



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – June 9, 2024 Third 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.

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.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

Melody No. 1: Larghetto bien posé

Charles Gounod

Seth Johnson, horn

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The time is ripe; the harvest is near!

People: Everything old is passing away.

Leader: The kingdom of God is springing to life.

People: See, everything is becoming new!

All: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

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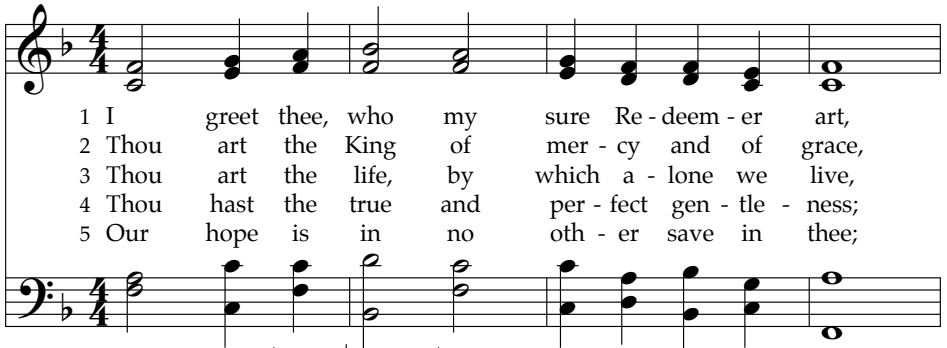
*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Amy Martin

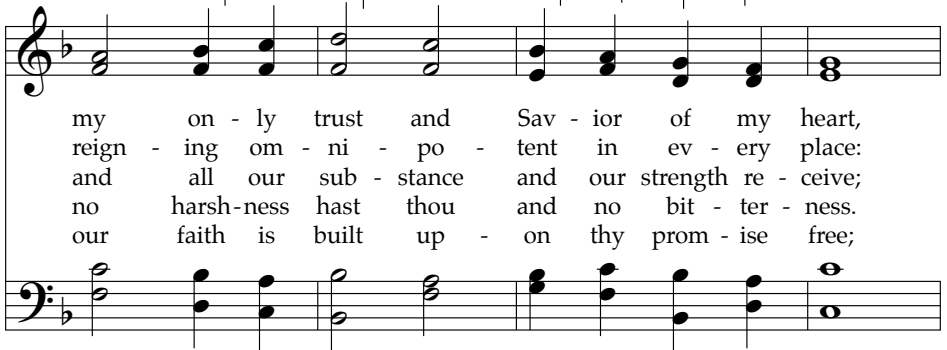
Holy One, source of life and goodness, you scatter the seeds of new creation throughout all the earth. Let your Word take root and grow in us, so that, in the fullness of time, the very least of your creatures may reveal the greatness of your holy realm; through Jesus Christ, teacher of wisdom. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

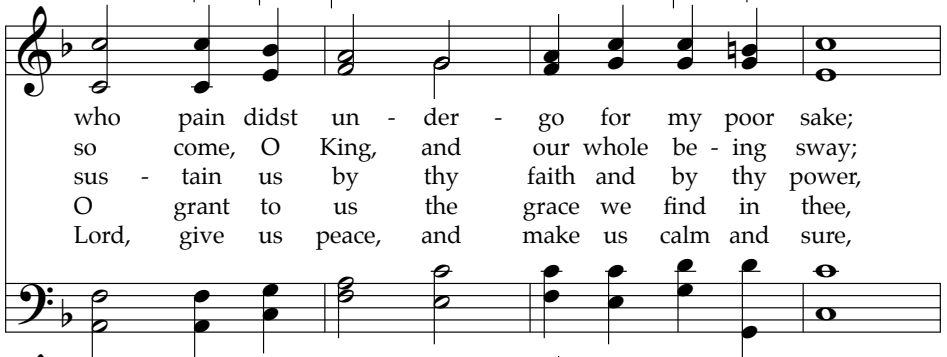
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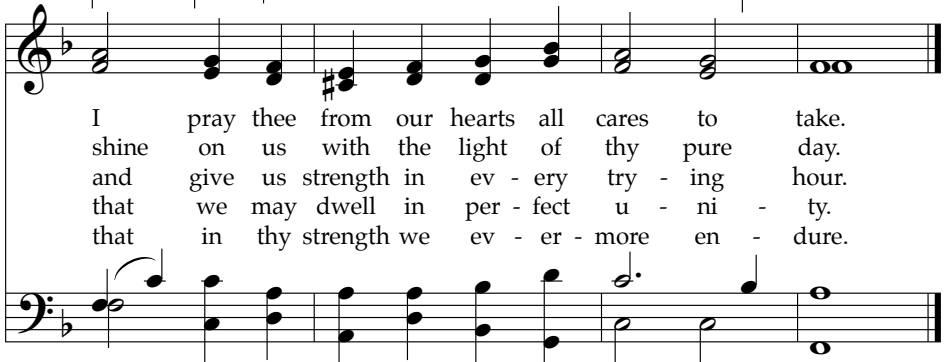
1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;



my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;



who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,



I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. We judge by outward appearances, but you see what is in our hearts. We look down on small things, but you know how they will grow. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to live by faith, trusting in the vision of your word and the promise of a new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
(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. 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 8:11-19 (pg. 165)

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

SOLO *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* John Newton, Chris Tomlin,
Marina Quintanilla, mezzo-soprano and Louie Giglio

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. My chains are gone; I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me, and like a flood His mercy rains: unending love, amazing grace. The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine, but God who called me here below will be forever mine.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 18: 21-34 (pg. 20)

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

SERMON

Debts and Debtors

Rev. Elizabeth Affsprung

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 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Melody No. 3: Andante

Charles Gounod

Seth Johnson, horn

*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 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Parting

Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing 547

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here my ten - der com - fort

ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
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 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Because this Welsh melody usually sets evening texts, the author was asked to create one for use in daytime. His recasting of the Aaronic blessing in Numbers 6:22–27 imagines that passage as a benediction that might be spoken by God at the conclusion of a worship service.

We welcome Rev. Elizabeth Affsprung to our worship today! Rev. Affsprung recently retired as Pastor of United Presbyterian Church in Shawnee, OK. She has also served as a hospital chaplain, in Oklahoma City, West Philadelphia, and Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Thank you, Rev. Affsprung, for leading us in worship!

Sunday School Break

The Middle School and Children's Sunday School classes are taking a short break from June through July 28. Church school, during worship, right after the Children's Sermon, will still take place.

We will return on Sunday, July 28, and dive into our amazing undersea adventure for this year's *Scuba* Vacation Bible School.

Today

Sunday School Classes | 9:30 a.m.

- Builders | Room B-8
- Evergreen | Room B-14
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room
- High School | Youth Lounge

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

Calling All Techies

Searching for a way to serve at church? We need occasional volunteer help with running sound and livestreaming for worship services and events. No prior knowledge or experience required. Training will be provided. Contact the Church Office (office@fpcokc.org) to sign up!

**Scan for our
online giving.
Thank you!**



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) if you have any questions!**

Individual Prayer & 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.

Urban Mission Annual Golf Scramble — Monday, June 10 | 8:00 a.m.

Register your foursome together or let the Urban Mission put you on a winning team. Prizes include a RedView rangefinder, a Caribbean cruise, and even a 25k prize! Register at tinyurl.com/urbanmissiongolf24.

Priscilla Circle Meeting — Tuesday, June 11 | 10:00 a.m.

Priscilla Circle will continue meeting during June and July. June's meeting will be held at Barbara Namminga's house.

Reserve the Third — Saturday, June 15 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Reserve the Third will be volunteering at the Urban Mission this month! Please contact Roane Pittman (johnpittmanmd@gmail.com) to RSVP.

Parents' Night Out — Friday, June 28 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.

We would like to give the parents of our young disciples the chance to enjoy some fellowship time with each other! We will entertain and watch the kids while the parents enjoy dinner out as a group. Where you go will totally be up to you.

The children will enjoy pizza and a movie in Watchorn Hall and the nursery will be open for the younger ones. We hope you take advantage of this night out and get to know some of the other parents better!

Mini Patriotic Concert — Sunday, June 30 | 12:00 p.m.

On Sunday, June 30, join us for a captivating Mini Patriotic Concert featuring the talents of Linda Millier Bosteels, John L. Edwards, and Dr. Warren Puffer Jones.

Following our morning worship service, immerse yourself in a musical experience that will stir your patriotic spirit. Mark your calendar and join us for this inspiring celebration!

Back to School Lunch — Sunday, July 7 | 12:00 p.m.

Save the date for our Back to School Lunch! We will be collecting school supplies and monetary donations in support of the Urban Mission.

Needed items include markers, index cards, crayons, folders with brads, washable glue, #2 pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, composition notebooks, erasers, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, rulers, wide-ruled notebook paper, and highlighters.

We will also be celebrating Becki Walden's retirement during lunch! Be sure to stop by and thank her for her many years of dedication to FPC-OKC.

Menu: Burger Bar – Beef, Turkey, and Black Bean Burgers, Roasted Veggie Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, and Cupcakes

Deacons' Out & About Night — Saturday, July 13 | 7:05 p.m.

Join us for Deacons' Out & About Night! We're heading to watch the Dodgers play El Paso on Saturday, July 13, at 7:05 p.m. **Tickets are FREE** and come with a baseball hat and dinner (burgers and hot dogs) at the stadium.

Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/DeaconsDodgers24! There are a limited number of tickets, so register ASAP. You can meet us at Bricktown Ballpark (2 S. Mickey Mantle Dr., OKC, OK 71404) or ride the shuttle from the church.

Children & Youth Blue Zoo Aquarium Trip — Sunday, July 21 | 1:00 p.m.

To kick off our *Scuba* VBS adventure, we're going to the Blue Zoo Aquarium at the Quail Springs Mall! This hands-on aquarium is appropriate for even our toddler disciples. Don't miss this FREE event. If you plan to attend, please RSVP with Miss Cyndi (cyndi0507@gmail.com).

Vacation Bible School — July 28-August 25 | 9:45-10:55 a.m.

The Middle School and Children's Sunday School classes will return from break on Sunday, July 28, and dive into our amazing undersea adventure for this year's *Scuba* Vacation Bible School. VBS will run for five weeks during the Sunday School hour. More details to come.