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God; we belong to God. Across this wide world, we shall always find those who are crying with no peace of mind, but when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God; we belong to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 5:1-20 (pg. 39)

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

SERMON

Being Whole & Holy

Rachel Morse

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 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Prelude in Eb, Op. 41, No. 1

Alexander Guilmant

821

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.

*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 838

Standing on the Promises

PROMISES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor, BWV 559

Johann Sebastian Bach

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Gladys London, who passed away August 4, 2022. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Bucher and husband Jeb; son, Bill London and wife Coe; cousin, Jeanne Fisher; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection and Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, August 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation will start at 1:00 p.m. in the Reception Center. Please keep Gladys' family and friends in your prayers during this time of loss.

Today

Sunday School | 9:30 a.m.

- Pastor's Class | Fireside Room
- Evergreen Class | Room B-14
- Children's Sunday School | Room 213

Children & Youth

Monumental Sunday School | 9:30-10:45 a.m.

The Monumental Sunday School adventure continues! From now until the end of August, our kids will explore the sunbaked Southwestern desert as they dig into God's great love.

Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out sciency gizmos that they'll take home to play with. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through what are called God Sightings.

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Upcoming Events

Choir and Handbells

FPC-OKC music rehearsals resume in August—no auditions necessary! All skill levels are welcome to share in the fellowship of music.

- **Sanctuary Singers** (choir) rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning August 17.
- **Sanctuary Ringers** (handbells) rehearse Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m., beginning August 25.

Contact Puffer (puffer@fpcokc.org or 605-4458) with any questions.

Deacons' Out & About: Dodgers Game — Sunday, August 28 | 6:00 p.m.

We're headed out to an OKC Dodgers baseball game at the Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark (2 S. Mickey Mantle Dr., OKC 73104)! Your ticket includes entry to the game and access to an all-you-can-eat burgers and hot dog buffet at the stadium.

We'll provide transportation to and from the ballpark from the church grounds. Those with tickets should meet at 5:15 p.m. in the parking lot on the east side of the church. The vans will leave from there and return to the church after the game.

One previously reserved ticket has come available. To secure the ticket or join the waitlist, contact the church office (405-525-6584 or office@fpcokc.org).

Volunteer Opportunity

SPARK Tutors Needed!

SPARK had a very successful Summer Program with 76 students entering the doors of the church during the months of June and July. The After School program will start August 11.

Our tutoring program will begin with training on Wednesday, August 31, and continue throughout the school year. While school is in session, our tutors are asked to commit to Wednesdays from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Each tutor is assigned 5 to 6 students to help with homework, practice spelling words or math facts, share books or games, and develop a mentor relationship, which can be fun and meaningful.

If this might be a good fit for you, please contact SPARK Director Tish Harrison (tish@fpcokc.org) or Elizabeth Hatcher (elizhatcher@gmail.com) for an application and background check referral.