



# First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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## The Service for the Lord's Day – September 29, 2024 19<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.

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

*Canzona Prima a 5*

Giovanni Gabrieli

Blackwelder Brass

Karl Huber & Seth Seneca, trumpets; Jacob Fleury, horn

Benjamin Rihner, trombone; Dalton Williams, tuba

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

Holly Guadiana

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Elizabeth Hatcher

CHIME

INTROIT

*Praise Ye the Lord*

LOBE DEN HERREN

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

arr. W. P. Jones

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who are we that God is mindful of us?

**People: Who are we that God should care for us?**

Leader: Yet God crowns us with glory and honor.

**People: How majestic is the name of the Lord!**

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 307

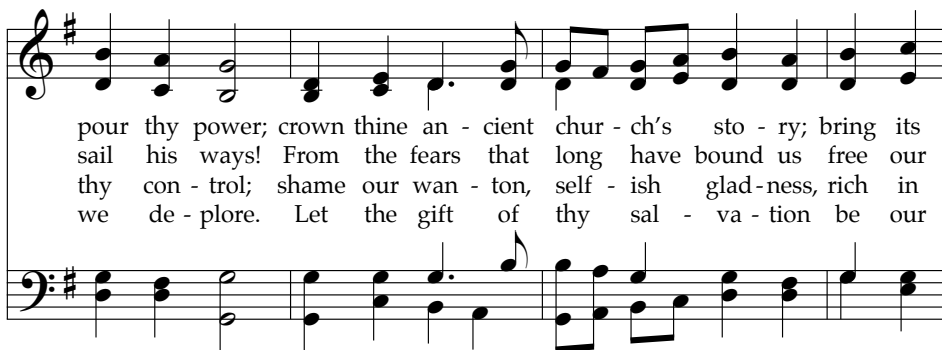
*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

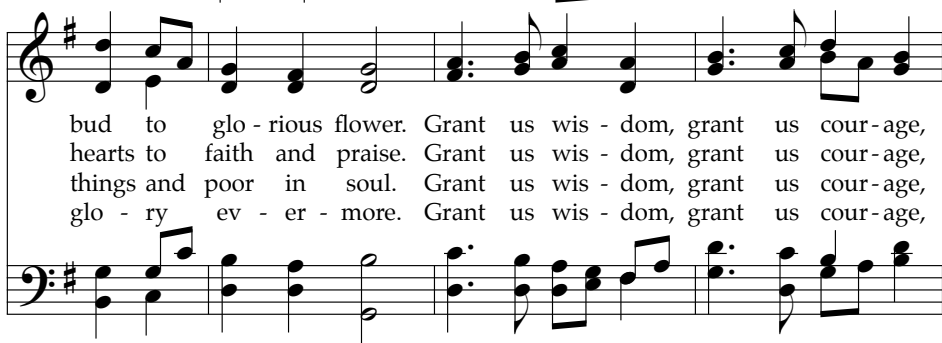
## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory



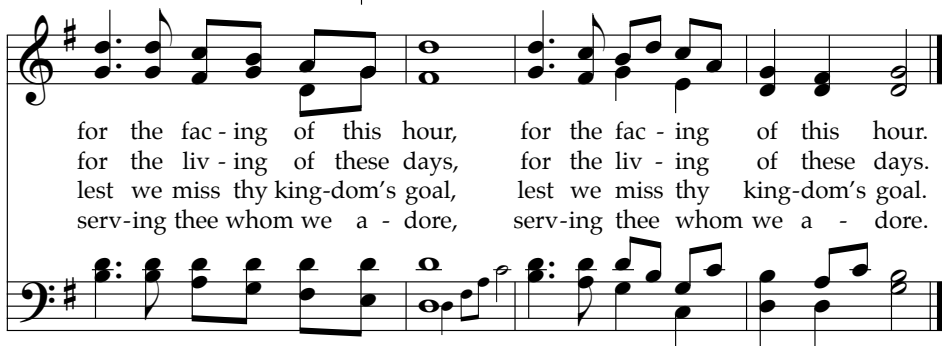
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Aidan McKinnon

**Faithful God, in Christ Jesus you came to us as a little child to lead us to your eternal realm. Help us to receive your promise with childlike trust and joy so that we may one day rest in the loving arms of Christ; in whose holy name we pray. Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You create us in your image, yet we dishonor your holy name. You call us to live as one body, yet we seek out separate ways. Forgive us, God of grace. By the work of your Spirit within us make us holy and whole, so that we might live for your glory; 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.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Presbyterian Women

Cyndi Lockwood

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

DISCOVERY TIME Children are invited forward for a special message.

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 124:1-8 (pg. 572)

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

ANTHEM

*Praise, Praise the Lord*

Jay Althouse

Sanctuary Singers, Blackwelder Brass

*Praise, praise the Lord, all ye people! Praise the Lord who is great and exalted. Praise the Lord; he is Savior and King. We stand before him in wonder. We stand before him and sing. The earth rejoices and then our voices will ring! Praise the Lord from the hill to the valley. Praise the Lord from the sea to the sky. God speaks and all the earth listens; with thanks we humbly reply. Our heart rejoices, and we raise our voices on high. Praise the Lord of the strong and the weary. Praise the Lord of the great and small. The lamb will lie with the lion; they both will follow God's call. And now we sing of him, for he is King of them all. Praise the Lord, all ye people!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:38-50 (pg. 45)

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

SERMON

*Temptation*

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 469

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

(Sung three times)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*Amen*

DANISH AMEN

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

OFFERTORY

*Paduana*

Johann Hermann Schein

Blackwelder Brass

# Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send your

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal line begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a quarter-note pattern in the left hand.

Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The third system concludes the chorus. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note F4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic pattern.

This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

\*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 741

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

*Mizpah Blessing*

W. P. Jones

*May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from another. And abide in hope. (Genesis 31:49; Romans 15:13)*

Women are encouraged to join the choir on the steps to sing the *Mizpah Blessing*. Please come forward during the final stanza.

\*POSTLUDE

*Sonata from Die Bänkelsängerlieder*  
Blackwelder Brass

Anonymous

## Meeting of the Congregation

A Meeting of the Congregation (for the election of officers) will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 6, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service.  
– Clerk of Session, Barbara Charlet

## Today

### Sunday School Classes

- Evergreen | Room B-14 (9:30 a.m.)
- New Beginnings | Fireside Room (9:30 a.m.)
- Builders | Room B-8 (9:45 a.m.)
- High School | Youth Lounge (9:45 a.m.)
- Middle School | Room B-10 (9:45 a.m.)
- Children | Room 213 (9:45 a.m.)

### Coffee & Cookies Fellowship | 9:30-10:55 a.m.

Coffee, cookies, and fellowship are available in the Reception Center every Sunday before worship!

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

Scan for our  
online giving.  
Thank you!



## Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;  
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;  
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hold my hand ...   | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ...    | 6 Guide my feet ...   |
| 4 I'm your child ... |                       |

This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

## Sign Up for Supper Shuffle!

Our Supper Shuffle groups are starting up again! If you'd like to be involved, there will be a sign-up table outside the Reception Center today & on October 6. There will also be an opportunity to sign up during October's First Sunday Lunch.

## 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. **After service, we'll have a time of fellowship in the Reception Center from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Choir members are welcome to arrive early and join us!**

### **Free Yoga Class — Wednesdays | 6:00 p.m.**

Our Free Yoga Class is back on Wednesdays! We'll meet in the Rec Room in the basement. Angela Rose will lead our hour-long class. All skill levels are welcome!

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

The choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. to practice. **If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please reach out to Puffer ([puffer@fpcokc.org](mailto:puffer@fpcokc.org)).**

### **Deacons' Riverboat Cruise — Saturday, October 5 | 5:30 p.m.**

Welcome aboard FPC-OKC's Riverboat Cruise sponsored by the Deacons! This cruise is available to ALL AGES. Priority will be given to those who have not yet been on one of the previous cruises. *There are a limited number of tickets, so please sign up ASAP.*

We'll meet at Big Friendly (1737 Spoke St., just off S. Western & SW 17th St.) starting at 5:30 p.m. You'll be able to order food at Taco Nation, which is only a few steps away. At 7:00 p.m., we'll move to the Riverboat Landing (1503 Exchange Ave.) and board our boat by 7:15. We'll depart at 7:30 and return at 9:00 p.m. Registration and more details can be found at [tinyurl.com/DeaconRiverboat24](https://tinyurl.com/DeaconRiverboat24).

### **World Communion Sunday — Sunday, October 6 | 11:00 a.m.**

During World Communion Sunday, on October 6, we will collect the annual Peace & Global Witness Offering. This offering brings light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. Please give generously to support ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation!

### **First Sunday Lunch — Sunday, October 6 | 12:00 p.m.**

After worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Junebug Catering. **Menu:** Apple Cider Roasted Chicken, Wild Rice Butternut Squash Pasta with Spinach and Sausage (& a vegetarian version), Salad, Rolls, and Bread Pudding



## **FPS & SPARK Spooktacular — Thursday, October 10 | 4:00-6:00 p.m.**

FPS & SPARK are throwing a **Spooktacular** event on Thursday, October 10. There will be Trunk or Treat, STEM activities and games, and free popcorn for all! We're currently seeking volunteers to participate in Trunk or Treat and/or run lawn games for the children (ages 6-10). **If you'd like to volunteer or want more details, please contact Evelyn Haworth ([spark@fpcokc.org](mailto:spark@fpcokc.org)).**

## **Deacons Out & About: Zoo Trip — Saturday, October 12 | 9:30 a.m.**

The Deacons are sponsoring an OKC Zoo Trip on Saturday, October 12. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. inside the courtyard at the main entrance of the Zoo. We're sponsoring treat bags for kids to visit around 20 booths for a fun, safe, and family-friendly outing. All ages are welcome to join us on our walking safari!

If you're already a Zoo Friend and don't require a ticket, please let us know how many treat bags or additional tickets are requested. We look forward to seeing you! **RSVP by Tuesday, October 7, at [tinyurl.com/DeaconsZooTrip](https://tinyurl.com/DeaconsZooTrip) or by calling the church office (405-525-6584).**

## **Church Under the Bridge — Sunday, October 20 | 2:00 p.m.**

We're headed back to serve at Church Under the Bridge during their weekly Sunday service. Church Under the Bridge's vision is to restore hope to the homeless and hurting. CUTB meets for service under the Crosstown Boulevard Bridge. We'll be serving food and helping with their worship service. You can meet us directly at the venue's parking lot (1801 W. Reno.) at 2:00 p.m. or meet in our parking lot where people will carpool over. Paula Denner will be the point of contact for carpoolers. We will leave the church parking lot promptly at 1:45 p.m.

You can sign up to volunteer at [tinyurl.com/FPC-CUTB2](https://tinyurl.com/FPC-CUTB2) or on the signup sheet that will be available in the narthex and Reception Center on Sunday mornings. **Please contact Paula Denner (405-514-9844) if you have any questions!**

## **Junk in the Trunk — Saturday, November 2 | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Do you have "junk" you would like to sell but don't want to go through the hassle of having your own garage sale? Here is a chance to join our community-wide Junk in the Trunk sale. On Saturday, November 2, we will section off the parking lot for people to sell "junk" out of their car trunks. For \$20 you get one parking spot to sell from. You keep any money that you earn. All our profits from registrations will be given to a local charity as part of the Presbyterian Woman's mission contributions.

We will take care of the permits and advertising. All you need to do is register. We sincerely hope you can support us in this mission project by either reserving a spot or by shopping at the event.

**To reserve your spot, please visit [fpcokc.org/junkinthetrunk](https://fpcokc.org/junkinthetrunk).** Payment must be made when registering. Spaces are limited, so sign up ASAP!