



First Presbyterian Church
OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Consecration

James A. Dasher

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE
DEACON'S MOMENT

Jamie Slade

CHIME

INTROIT

Open Our Ears
Sanctuary Singers

Warren Puffer Jones

Open our ears to hear your voice. Open our eyes to see your face. Open our hearts to love one another. Open our minds to understand.

***CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 138:7-8a**

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

People: **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***HYMN 490**

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

***PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)**

Susan Perry-LeGrand

O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek you with a sincere heart you reveal the beauty of your face. Strengthen us in faith to embrace the mystery of the cross and open our hearts to its transfiguring power; that, clinging in love to your will for us, we may walk the path of discipleship as followers of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh- ters, new - born crea - tures
2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

spark-ling; com- pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

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People: Amen.

***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 581**

Gloria Patri

H. W. Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. 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

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Mark Shepperd

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford. I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee! O bless me now, my Savior—I come to thee! I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh. I need thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-12 (pg. 102)

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

SOLO

You Are Mine

David Haas

Jennifer Coffman, mezzo-soprano; John L. Edwards, flute arr. Mark Hayes

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine. I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live! Do not be afraid. I have called you by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:16b-30 (pg. 113)

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

SERMON

Needs

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith 11.1,11.3

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

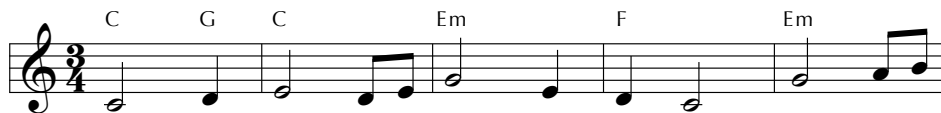
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still. Amen.

*HYMN 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

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1 All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2 In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
3 For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
4 Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the



bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near a
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our



peace and jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
world that spurns him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This 20th-century text greatly enriches the neglected genre of urban hymns. The second stanza quotes John 9:4, the third stanza refers to Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34), and the final line cites the name given to Israel's future holy city (Ezekiel 48:35).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

We Pray to You, Eternal God

Hal Hopson

Sanctuary Singers

We pray to you, Eternal God, who gives us life and light and love!

We lift our prayers up to you and sing your praises evermore!

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Prayer

Demetrius Bortniansky

*PRESENTATION HYMN 608

Doxology

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 719

Come, Labor On

ORA LABORA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Sons of Sorrow

Dale Wood

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
- Cornerstone Class | Room 215
- Youth Sunday School | Youth Lounge
- Children's Sunday School | Room 213

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

719

Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)
 A^b D^b A^b Fm D^b A^b D^b E^b A^b



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain
 2 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la - bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!
 4 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,

(Em) (B7) (Em) (B) (Em) (C) (D)
 Fm C7 Fm C Fm D^b E^b



while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad

(G) (Em) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 A^b Fm D^b A^b B^bm E^b7 A^b



ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Using Jesus' harvest imagery in John 4:35-38 and Matthew 9:37-38/Luke 10:2, this urgent text sounds a compelling call to Christian service. The words gain energy from the strong unison tune in the English cathedral style, whose name echoes the Benedictine motto "Prayer is work."

Upcoming Events

Presbyterian Women

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, March 21 | 6:00 p.m.

Location TBD.

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, March 22 | 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: Baked Caprese Chicken Skillet with Angel Hair Pasta, Roasted Vegetables, and Carrot Cake

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

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

Yoga — Wednesday, March 22 | 6:30 p.m.

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

Reserve the Third — Saturday, March 25 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Reserve the Third is taking place on the fourth Saturday in March! We will be sprucing up the Sanctuary and the surrounding areas of the church.

Contact Roane (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) for more info.

Children & Youth

Easter Egg Hunt — Sunday, April 9 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

In celebration of the Resurrection, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt after worship service on Easter Sunday. Kids are encouraged to bring their own basket to collect eggs.

Student Grant Applications

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.

HOLY WEEK EVENTS ON BACK

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday Worship — April 2 | 11:00 a.m.

The Service for Palm Sunday maintains an inherent tension between the joyful entry of the palm procession and the somberness of the passion to follow.

Maundy Thursday — April 6 | 7:00 p.m.

The Service for Maundy Thursday remembers Jesus washing the disciples' feet and the institution of the Lord's Supper. The final act of this service is the stripping of the worship space, representing Jesus' abandonment during the night in Gethsemane.

Labyrinth — April 6 & 7 | 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

The church labyrinth will be prepared in Watchorn Hall and available for use on Maundy Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Good Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The labyrinth will also be available for those participating in the Easter Vigil while they are at the church. Resources will be available for a self-guided experience; Pastor John is also happy to meet you for an orientation to the labyrinth or a directed walk. **Please call (405-525-6584) or email (office@fpcokc.org) to schedule a time.**

Good Friday — April 7 | 7:00 p.m.

On Good Friday, we stand at the foot of the cross pondering the wondrous love of God in the death of Jesus. Until we kneel at the cross, we will not experience or know the awesome wonder of Easter. Tenebrae services guide us from light to darkness, from the joy of Christ's ministry to his death. We will remember the events of the week that the world fell into darkness through the reading of selections from the Gospel of Matthew and the extinguishing of candles.

Easter Vigil — April 7 | 8:00 p.m.

At the conclusion of the Tenebrae service, the final light is removed from the Sanctuary, processed to the Chapel, and placed on the communion table where it will remain lit as members keep vigil until Easter morning. **You can sign up by calling the church office (405-525-6584) or visiting tinyurl.com/EasterVigil2023.** Thank you to those who have already signed up!

Easter Brunch — April 9 | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Deacons will host an Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 9, in Watchorn Hall. Please plan to attend and bring your family to fellowship with our church family!

Easter Sunday Worship — April 9 | 11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday is the brightest jewel of Christian worship. It proclaims the universal significance of God's saving acts in history. This Easter will be a very special service, celebrating the two sacraments of our denomination.