



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – March 26, 2023 Fifth 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 *O All Ye, Lament Your Great Sin, BWV 622* Johann Sebastian Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

INTROIT *Open Our Ears* Warren Puffer Jones
Sanctuary Singers

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 - 1 John 3:2

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this:

People: When he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 53 *O God, Who Gives Us Life* NOEL

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) Becki Walden

Creator God, 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, 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.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. (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 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 Want Jesus to Walk with Me

African American Spiritual

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Ronald A. Nelson

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Job 19:23-27 (pg. 468)

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

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

traditional Spiritual

Cady Lewis, soprano

arr. Moses Hogan

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. Give me Jesus, nobody but Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:30 (pg. 114)

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

SERMON

Completion

Rev. John C. McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brief Statement of Faith 11.1, 11.2, 11.5, 11.6

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 Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 216

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

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

Parting

Felix Mendelssohn

*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 250

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

PROMISE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower

George Shearing

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Harold Myers, Mark and Krista Myers, and family upon the death of Gloria C. "Connie" Myers on March 20, 2023. Please keep the Myers family in your thoughts and prayers during this time of loss.

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.

Upcoming Events

KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, March 29 | 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: Lemon Rosemary Chicken, Tomato Tart, Roasted Asparagus, and Fluffernutter Cookies

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

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

Yoga — Wednesday, March 29 | 6:30 p.m.

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

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.

Community Garden

We have several plots remaining in our community garden! If interested, please contact Marina in the church office (office@fpcokc.org) or Elizabeth Hatcher (elizhatcher@gmail.com).

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.