



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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

Largo

George Frideric Handel

Linda Bosteels, flute

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

CARLISLE

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 84:1-2*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh
sing for joy to the living God.**

All: Let us worship God!

FIFTH SUNDAY FAVORITE HYMN SING

HYMN 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to
Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the
ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

HYMN 729

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in
my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

HYMN 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (Schutte)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. Amen!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Becky Osmond

Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you. By your power may we, with all the saints, comprehend the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with your fullness, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Lord of Heavenly Multitudes, we confess that we are a spiritually lazy people. We lack endurance in the race of life. You both promise and model suffering as the way of the faithful but we insist that our faith should shield us from all difficulty. Forgive us when we are self-centered and entitled; forgive us when we expect special treatment because we believe in Jesus; forgive us when we fall away from you instead of recognizing the opportunity to know you more intimately in times of suffering. (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 Children are invited forward for a special message. Cyndi Lockwood

Children seated on the Chancel steps will be in view of the livestream image;
those on the floor facing the steps will not.

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.

ANTHEM

How Great Thou Art

Swedish folk melody

Sanctuary Ringers adapt. Brent Olstad, arr. Stuart K. Hine

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8 (pg. 866)

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

ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Sanctuary Singers

(Micah 6:6-8) With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before with burnt offerings? Shall I come before him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man. He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 4)

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

SERMON

Divine Reversal

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 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O God
Sanctuary Singers

WHELPTON

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on MOON (hymn 70)
Linda Millier Bosteels & John L. Edwards, whistles

Jim Strathdee

*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 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

What Offering Shall I Bring To Thee?

Robert Elmore

The flowers today are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Jim Bruce
by Betty Bruce and family.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

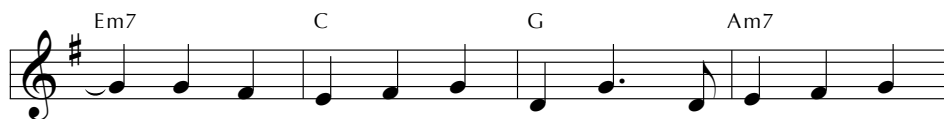
We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



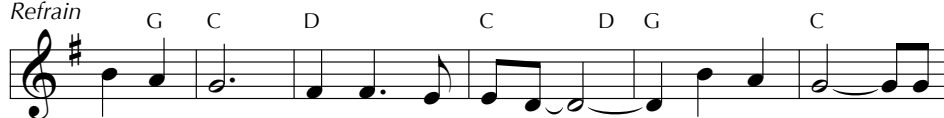
joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



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 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and



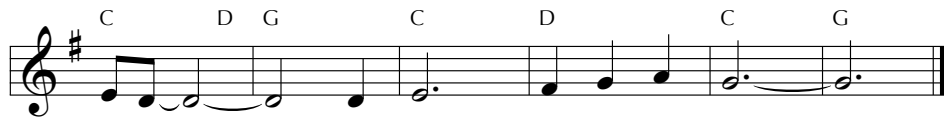
free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

418 Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. "Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

This 19th-century gospel hymn has often been used as a hymn of invitation at evangelistic services. Its imagery is primarily based on Jesus' parable in Luke 15:11-32, commonly called "The Prodigal Son." Each singer thus becomes a wandering child who is urged to return home.

Today

Sunday School | 9:30 a.m.

- Builders Class | Room B8
- Evergreen Class | Room B14
- New Beginnings Class | Fireside Room (in-person & Zoom)
 - Meeting ID: 817 3543 3278 | Passcode: 531483
- Youth Sunday School | Youth Lounge
- Children's Sunday School | Room 213

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Winter Coat & Sweatshirt Drive

Partnering with the Homeless Alliance, FPC-OKC is ministering to the city's population experiencing homelessness by providing warm coats and sweatshirts (men's size large and up).

This is the last Sunday to bring donations. There are donation tubs in the narthex and Reception Center. If you prefer to donate money, the Mission Council will be happy to do your shopping for you.

Upcoming Events

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, February 1 | 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Order your meal today! Junebug Catering's delicious meals will be available for pick-up from 5:00-6:00 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen. **To order, call, text, or email Jenn Snow (405-408-3608 or jenn@junebugcatering.com).**

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, and Chocolate Amaretto Cake

Family Meal for 4-6: \$30 | Dessert \$5.00

Meal for 2: \$15 | Dessert \$2.50

Yoga — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.

Warm up with some yoga on Wednesday evenings! Join us in the Rec Room downstairs.

Presbyterian Women

Galentine's Tea — Sunday, February 5 | 12:15 p.m.

The Presbyterian Women invite all the women of the church to attend a Galentine's Tea! Wear your favorite or fanciest hat (we will have extras available, if needed). The tea will be hosted in the Reception Center. **RSVP by calling the church office (405.525.6584) or online at tinyurl.com/PWtea2023.**

Education Opportunity

Student Grant Applications 2023

The Presbyterian Women of Indian Nations Presbytery offer scholarships to Presbyterian students ages 17-25 doing undergraduate work. To obtain an application and review the eligibility requirements, visit tinyurl.com/PWgrant2023.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 31.