



**ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024 - 11:00 am**

**Welcome!**

Whether you are worshipping 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 of the row). Pass it to the end of the row and back to see with whom you worship.
- ✝ Hearing Assist devices are available at the rear of the Sanctuary.
- ✝ Written prayer requests may be recorded in the notebook at the rear of the Sanctuary.

**-Gathering Around the Word -**

**PRELUDE**.....Andante - G.F. Handel

**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."*

**MINUTE FOR BLANKET SUNDAY** ..... Andrea Arquitt

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**.....on *Leoni* - R. te Velde

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Great is God's faithfulness.

**All: Our Generous Creator never leaves us in the shadows.**

One: Let us come together to praise our compassionate and unchanging redeemer.

**All: You are the Alpha and Omega, God. You were there before the world began, you are with us still, and you will be there in the end. You are forever faithful.**

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE 49**....."The God of Abraham Praise"

**\*\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**.....in unison  
Faithful one, forgive our wandering hearts and frozen feet. Pardon our sins and grant us your peace that endures. Allow us to feel the pleasure of your own dear presence. Cheer us and guide us. Turn our weeping into dancing and melt the doubts from our minds. Morning by morning, grant us strength for the day and bright hope for the morrow. Remind us that we are your beloved children.

Moment for personal contemplation and prayer

**KYRIE** ..... 425, v. 1

Take away our sinfulness, evil that imprisons us;  
free us from what troubles us; give our souls release.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Who has the power to condemn?

**All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us absorbing all the pain and sin throughout time. Then Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to the disciples so that we might live as forgiven people.**

One: So who has the power to forgive?

**All: I do, you do, we all do. For God so loved the world that the Holy One took on flesh and showed us what forgiveness looks like.**

One: Then let us love one another and live in that beautiful grace.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*GLORIA PATRI**.....447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat)

## **- Proclaiming and Sharing the Word -**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**.....Mark 8:31-38 (NT, p. 41)

**PSALTER LESSON**.....Psalm 22:1-11, 23-31 (OT, p. 473)

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**....."Jesus Loves Me" - 188, v. 1

**ANTHEM**....."Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour said" - R. te Velde

**SERMON**....."Who Art Thou, Where Art Thou?"

## **- Responding to the Word -**

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

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful human beings. The power of

God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created human beings for a personal relationship in which they may respond to the love of the Creator. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

**HYMN OF FAITH 320**....."The Church of Christ in Every Age", vs. 1-3

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

### **INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP**

You can contribute to this morning's offering at [www.stillwaterfpc.org](http://www.stillwaterfpc.org), or mail a check to: First Presbyterian Church, 524 S. Duncan St., Stillwater, OK 74074

**OFFERTORY**.....Allegro - G.F. Handel

**\*\*DOXOLOGY**.....608

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

### **\*\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**- Bearing and Following Word into the World -**

**\*\*SENDING HYMN 39**..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

### **\*\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*\*SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE**..... "Go Now in Peace" - N. Sleeth

**Go now in peace. Go now in peace.**

**May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

## Music Notes by Rebecca te Velde

Today's voluntaries commemorate the Feb. 23 birth date of George Frideric Handel (1685-1759). Born and trained in Halle, Germany, he worked as a composer in Hamburg and Italy before settling in London, where he was given a state funeral and is buried in Westminster Abbey. A skilled organist and harpsichordist, his fame rests upon his oratorios, most especially *Messiah*, operas, chamber music and instrumental concertos.

**Anthem:** The text may be found at #718 in *Glory to God*. Published in 2017, this anthem was composed for and is dedicated to our Chancel Choir.

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher **Kati Collins**, Interim Pastor

Liturgist **Courtney Savage**

Organist/Dir. of Music **Rebecca te Velde**

Greeters **Jacqui Savage**

Ushers **Luella Charter, Charlotte Reavis,**

**Elaina Savage, Kathy Thomas**

Children & Worship **Melody Reavis, Virginia Charter**

Counters **Andrea Arquitt, Carolyn Gang**

Called Congregational  
Meeting  
Sunday, March 10th  
12:05pm

in Fellowship Hall



## 49

## The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.  
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,  
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;



the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!  
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.



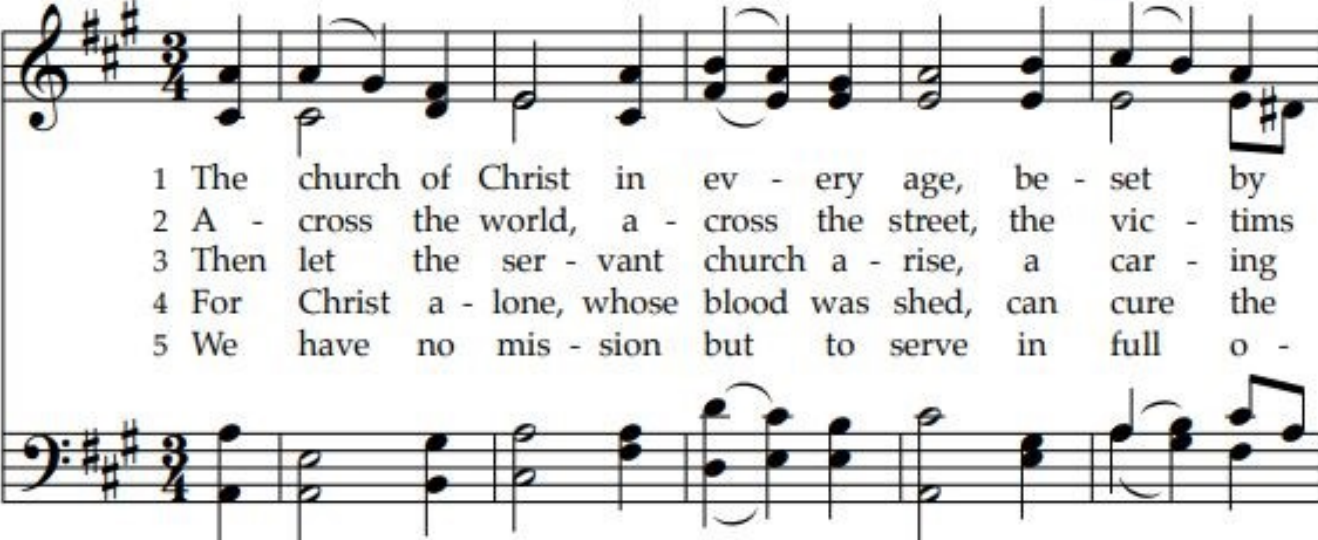
The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:



we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.  
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!



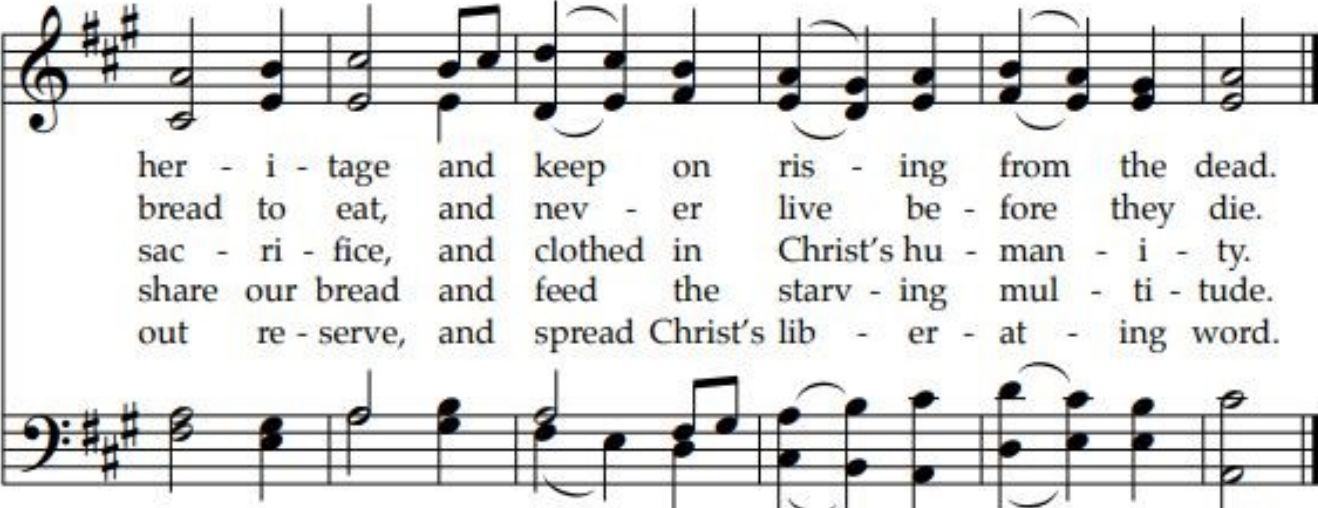
# 320 The Church of Christ in Every Age



1 The church of Christ in every age, be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
be - dience to our Lord: to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
out re - serve, and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.



## 39

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
날 마 다 자 비 를 베풀 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!  
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주



**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Lavon Alexander	Kannon Cooper	Paul Dean Jenkins	Nora Nagaruk	<b>Nancy Schmidt</b>
<b>Gary Allen</b>	<b>Emberlee</b>	Brenda Johns	Chancey	Karen Shippey
Amanda	<b>Davidson</b>	<b>Joey Jones</b>	Nickerson	Jeffrey Silver
Nick Amidon	Heather Davidson	Ted Joy	Michelle	David Smith
Shea Arnett	Sara Davies	Patty Keys	Nicholson	Ted Smith
Christopher	Matthew Durham	Mary Jane	Pricilia Nkem	Perry Sneed
Aupperle	Lori Fagan	Kirchenbauer	<b>Margaret</b>	Jamie Stephens
The Baker Family	<b>Jeanie Findahl</b>	Margy Knox	<b>O'Loughlin</b>	Christine Stone
Luz Barber	Mike Flowers	Pauline Kopecky	<b>Marek Omast II</b>	The Stuart Family
Baker	Joyce Freeman	<b>Dottie &amp; Sam</b>	Our Service Men	Phyllis Taylor &
<b>Debbie Barnes</b>	Ed Gallegos	<b>Kraemer</b>	& Women	Helen Brake
Betty Bays	Lauren Glynn	Karen Krehbiel	Frances Phillips	<b>Teresa te Velde</b>
Mandy Blackburn	Keith Good	Heather Lanners	Jean Potts	Pat Thomason
Rose Marie Bligh	<b>McKenna Grimes</b>	<b>Roger Lantz</b>	Daniel Powell	Tyler
Rita Breuninger	Halana	Hank Lett	Paul Quarles	Upendo Kids
Helen Britton	Ben Harris	Tracie Lively	Tim Rains	Nettie Vick
<b>Brooks</b>	Kendall Harvey	<b>Cheryl Lowther</b>	Lisa Reavis	Emily Walker
Belinda Bruner	Mary Ann Henley	Alyssa Matal	Larry & Margaret	Darrell Warren
Wayne	Charla Hilger	Larry McDonald	Redburn	<b>Jim West</b>
Cartwright	Charity Hitch	Stephanie	Jack Reeves	Lynda Williams
Paula Cavett	Carolynne	McMillan	<b>Dylon Reimers</b>	Scott Williams
Nancy Chapa	Hopkins	Philip Meadows	Sara Roberts	<i>Bold means recently added</i>
Allison Christy	Linda Houck	Steve Miller	<b>Terry Robinson</b>	
Abby Clapp	<b>Sharon Huckeby</b>	Tresa Miller	Virginia & Olin	
Darlene Collyar	Sandy Ives	Jean Moore	Rogers	
Andee and	Patty Jacobs	Anne Mullen	David Schmidly	

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

Sorrows: Mary Beth Garoffolo and family in the death of her mother, Gladys Bobeck

*The Communion and Narthex table flowers are given to the Glory of God by Lisa McGaw and John Gelder in loving memory of all those we have lost and thankfulness for the hope that the future brings through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**- THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -**

**TODAY - LENT II**

9:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages  
 11:00 am Worship.....*FH/Online/Radio*  
 4:30 pm PNC .....*UR*  
 5:00 pm PYG ..... *YS*

**MONDAY**

6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Supervision ..... *YS*  
 6:00 pm Stewardship & Finance.....*UR*

**TUESDAY**

5:00 pm Worship & Music.....*UR*  
 5:30 pm Adult Ministry .....*LIB*  
 7:00 pm UKIRK..... *YS*

**WEDNESDAY**

9:30 am Second Mile Sewing .....*FH*  
 12:10 pm Midweek Prayer ..... *Zoom*  
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....*WR*

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

6:00 pm First Friday Jam .....*FH*

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - LENT III**

9:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages  
 11:00 am Worship .....*SAN/Online/Radio*  
 4:30 pm PNC ..... *UR*  
 5:00 pm PYG ..... *YS*



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