



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

---

## The Service for the Lord's Day – August 11, 2024 12th 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

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

arr. Don Schlosser

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHIME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to God with all your heart.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord!**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful to us,

**People: faithfully feeding us, day by day.**

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 401

*Here in This Place*

GATHER US IN

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Roane Pittman

**Living God, you sustained our ancestors with manna in the wilderness. Fill us with the gift of everlasting life so that we may rise on the last day; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

## Here in This Place

401

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

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

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You bestow the gift of wisdom, yet we continue in our foolishness. You provide the bread of life, yet we persist in the ways of death. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to make better use of the lives you have given us, giving glory to you in all things; 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** Psalm 130 (pg. 573)  
**This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** Remembrance Matt Maher, Matt Redmond  
Puffer Jones, baritone

*How could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery? Say, "Take this bread, take this wine," now the simple made divine, for any to receive? By Your mercy we come to Your table. By Your grace You are making us faithful.  
Lord we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship. And as we worship You our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation. We remember You. See His body, His blood, know that He has overcome every trial we will face. And none too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed—all are welcome in this place.  
Dying You destroyed our death. Rising You restored our life. Lord Jesus come in glory.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35, 41-51 (pg. 98)

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

SERMON

*Shadows of the Cross*

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 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Collection plates are located by the doors as you exit the Sanctuary.)

OFFERTORY

*Melody No. 2: Simple, heartfelt*

Robert Schumann

Marina Quintanilla, baritone saxophone

\*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 542

*God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

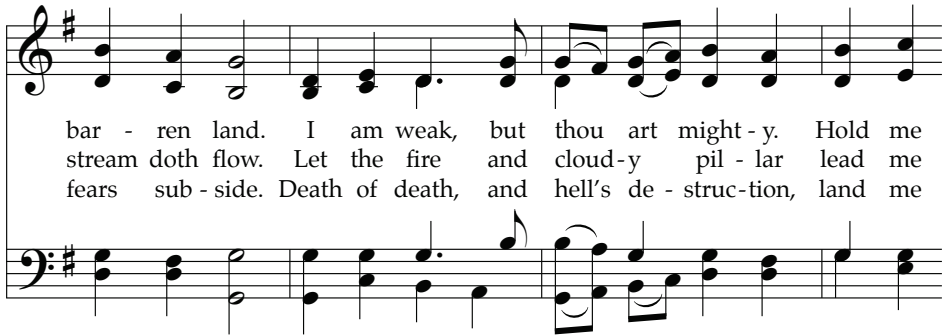
*Redeemed, How I Love To Proclaim It*

arr. Mark Hayes

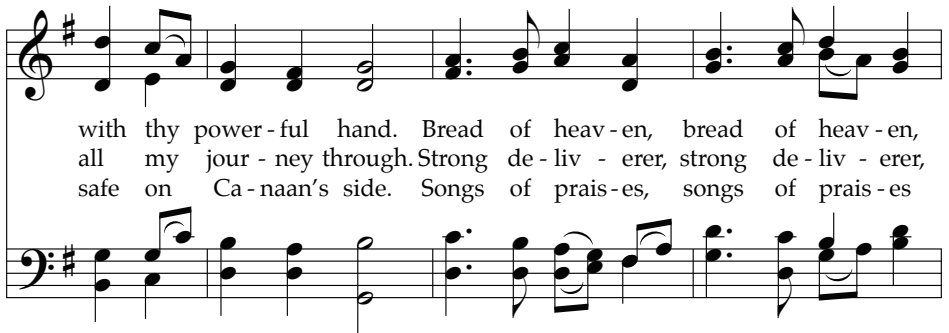
## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

## 542 God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's

coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en -  
 wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro -  
 per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a -  
 ban - ner float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be -

fold you:  
 vide you:  
 round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 fore you:

After writing the first stanza of his "Christian Good-bye," the author sent it to two composers, one celebrated and one unknown, to see how each would set it. This is the second person's tune, which the author found more effective and used for the hymn's first publication.

## Today

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

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

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

### **Special Guest: Ward 2 Councilperson James Cooper | 10:00-10:30 a.m.**

We are pleased to announce that Ward 2 Councilperson James Cooper will be with us to speak about the City's approach and programs to address our fellow citizens who are experiencing homelessness. Please join us in the Chapel. All are invited!

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

## Upcoming Events

### **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.

### **Choir Practice — Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m.**

We're excited to announce that the choir will return to practice this Wednesday, August 14. We can't wait to have our Sanctuary Singers back in worship. **If you have any questions, please reach out to Puffer ([puffer@fpcokc.org](mailto:puffer@fpcokc.org)).**

### **Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays (Beginning 8/28) | 6:30 p.m.**

Our Free Yoga Class returns on Wednesday, August 28! We'll meet in the courtyard if the weather is nice or in the Rec Room, if it's not. The class will last an hour with Brandi Gibson as the primary instructor. All skill levels are welcome!

### **Rally Day — Sunday, September 1 | 12:00 p.m.**

Join us for lunch and learn about all the classes and opportunities that FPC-OKC has to offer!

### **Bridge Group — Wednesdays (Beginning 9/4) | 9:00-11:30 a.m. | Rm. B-10**

All skills levels are welcome to join us for no-pressure play and an opportunity to learn and improve. The Monday night group will continue as usual from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Room B-10. **Contact Dan MacLemore (405-496-0185 or [rockdoc1949@gmail.com](mailto:rockdoc1949@gmail.com)) if you have any questions or suggestions on when the new group should meet!**