



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

Songs for the Waiting:

Sermons Inspired by the Carols of Advent

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

Vivace from Trio, Op. 1, No. 4

Joseph Myslivecek

Linda Millier Bosteels, Karen Schiler and John L. Edwards, flutes

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

CHIME

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Warren Puffer Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP / LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE - *Isaiah 2:4*

Jim Tack

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People: Advent means coming.

Leader: We are preparing ourselves for the days

People: when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Leader: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

(stanzas 1, 4, 6 & 7)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We have sinned, O God, and have broken our relationships with one another and with you. Forgive us. Restore us, O God, that we might be saved. Have mercy on us, and give us new life. (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

Gloria Patri

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit Three in one.

May every tongue and nation raise An endless song of thankful praise. 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.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO ELDERS AND DEACONS*

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO CONGREGATION

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 our spirits by thine advent here;
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION/INSTALLATION

Ordained & Installed

Jack Ogden*, Karen Schiler*, Sean Smith, Lancelot Duff-Williams *

Installed

Mary Ann Doolen, Mar Su Forsman*, Holly Guadiana,

Nancy Myer, Roane Pittman, Lindsey Wallace*

SOLO

Even So, Come

Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates,

Michael Johnston, tenor

and Jason Ingram

All of creation, all of the earth make straight a highway, a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon. Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let every nation shout of your fame; Jesus is coming soon. Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Every heart longing for our King, we sing: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. There will be justice, all will be new, your name forever faithful and true; Jesus is coming soon. So we wait for You. God, we wait: You're coming soon.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:1-23 (pg. 56)

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

ANTHEM

I Shall Know Him When He Comes

Douglas E. Wagner

Sanctuary Singers

Charlotte Lee

I shall know Him when He comes, not with sound of pipe or drum, but by the holy harmony which now His coming makes in me. He shall wear no royal robe, or a crown of precious gold, but He my Lord, my King shall be always, ever there for me. He shall not in castle warm live in splendor, safe from harm. But in a manger crude He'll sleep, warmed by the breath of cows and sheep. Come, Lord Jesus, tarry not. Find in me a resting spot. My heart is open, come dwell within. Let life be born in me again. By the holy harmony which His coming makes in me, I shall know Him when He comes.

SERMON

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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.**

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

O Tannenbaum

arr. David Overton

Linda Millier Bosteels and Karen Schiler, flutes

*PRESENTATION HYMN

Doxology

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go in God's Name

*CAROL 104

O Lord How Shall I Meet You

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations Come, Setting III

Paul Manz

**Give to
FPC today!**



O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

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.

First Sunday Lunch | 12:00 p.m.

Join us for lunch in Watchorn Hall after worship service. We'll gather together in fellowship and enjoy a delicious meal cooked by Junebug Catering.

Menu: Turkey Sandwiches, Ham Sammies, Roasted Vegetables and Hummus Sandwiches, Vegetable Stew, Potato and Corn Chowder with Green Chilis, and Cookies and Brownies

ADVENTure | Following First Sunday Lunch

Kick off the Advent season with our annual ADVENTure fun! There will be the opportunity to make an Advent wreath with fresh greens. We'll also provide the five candles needed to begin your weekly candle lighting to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ.

During this time, the children and youth will have their first Christmas pageant rehearsal as well as work on ornaments for the Jesse Tree they will be provided with.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Food Boxes — December 6 & 7 | 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!**

Cookies & Cocoa + Silent Auction — Sunday, December 8 | 12:00 p.m.

It's almost time for our annual Cookies & Cocoa event! Bragging rights for an entire year are up for grabs for baking the best Christmas cookies in our congregation. Do you have what it takes to win? Bake four to five dozen small cookies and drop them off in Watchorn Hall before worship. The congregation will enjoy cocoa while tasting all the cookies before voting for their favorite. Last year's winner, Amanda Ogden, will bestow the crown and sash to this year's winner. **Contact Cyndi (cyndi0507@gmail.com) if you would like to enter the contest.**

Going on during Cookies & Cocoa, will be PW's Silent Auction! Wrap up your Christmas shopping by bidding on some special and unique items donated by the congregation. If you make the highest bid, you can write a check (or Venmo) PW and take the item home to enjoy yourself or gift to a loved one.

PW Circle Meetings

Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, December 10 | 10:00 a.m.

Room 122 on the first floor of the church.

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, December 10 | 1:30 p.m.

At Mary Ann Doolen's home.

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, December 17 | 6:00 p.m.

TBD.

Tactus Concert

Handel: *Messiah* — Sunday, December 15 | 4:00 p.m.

Experience the majesty of one of the greatest works of all time performed in the original baroque style by professional musicians!

The joy of Christmas comes alive with exciting choruses like “For Unto Us a Child Is Born,” “Glory to God,” and “Hallelujah!” Expressive arias—such as “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” and “He Shall Feed His Flock”—sung by our all-star team of voices with expert accompaniment by the Tactus Chamber Orchestra. (Pre-concert talk at 3:30 p.m.)

Tickets are available at tactusensemble.org/concerts/messiah. K-12 students are FREE.

Christmas Eve Services

Young & Young at Heart Service — Tuesday, December 24 | 4:00 p.m.

Our family-friendly Young & Young at Heart Service will take place in the Sanctuary and include the Treble Choir and some of your favorite carols!

Service of Lessons & Carols — Tuesday, December 24 | 10:30 p.m.

Our candlelight service of Lessons and Carols is modeled after the service of nine lessons and carols made popular by King's College, Cambridge.

The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus is told in nine short lessons from Genesis, the prophetic books, and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns, and choir anthems. We hope you can join us for this very special time of worship! (**Prelude begins at 10:00 p.m.**)