



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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## The Service for the Lord's Day – September 24, 2023 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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

*Canzona per Sonare No.2*

Giovanni Gabrieli

Blackwelder Brass

Karl Huber & Bruno Zuniga-Hernandez, trumpets; Jacob Fleury, horn

Benjamin Rihner, trombone; Dalton Williams, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

*Praise Ye the Lord*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Live in a way that is worthy of the gospel.

**People: Stand firm in the Spirit, side by side.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN 719

*Come, Labor On*

ORA LABORA

Text by Jane Laurie Borthwick

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dan MacLemore

**God of miracles and of mercy, all creation sings your praise. Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected. Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your grace, that we may witness to your love, which embraces both those we call friend and those we call stranger. Amen.**

## 719

## Come, Labor On

Capo 1: (G) (C) (G) (Em) (C) (G) (C) (D) (G)  
 A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>



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<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>



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<sup>b</sup> Fm D<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m E<sup>b</sup>7 A<sup>b</sup>



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."

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Loving God, you know our weaknesses. Fearful of the future, we forget what you have done for us in the past. We see scarcity where you supply abundance. We complain when conditions challenge us. We begrudge others their success, allow envy to divide us, and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel. Generous God, forgive us. Help us to remember your wonderful works, trust your gracious provisions, seek out your presence, and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well. (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***Make Our Church One Joyful Choir*

Jonathan Crutchfield

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost. Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss and our acts and words of care trace the pattern of your cross: Shape us, Christ, to bear your name. Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire, so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir: Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Amen.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****SCRIPTURE READING**

Philippians 1:21-30 (pg. 196-197)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****SOLO***O God, You Search Me*

Bernadette Farrell

Jennifer Coffman, mezzo soprano

Psalm 139

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down you are before me: ever the maker and keeper of my days. You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, and with love everlasting you besiege me: in every moment of life or death, you are. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through. You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past, and future, too. Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light. There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: even the darkness is radiant in your sight. For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb. For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 20:1-16 (pg. 21-22)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****SERMON***The Opposite of Live Is Evil*

Rev. Dr. Carl Bosteels

**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 822***When We Are Living*

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

Music arranged by Barbara C. Mink

## When We Are Living

822

*Pues si vivimos*

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,  
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.  
 3 Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,  
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*  
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*  
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*  
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.  
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.  
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,  
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

*y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.*  
*y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.*  
*en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,*  
*gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.*



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,  
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,  
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,  
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

*Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,*  
*Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,*  
*sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,*  
*Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,*



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.  
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*Amen*  
Sanctuary Singers

DANISH AMEN

## OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*La Fille aux Chevaux de Lin*  
Blackwelder Brass

Claude Debussy

\*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 634

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
Text by Fanny Jane Crosby

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder*  
Blackwelder Brass

Anonymous

## Today

### Sunday School | 9:30 a.m.

- Builders Class | Room B8
- Evergreen Class | Room B14
- New Beginnings Class | Fireside Room
- Youth Sunday School | Youth Lounge

### Boy Scout Popcorn Sale

Troop 15 and Pack 469 are holding a popcorn fundraiser before and after worship service on Sunday, September 24. Be sure to stop by their tent and grab a tasty treat!

### Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

## 634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

## Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!



## Notice

### **Meeting of the Congregation — Sunday, October 15 | 11:00 a.m. Service**

A Meeting of the Congregation (for the election of officers) will be held on Sunday, October 15, during the worship service in the Sanctuary.

## Upcoming Events

### **Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.**

Our Free Yoga Class is back! We meet in the courtyard from 6:30-7:30 p.m. If it's too hot, we will practice in the Rec Room downstairs. The wonderful Brandi Gibson is leading the class. All skills levels are welcome. Join us for a relaxing, rejuvenating time!

### **New Member Lunch — Sunday, October 1 | After 11:00 a.m. Service**

The Board of Deacons invites you to our 2023 New Member Lunch! We will have plenty to celebrate when we gather after worship service on Sunday, October 1. Join us for a complimentary meal served in Watchorn Hall as we introduce and honor our newest members.

## Kemp Concert Series

### **A Few of My Favorites — Sunday, October 1 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

John L. Edwards presents a concert featuring a few of his favorites: some his favorite pieces and his favorite musicians to collaborate with! John L. Edwards, piccolo and organ with John P. Allen, trombone; Cynthia Cortright, piano; Martin King, alto saxophone; and Rondal J. Wallace, piano.

This diverse program features the majestic Sonata in A by César Franck (adapted for Piccolo by John L. Edwards), settings of favorite hymns “To God Be the Glory” and “It Is Well With My Soul,” the haunting “O Magnum Mysterium” of Morten Lauridsen, adapted for trombone and organ, and the Sonate for saxophone and organ of Denis Bédard.

Thanks to generous support from concertgoers like you, **all concerts on the Kemp Concert Series are presented free of charge.** (However, donations are more than welcome!)

### **Fall Festival — (NEW DATE) Saturday, October 21 | 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

We're hosting the annual Fall Festival for our church family and neighborhood on Saturday, October 21, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please plan to join us for food, fellowship, and fun! There will be plenty to do and see, including garden activities, inflatables, hot dogs, and even live animals. The best part by far will be the new friends we meet as we take the love of our church onto 25<sup>th</sup> Street!