



ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 10th, 2023 - 11:00 am

Welcome!

Whether you are worshiping with us for the first time or have grown up here at FPC, we are glad you have joined us for worship this morning!

- ✝ Everyone is welcome here. God loves you, and so do we. God's grace abounds.
- ✝ We welcome children of all ages in worship! We know that God made all children and that wiggles and giggles are part of that. Both restrooms on the first floor (to your left as you exit the Sanctuary) are equipped with changing tables. If parents prefer, our nursery is open for ages 0-4 in the Preschool wing (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary).
- ✝ At the back of the Sanctuary are Children's Worship Bags, stored on a wooden tree. Take the bulletin and activity sheets home, but please return the bag with all other materials to the tree.
- ✝ Please record your name and address on the Ministry of Friendship (red folder at the end

- Gathering Around the Word -

PRELUDE....."Christ, Who Is My Life" - J. Pachelbel

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Sharing Christ's Peace—To the phrases "The Lord be with you" and "Peace be with you", you may respond, "and also with you."

ORGAN MEDITATIONon Austrian Hymn – R. te Velde

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

All: Christ is here.

One: Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

All: Christ is here.

One: Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

All: Christ is here.

One: Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

All: Christ is here. Let us worship the Lord.

****HYMN OF PRAISE 81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

****PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

* Please stand as you are able

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... *in unison*

Forgiving God, you teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us; for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder until anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent. Grant us peace, we pray. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us.

KYRIE..... 286 v. 2

**Breathe on me, Breath of God; until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

All: **Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

****GLORIA PATRI**645 v. 1

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!**

- Proclaiming and Sharing the Word -

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON.....Matthew 18:15-20 (NT, p. 19)

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 13:8-14 (NT, p. 152)

TIME WITH CHILDREN..... 'Jesus Loves Me', 188 v. 1

If parents desire, following this time, children 4 years and younger may go to the Nursery. Children & Worship for children 3yrs to 3rd grade meets in the Westminster Room.

ANTHEM....."Do Not Be Afraid" - P. Stopford

SERMON....."Grace, part 1"

- Responding to the Word -

****AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**.....from the Confession of 1967

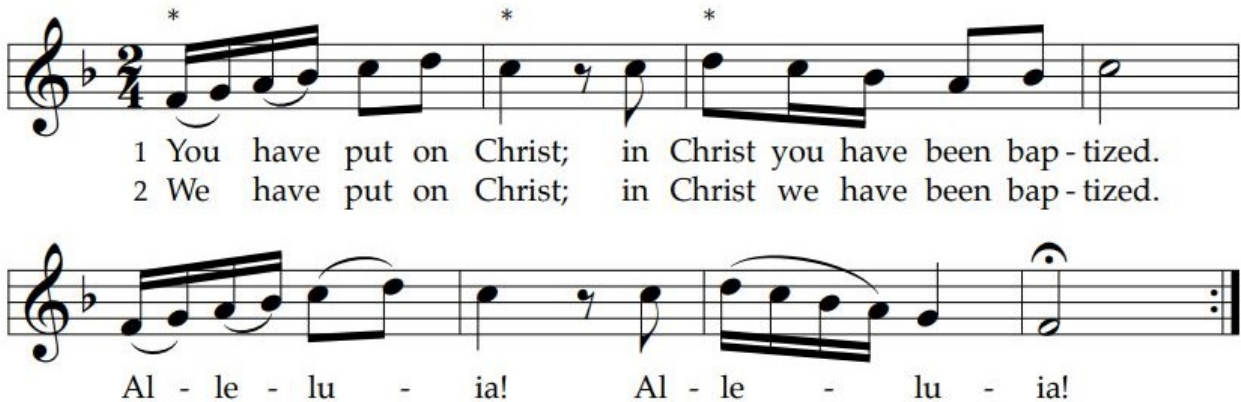
We acknowledge that God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of human minds. We ascribe to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But in Jesus Christ God reveals love by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ transforms the world and discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

****HYMN OF FAITH 491** "You Have Put on Christ"

The choir will sing through one time then the congregation is invited to join in.

This hymn is sung in the round so please watch the director to know when to stop singing.

You Have Put On Christ 491



1 You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been bap-tized.
2 We have put on Christ; in Christ we have been bap-tized.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

As participants in the life of faith with First Presbyterian Church, we celebrate the love and grace of God by:

Growing through Bible study, prayer, and worship

Reaching out to serve

Accepting questions

Connecting people to Jesus Christ, one another, & the world, &

Embracing all

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

You can also contribute to this morning's offering at www.stillwaterfpc.org,

or mail a check to: First Presbyterian Church, 524 S. Duncan St.,

Stillwater, OK 74074



OFFERTORYPastorale - A. Brückner

**DOXOLOGY606

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

- Bearing and Following Word into the World -

**SENDING HYMN 306 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" , vs. 1,3,5

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDEPostlude in D minor - A. Brückner³

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher **Kati Collins**, *Interim Pastor*

Liturgist **Courtney Savage**

Director of Music & Organist **Rebecca te Velde**

Signer **Shannan Frohock**

Greeters **Jacqui Savage**

Ushers **Parker Charter, Rusty Rex,
Corinne Savage**

Children & Worship **Amy Hardin, Virginia Charter**

Counters **Virginia Charter, Kiah Butcher**

WORSHIP NOTES

The Confession of 1967 addresses the church's role in the modern world. Responsive to developments in biblical scholarship, it asks the church to "approach the Scriptures with literary and historical understanding" (paragraph 9.29). It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church's mission today and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.

BLOCK PARTY DOOR KNOCKING

Do you enjoy talking with people about FPC? Want to get out and walk more in the fall weather? Well, we have a volunteer position for you! The Fellowship & Family Committee is looking for folks to help get the word out about the FPC Block Party. They will be meeting to knock doors and hand out flyers on Thursday-Sunday evenings (6-7pm) in September. Come for one day or come for many! Contact Danielle Shreve, mothershreve@gmail.com, to sign up or for more information.

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



Blest Be the Tie That Binds 306

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual
 4 When we are called to part, it gives us
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Lavon Alexander	Belinda Bruner	Halana	Margy Knox	Chancey	Bill Segall
Gary Allen	Wayne Cartwright	Ben Harris	Pauline Kopecky	Nickerson	Karen Shippey
Amanda	Paula Cavett	Kendall Harvey	Michelle Nicholson	Michelle	Jeffrey Silver
Nick Amidon	Nancy Chapa	Mary Ann Henley	Dottie & Sam Kraemer	Pricilia Nkem	David Smith
Shea Arnett	Allison Christy	Lori Henry	Karen Krehbiel	Margaret O'Loughlin	Ted Smith
Christopher Aupperle	Abby Clapp	Charla Hilger	Heather Lanners	Drew Osborn	Perry Sneed
The Baker Family	Darlene Collyar	Charity Hitch	Roger Lantz	Our Service	Jamie Stephens
Luz Barber	Conrado and Miriam	Carolynne Hopkins	Hank Lett	Men & Women	Christine Stone
Baker	Andee and Kannon Cooper	Linda Houck	Tracie Lively	Beverly Perkins	The Stuart Family
Betty Bays	Heather Davidson	Sharon Huckleby	Alyssa Matal	Frances Phillips	Phyllis Taylor & Helen Brake
Leola Beckstrom	Davidson	Sandy Ives	Larry McDonald	Jean Potts	Pat Thomason
Ann Benson	Sara Davies	Patty Jacobs	Stephanie McMillan	Daniel Powell	Tyler
Mandy Blackburn	Matthew Durham	Paul Dean	Philip Meadows	Paul Quarles	Upendo Kids
Rose Marie Bligh	Lori Fagan	Jenkins	Steve Miller	Tim Rains	Nettie Vick
Rita Breuninger	Jeanie Findahl	Brenda Johns	Tresa Miller	Lisa Reavis	Emily Walker
Helen Britton	Mike Flowers	Ted Joy	Jean Moore	Larry & Margaret Redburn	Darrell Warren
Brooks	Joyce Freeman	Patty Keys	Anne Mullen	Jack Reeves	Lynda Williams
	Ed Gallegos	Patsy King	Nora Nagaruk	Sara Roberts	Scott Williams
	Lauren Glynn	Mary Jane Kirchenbauer		David Schmidly	

Bold means recently added

Military Service: Jordan Buterbaugh, Casey Campbell, Justin Fowler, James Greenwald, Matt Krehbiel, Eric Murphy, Miles Smith, and Bryn Williams

Sorrow: Mary Jane Phillips and family in the death of her husband, Frank Phillips

DINE WITH NINE

Dine with Nine is a rotational supper group for adults of all ages. Groups of 8-10 individuals meet once a month for dinner hosted by a different member of the group. Some groups choose to meet at a restaurant if someone is not able to host at their home.

Monthly dinners are usually scheduled for a Friday evening and childcare is provided at the church from 5:45 – 9:00 pm (advance registration required for childcare). Dine with Nine dates for Fall 2023 are: September 15, October 13, November 10, and December 1. Want to take part this fall? Visit the Fellowship Opportunities page on our website, www.stillwaterfpc.org, and fill out the linked Dw9 Interest Form or contact the Church Office.

- OF NOTE -

Today:

- **Two Worship Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am** in the Sanctuary.
- **Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 am**
 - ◇ **Children 4yrs - 5th grade** meet in the Worship Center at 9:45 am before dispersing to their classrooms. Parents may pick them up at 10:45 am in the Worship Center.
 - ◇ **Youth (6th-12th graders)** meet in the Youth Suite
 - ◇ **Two offerings for adult classes**
 - ‡ **Faith and Fellowship** meets in the Multipurpose Room.
 - ‡ **Feasting on the Word** meets in the Upper Room (south end of 2nd floor)
- **Children & Worship Training for all storytellers and helpers** will begin at 12:15 pm in the Westminster Room. Lunch and childcare will be provided.
- **The Personnel Committee** will meet at 12:30 pm in the Blue Room
- **The Fellowship & Family Committee** will meet at 12:30 pm in the Upper Room
- **The Pastor Nominating Committee** meets at 4:30 pm in the Westminster Room.
- **PYG (Youth Group)** meets at 5:00 pm in the Youth Suite.

This Week:

- **Presbyterian Women** will gather for their first Bible Study of 2023-2024 at 10:00 am on Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. Laura Southard will be leading this year's Bible Study and all women of the church are welcome.
- **Dine with Nine Childcare Reservation Deadline** is Wednesday, September 13th, at 5:00pm ahead of Friday's Dine with Nine gathering. Please register your child(ren) by this deadline so we can ensure childcare coverage.

Next Sunday:

- **Two Worship Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am** in the Sanctuary.
- **A Church Tour:** Have you ever been to the Youth Suite? Where do the Boy Scouts meet? What's the story of Fellowship Hall, and what is a Fair Trade store anyway? Join us for a church tour following the 11:00 am service on September 17. You are invited to join us for lunch out together after the tour. All are welcome!
- **The Pastor Nominating Committee** meets at 4:30 pm in the Westminster Room.
- **PYG (Youth Group)** meets at 5:00 pm in the Youth Suite.

Looking Ahead:

- **First Steps Class** meets Tuesday, September 19th, at 6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. This class will continue conversations begun during the Church Tour on September 17th although attendance at the tour is not required to attend the class. Childcare will be available in the nursery for those who have need.

MUSIC NOTES BY REBECCA TE VELDE

Today's organ music is by two composers with September birthdays.

Prelude: Johann Pachelbel (1653–1706) was born and died in Nürnberg, Germany. An important organist and teacher of the middle Baroque period, Pachelbel knew many members of the Bach family, taught J.S. Bach's older brother, Johann Christoph, was godfather to J.S. Bach's sister Johanna, and lived for a time in the home of Johann Christian Bach. Pachelbel studied in Vienna and was organist at St. Stephen's Cathedral before returning to Germany, where he held various court and church positions, lastly as organist at St. Sebald's Church in Nürnberg. We hear today several movements from his partita on a German hymn tune.

Offertory: This gentle "Pastorale", transcribed for organ, is taken from the third movement (the Trio section of the Scherzo) of Bruckner's 4th Symphony, "The Romantic".

Postlude: The great Austrian romantic composer Josef Anton Bruckner (1824–1896) is best known for his expansive symphonic works. However, he was also an organist and devoted church musician who was appointed organist of the Linz cathedral in 1867 and wrote a number of pieces for the organ. One can easily imagine the dark sounds of his romantic-era organ and the impact of this music reverberating through that space.

Anthem: This very moving text (2015) is by Gerard Markland, and the music is by the renowned British choral composer, organist and conductor Philip Stopford (b. 1978).

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you; you will never sink beneath the waves.
When the fire is burning all around you, you will never be consumed by the flames.*

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.
When the fear of loneliness is looming, then remember I am at your side.
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger, remember you are precious in my eyes.*

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.
You are mine, O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

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- THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

TODAY - 15TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

8:30 am Worship & Communion SAN
9:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 am WorshipSAN/Online/Radio
12:15 pm Children & Worship Training.....WR
12:30 pm Personnel Committee.....BR
12:30 pm Fellowship & Family CommitteeUR
4:30 pm PNC.....WR
5:00 pm PYG.....YS

MONDAY

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision..... YS

TUESDAY

10:00 am Coffee Hour..... *Legacy Village*
5:30 pm SessionMPR

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am PW Bible StudyFH
12:10 pm Midweek PrayerZoom
5:45 pm World Mission..... LIB
7:00 pm Chancel ChoirWR

THURSDAY

6:00 pm Deacons MPR

FRIDAY

5:45 pm Dine with Nine ChildcareNUR
6:00 pm Dine with NineStonecloud Taproom

SATURDAY

11:00 am Saturday Brunch Ministry..... NFH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:30 am Worship & Communion..... SAN
9:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages
11:00 am Worship..... SAN/Online/Radio
12:15 pm First Steps Building Tour.....NAR
4:30 pm PNC WR
5:00 pm PYG YS

*The Communion table flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Cathy & Steve Fairbanks in celebration of the birthday of
Toni Cornelius and in honor of the heavenly birthday of
Steven Cornelius.*

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