



First Presbyterian Church OF OKLAHOMA CITY

The Service for the Lord's Day – February 2, 2025 Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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 *Improvisation on HENDON* (hymn 697) John L. Edwards

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

PURPLE BAGS

Holly Guadiana

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Richard Hatcher

FERNCLIFF MISSION TRIP

Paula Denner

CHIME

INTROIT

God Welcomes All
Sanctuary Singers

THEMBA AMEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

All: Jesus heals the sick and helps the poor.

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

All: The one we have searched for is here.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison) — from *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Brad Davenport

Each thing we have received, from you it came, O God. Each thing for which we hope, from your love it will be given. Kindle in our hearts within a flame of love to our neighbors, to our foes, to our friends, to our loved ones all, from the lowliest thing that lives, to the name that is highest of all. Amen.

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.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, we confess that it is much easier to say we follow Jesus than to do it. We accept more readily the ways of the world than the strange way of the cross. What others think of us is often more important than what you think of us. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to be faithful followers of the way of Christ. (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.

ANTHEM

I Will Arise

Traditional

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

I will arise and go to Jesus. He will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, oh, there are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:21-30 (pg. 61)

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

SERMON

Amazement to Rage

Rev. John McKinnon

We Respond to God's Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

Let us confess the faith of the universal church.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

**in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*HYMN 722

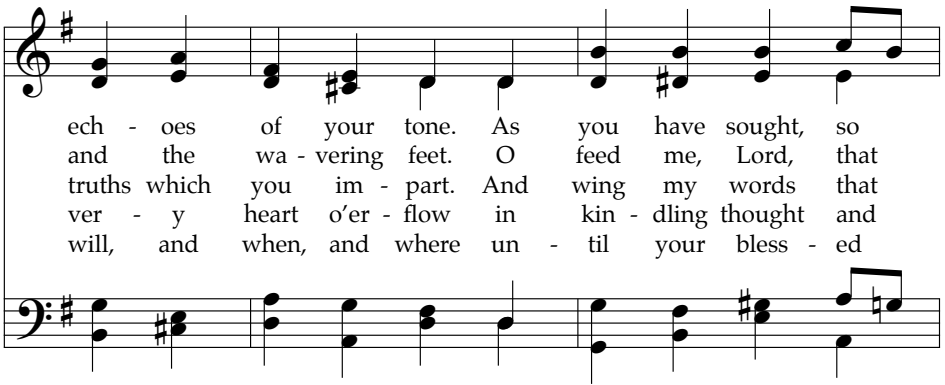
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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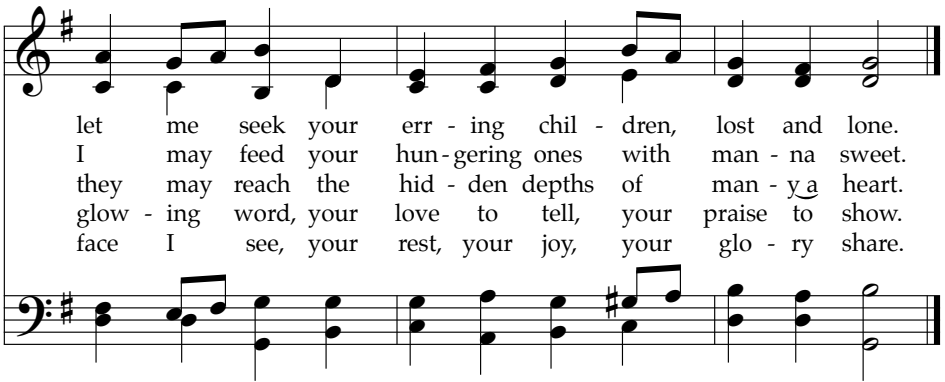
722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak



1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you



ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - ya heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Two great truths inform this text: first, that the testimony of experience is powerful and persuasive; and second, that no one should venture to minister on one's own strength rather than God's. The tune reflects a 19th-century practice of adapting piano pieces as hymn tunes.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O God

WHELPTON

Sanctuary Singers

OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

HYMN 562

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

HYMN 563

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... all glory and honor are yours, eternal God,
now and forever.

HYMN 564

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* arr. Betty Jean Chatham

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We Go in God's Name

*HYMN 691

Lord, When I Came into This Life

LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

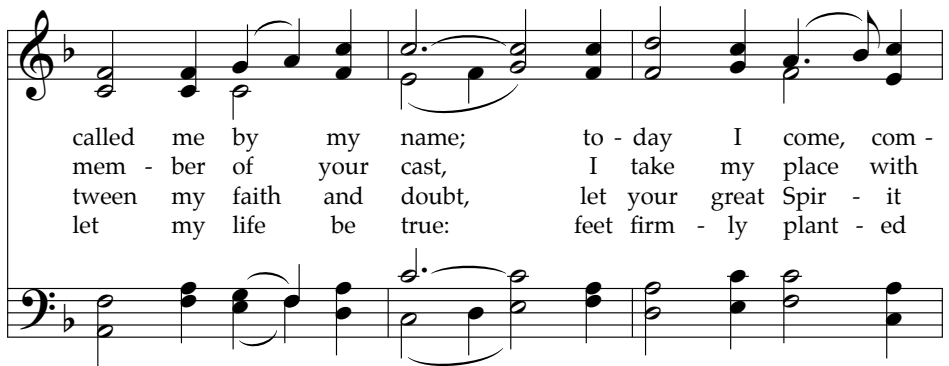
Triumphal March

G. F. Handel


Lord, When I Came into This Life 691



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and



called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed



mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)

Today

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

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

Annual Corporate & Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Cong. | 9:45 a.m.

The Annual Corporate and Ecclesiastical Meeting of the Congregation will be held in the Sanctuary today at 9:45 a.m. for distribution of the Annual Report, presentation of the budget, and to act on proposed changes to the pastoral call. -Barbara Charlet, Clerk of Session

Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday Lunch | 12:00 p.m.

After worship service, we'll gather in Watchorn Hall for fellowship and to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Junebug Catering. **Menu:** Roasted Chicken and Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Asparagus & Assorted Cookies

Help PW Make Valentines! | 1:00 p.m.

Following our Valentine's-themed First Sunday Lunch today, we'll be making Valentines for veterans, Mobile Meal recipients, and more. PW will provide all the necessary supplies. You only need to bring yourself and your creativity!

Kemp Concert Series: 4x4 Organ Concert | 4:00-6:00 p.m.

In this moveable musical feast, audience members begin in the Chapel, then move to the other organ rooms in the church, hearing a short recital in each location. Music is chosen to highlight the special characteristics of each instrument. *This is a free concert.*

Featuring performances by:

- Alvez Barkoskie IV of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, OKC
- Christopher Evatt of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond
- Steven McConnell of First Baptist Church, OKC
- Carolyn Sargent of Mayflower Congregational Church, OKC

Get Your Ballot Notarized!

You can get your absentee ballot notarized before or after service in the Reception Center.

Notarization will be available every Sunday before the February 11 election.

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.

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

Our Free Yoga Class is available weekly 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).**

Scouts' Pancake Breakfast — Sunday, February 9 | 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

In appreciation of the church's support of Troop 15, you are invited to enjoy a hearty breakfast in Watchorn Hall on Sunday, February 9, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-1:00 p.m. Breakfast will include coffee, juice, sausage, and pancakes.

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

Reserve the Third in February will take us to our Community Garden! We will meet in the garden, located south of the main parking lot, on Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to clean out garden plots and lay down weed barriers. We have plots available, if you are interested. Please bring your gloves, hoes, rakes, and shovels.

Questions and RSVPs can be addressed to Elizabeth Hatcher (elizhatcher@gmail.com or 405-202-3778). Note: This event will take place, weather permitting, so text if you are unsure.

Ferncliff Mission Trip Interest Meeting — Sunday, February 16 | 12:00 p.m.

Interested in joining the Ferncliff Mission Trip from May 5–9? Come to our interest meeting right after worship on Sunday, February 16, in the Evergreen Sunday School Classroom (B-14).

We'll discuss the projects we'll be working on and answer any questions you may have. Join us to learn how you can be a part of this meaningful service opportunity!

Children & Youth Glow Party — Sunday, February 23 | 12:00 p.m.

Get ready for a Glow Party on Sunday, February 23! Right after the 11:00 a.m. service, join us in the church basement for pizza, glowing decorations, and exciting glow-in-the-dark games and activities. The party will run from 12:00-1:30 p.m., leaving plenty of time for naps and Sunday afternoon plans. **RSVP with Miss Cyndi (cyndi0507@gmail.com) ASAP.**

Presbyterian Women

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

Meeting in Room 122 at the church.

Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, February 11 | 1:30 p.m.

Lolietta Miller will host in the Reception Center.

Abigail Circle — Tuesday, February 18 | 6:00 p.m.

Location TBD.

Galentine's Blind Book Date — Friday, February 21 | 7:00 p.m.

Skip the awkward small talk—this blind date is all about books! Join us on Friday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Cyndi Lockwood's home (11425 NW 101st Street, Yukon) for a Galentine's Blind Book Date. Bring a wrapped book (new or used) with a few hints about the story on the cover. We'll swap books and see if love (or at least a good read) is in the air!

Check out Pinterest if you need wrapping inspiration. **RSVP with Cyndi Lockwood (cyndi0507@gmail.com) ASAP.**

**Give to
FPC today!**



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