



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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## The Service for the Lord's Day – February 25, 2024 Second Sunday in Lent

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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.

When you see an asterisk \*, please rise in body or spirit, however you are comfortable.

Children are welcome in worship! A nursery is also available for infants and toddlers in Room 119.

*Due to renovation, the restrooms located in the Sanctuary narthex are temporarily closed.*

*Please use the east hallway bathrooms in the meantime.*

### We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

*Andante from Sonata in A<sup>b</sup>*  
Linda Millier Bosteels, flute

Georg Philipp Telemann

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

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

One: Hear the promise of the Lord our God:

**All: I will bless you and make you a blessing.**

One: Hear the calling of the Lord Jesus Christ:

**All: Take up your cross and follow me.**

**Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 463

*How Firm a Foundation*

FOUNDATION

## 463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Bill Hancock

**Eternal God, holy and faithful, what can we give in return for our life? Teach us to take up the cross of Christ with grateful hearts and humble spirits, offering all for the sake of the gospel, so that we may receive life in fullness; through Christ, who is coming in glory. Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things—the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*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.

Kristen Liles

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

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

Cyndi Lockwood

**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 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

Psalm 22:23-31 (pg. 501)

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

SOLO

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Matt Crocker, Joel Houston,

Jennifer Coffman, mezzo-soprano

Salomon Lighthelm

*You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown, where feet may fail. And there I find You in the mystery—in oceans deep, my faith will stand. And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves. When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine. Your grace abounds in deepest waters. Your sovereign hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me You've never failed, and You won't start now. Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders; let me walk upon the water wherever you would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander, and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:31-38 (pg. 44)

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

SERMON

*The Christian Life*

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 184

*Calm to the Waves*

CALM SEAS

(sung three times)

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!*

# Calm to the Waves

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Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be



still." Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.



The first half of this refrain text deals with the external environment, while the second half concerns our interior response. Similarly, the first half of the music gradually moves upward, while the direction of the second half is downward, enhancing a sense of centeredness.

## OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Oh, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Francis/Williams

Linda Millier Bosteels, flute

arr. David L. McIntyre

\*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 353

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

SOLID ROCK

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Fugue*

Louis Marchand

## Today

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

- Builders | Room B-8
- Evergreen | Room B-14
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room
- High School | Youth Lounge
- Middle School | Room B-10
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)
- Preschool | Room 215 (9:45 a.m.)

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

### PW Mardi Gras Lunch & Games | 12:00 p.m.

Join us today for a yummy lunch, card and board games, and to share in a time of fellowship! We'll meet in Watchorn Hall right after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Scan for  
online giving!



## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and  
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the  
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but  
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
 whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he  
 him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
 then is all my hope and stay.  
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27/Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

## Notaries Available

FPC-OKC's Notary members will be available to notarize absentee ballots before and after the 11:00 a.m. worship service today as well as on March 3. (You can visit [okvoterportal.okelections.us](http://okvoterportal.okelections.us) for all of your voter information needs.)

## Supper Shuffle Signup

A new season of Supper Shuffle is upon us! This is a great way to try out a variety of restaurants and, more importantly, a time to connect with your FPC-OKC family. **There will be a signup sheet in the east hallway before and after worship service today and on March 3.** Contact Bill Hancock ([hancockb@cox.net](mailto:hancockb@cox.net)) if you have any questions.

## Organ Update

Leaking above the East and West Organ Chambers from the overhead flat roof caused damage to electrical relays, boards, wiring, pipes, and more. Repairs are currently underway. The extensive repairs should be completed sometime this summer.

## Upcoming Events

### Bridge Group — Mondays | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Room B-10

Our Bridge groups have consolidated to Monday nights! All skills levels are welcome to join us for no-pressure play and an opportunity to learn and improve. **Contact Dan MacLemore (405-496-0185 or [rockdoc1949@gmail.com](mailto:rockdoc1949@gmail.com)) if you have any questions!**

### Evensong Worship — Wednesdays | 5:00 & 5:30 p.m.

The Sanctuary is open on Wednesdays for individual meditation and prayer at 5:00 p.m. and an Evensong service from 5:30–6:00 p.m. Evensong is a short church service, featuring sung psalms, readings, and prayers, offering a period of respite and contemplation after the workday, to help transition into the restful night. We hope you will join us on Wednesdays for a few moments of resting in God amid your busy weeks.

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

Join us for our Free Yoga Class! During the colder months, we meet in the Rec Room downstairs. As always, all skill levels are welcome. We have extra mats available if you don't have your own.

### Deacons Out and About — Saturday, March 9 | 2:00 p.m.

The Deacons and Children's Ministry invite the congregation to join us for the matinee performance of Edmond Memorial High School's production of *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*.

Space is limited. Please call the church office to reserve your seat or register online at [tinyurl.com/DeaconsPlay](http://tinyurl.com/DeaconsPlay). We hope to see you there!

**MORE EVENTS ON BACK**



## **PW's Style Swap Soirée — Saturday, March 9 | 7:00 p.m.**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. for PW's Style Swap Soirée! We'll meet at Jean Nelson's (4708 Byron Place, OKC 73112) to try on some new (to you) clothes. That's what this party is all about!

Bring clothes that you no longer want and make them available for party participants to try on and possibly keep. They'll do the same for you. It's a win-win for everyone. You get to clean out your closets and refresh your wardrobe.

All unclaimed clothes will be donated to Dress for Success, brought to a consignment shop for the benefit of PW, or donated to another clothing donation spot.

## **Tactus Concert**

### **Bach: St. John Passion — Sunday, March 10 | 4:00 p.m.**

FPC-OKC is proud to host this retelling of the passion story, featuring a professional baroque orchestra and vocal ensemble joined by select choirs from Classen SAS High School at Northeast and Westmoore High School. (*pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m.*)

Tickets (\$20-\$50; K-12 students are free) and more information at [www.tactusensemble.org](http://www.tactusensemble.org).

## **Kemp Concert Series**

### **U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters — Sunday, March 17 | 4:00-5:30 p.m.**

The Kemp Concert Series presents the United States Navy's official chorus, the U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters! The ensemble performs a variety of music including traditional choral music, sea chanteys, patriotic fare, opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. This is a free concert, but tickets are required. You can register for tickets at [tinyurl.com/KEMPNavyBand](http://tinyurl.com/KEMPNavyBand).

Doors will open at 3:30 p.m. Ticketholders must be seated by 3:45 p.m., at which time any unclaimed seats will be given to non-ticket holders.

## **Ferncliff Mission Trip — Sunday, April 14 - Friday, April 19**

We have an exciting mission trip opportunity happening in April at Ferncliff Presbyterian Camp (near Litte Rock, AR)! There is no cost to individuals for this trip except for meals while traveling on Thursday afternoon and evening.

We'll undertake a variety of mission activities while at the camp, including preparing disaster relief supplies. You can travel by private vehicle, organize carpooling with others, or ride in a church-sponsored van at no charge. We'll stay in motel-style rooms and meals will be provided.

You can sign up at [tinyurl.com/ferncliffcamp](http://tinyurl.com/ferncliffcamp). **Please contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) if you have any questions.**

# FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

*March 3*

*12:00 p.m.*

## MENU

LEMON ROASTED CHICKEN,  
GREEK SALAD, BIRIM, NAAN,  
AND LEMON CAKE

