



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – November 19, 2023 25th 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 *Improvisation on ST. ANNE* (hymn 687) John L. Edwards

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

DEACON'S MOMENT

Jamie Slade

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Jeff Austin

FIRST CHIME

INTROIT

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

CARLISLE

Sanctuary Singers

*CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 123:1-2*

Leader: To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

People: As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

Leader: as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

People: so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Larry Nichols

You, O God, are our dwelling-place from generation to generation, our shield from anguish and distress. You arm us as children of light with the hope of salvation, and you protect us by your love. Give us grace to build up and encourage one another, as we seek wisdom and abundant life in the strength of your Word and the assurance of your Spirit. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

We Praise You, O God

612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Almighty God, you have named us and claimed us and made us children of light. Yet we reside in the darkness. We settle for the seeming security and comforts of home, where our talents may be tucked away, our gifts preserved, but paralyzed. You call us to live in faith, investing in the world you made—to exercise our gifts, even at the risk of losing them. Have mercy upon us, Lord; have mercy. Help us understand your will for us. Teach us what you desire. Embolden us to steward well the gifts you have entrusted, that one day, we might fully enter your joy. (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

Consecration John Ness Beck
Sanctuary Singers

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4:1-7 (pg. 220)

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

SOLO

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

African American Spiritual

Avery Mahan, soprano

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, anytime! I'm gonna pray! I'm gonna work! I'm gonna sing!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30 (pg. 28)

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

SERMON

FPC's Got Talent

Rev. John 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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CHRISTMAS BOXES

Jim Tack

FERNCLIFF MISSION TRIP

CAMINO (POTATOES FOR UKRAINE)

Holly Guadiana

HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Amen

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Improvisation on IN DIR IST FREUDE (hymn 242)

John L. Edwards

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

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

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

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

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

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

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

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

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

*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 249

Because You Live, O Christ

VRUECHTEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Improvisation on HYMN TO JOY (hymn 611)

John L. Edwards

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in memory Mary and Tom Sommers
by Mike and Beverly Hancock.

Today

Sunday School Classes | 9:30 a.m.

- Builders | Room B8
- Evergreen | Room B14
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room
- High School | Youth Lounge
- Middle School | Room B10
- Children | Room 213

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Mobile Meals Request

Mobile Meals needs small and large paper bags with handles to deliver food in. Braum's paper bags in both sizes are preferred as they are stable to pack and more friendly to our environment. Please bring any you may have to Sunday School or drop them off in the church office for collection.

Boy Scout Book Donations

William Lange of Troop 15 is collecting books to donate to the VA for his Eagle Project. One of the donation boxes he built will be in the narthex for the next few weeks. Any book or magazine you would like to donate is welcome. Thank you for supporting Troop 15!

249 Because You Live, O Christ

1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar- den of the world has come to
 2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir- it bird of hope is freed for
 3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain- bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your
 fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us
 a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

Refrain

res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.
 closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -
 kind to ad - o - ra - tion.

not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has

This New Zealand author's text contains no familiar images of springtime to bolster its message, because Easter in the Southern Hemisphere comes in autumn. This hymn resulted both from her dissatisfaction with existing hymns and from her love of this exuberant Dutch tune.

JESUS CHRIST: RESURRECTION

ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!

The image shows a musical score for a vocal piece. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are "ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en, has ris - en!". The melody in the treble staff starts with a series of chords and then moves to a melodic line. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a few melodic lines. There are large curved lines (brackets) connecting the treble and bass staves, indicating phrasing or breath marks. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Mission Trip Info Session

Monday, November 27 | 4:00 p.m. | Room 122 & via Zoom

We're holding an information session for an exciting mission trip opportunity next year!

When: April 14-19 | **Where:** Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp | **Cost:** No cost to individuals

We'll undertake a variety of mission activities while at the camp, including preparing disaster relief supplies. You can travel by private vehicle or organize carpooling with others. We'll stay in motel-style rooms, and meals will be provided. You can join us for the info session in person or via Zoom.

Link: tinyurl.com/fpcfferncliff | **Meeting ID:** 847 2321 8570 | **Passcode:** 017067

Please reach out to Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events

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

Our Free Yoga Class will be in session until December 20 (except on Wednesday, November 22). As the weather gets colder, we plan to meet in the Rec Room downstairs. As always, all skill levels are welcome. We also have extra mats available if you don't have your own!

Presbyterian Women

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

TBD.

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship — Wednesday, November 22

Dinner 5:45 p.m. | Worship 6:30 p.m.

Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Worship on Wednesday, November 22. We'll have dinner in Watchorn Hall, followed by worship in the Chapel. This traditional turkey and ham dinner with all the sides is sure to please. Come join us in table fellowship and to worship God with thanksgiving and praise!

Christmas Food Boxes — December 1 & 2 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars to help with the Christmas Food Boxes at The Urban Mission! **Contact Jim Tack (jtack@robertsonwilliams.com) to RSVP or for more information!**

MORE EVENTS ON BACK

ADVENTure — Sunday, December 3 | After First Sunday Lunch

The Nurture Committee would like to invite you to ADVENTure on Sunday, December 3!

ADVENTure is a time for the children to kick off the Advent season with some fun crafts and activities while the adults create an Advent wreath with real evergreens.

This year Advent falls on the First Sunday of the Month, so the monthly lunch will be served first and ADVENTure will begin immediately after.

Cocoa & Cookies — Sunday, December 10 | After 11:00 a.m. Service

The second annual PW Cocoa & Cookies will take place on Sunday, December 10 in Watchorn Hall, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

We'll hold our holiday cookie contest again between 12 talented contestants. The congregation will judge the best tasting cookie by sampling each and voting for their favorite. The winner will be crowned Christmas Cookie Church Champion complete with a crown and a sash and bragging rights for a year!

If you are interested in entering the contest, contact Cyndi Lockwood (cyndi0507@gmail.com) ASAP. Otherwise, mark your calendar and plan on sipping hot chocolate while testing cookies.

Children & Youth

Gingerbread Houses — Sunday, December 10 | During Cocoa & Cookies

During Cocoa & Cookies, we'll have our second annual Gingerbread House event for the kids.

Children should be prepared to get messy with icing and candy (don't wear your favorite clothes or bring a shirt you don't mind getting dirty) as they build their own individual houses.