



**ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 10TH, 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 -**

**PIANO PRELUDE** .....Prelude on *Southwell* ("Lord Jesus, Think on Me") - June Nixon

**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."*

**PIANO MEDITATION** .....on *Kremser* - R. te Velde

**\*\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come closer now, I want to tell you a story.

**All: Is it about a princess, a knight, or a big scary monster?**

One: No, it's about a little child.

**All: Was the child named Jesus?**

One: Yes, for our Great God, the one who created all that we see and can't see, came to Earth in the form of a child, grew to be a man, who healed and ate with people, was crucified on a cross, died, and was buried. Soon we will celebrate his resurrection! Today we celebrate his sacrifice.

**All: I know this story, Jesus is mine! This is my story, this is my song. Every day I live to bring glory to my savior!**

One: Let us sing again, and come to worship our redeemer.

**\*\*HYMN OF PRAISE 612**....."We Praise You, O God"

**\*\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

## CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** .....in unison  
Eternal Healer and Teacher, we bring to you the broken stories we tell about ourselves. Come and whisper love to our hearts that your mercy might echo through our lives. We submit our memories of violence that you might grant us visions of your saving grace. Enable us to embrace your calling to be co-creators in this world and build bridges of peace.

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** ..... John 3:14-21 (NT, p. 87)

**PSALTER LESSON** ..... Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22(OT, p. 472)

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

**ANTHEM** ..... "I Will Arise" - trad. arr. Alice Parker & Robert Shaw

**SERMON** ..... "This is My Story, My Song"

## *- 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.

**HYMN OF FAITH 377** ..... "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND LEGACY GIVING**

**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

**PIANO OFFERTORY** .....Meditation on "Though I May Speak" - Sylvia Berg Oines

**\*\*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 839** ..... "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

**\*\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*\*SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE**..... "Go Now In Peace" - Natalie Sleeth

*Sing twice, second time in canon*

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

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

## **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

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

*Liturgist* **Sarah Bennett**

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

*Greeters* **Jacqui Savage**

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

*Children & Worship* **Amy Hardin, Ann Houston**

*Counters* **Judy Ferrell, Tim Krehbiel**



Called Congregational  
Meeting

Sunday, March 10th  
12:05pm

in Fellowship Hall

## Music Notes by Rebecca te Velde

In accordance with the American Guild of Organists' (AGO) designation of March 10 as "National Day of Women Composers Sunday", today's hymns, Kyrie, piano music, and anthem are all by women composers and/or authors. Of special note is our middle hymn, #377, with both the text and music composed by Kathleen Thomerson, who turned 90 on Feb. 18. Based in Austin, Texas, she has enjoyed a prominent career as organist, professor, church musician, and author. Her hymn tune is named *Houston* because it was inspired by a visit to the Church of the Redeemer in Houston.

**Prelude:** June Nixon (b. 1942) is an Australian organist, conductor and composer. She is Organist Emerita at St. Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne, where she served 40 years as Organist and Director of Music. In 1999, she was awarded the Doctor of Music degree by the Archbishop of Canterbury, becoming the first woman in the world to receive that honor. She still teaches at the University of Melbourne and remains active as a composer. She wrote a commissioned organ work for AGO Organ Fest 2020. This hymn prelude is based on the tune and text of #417 in *Glory to God*, and you are invited to pray that text during the prelude.

**Offertory:** Sylvia Berg Oines is Organist at Bethany Presbyterian Church on Queen Anne Hill in Seattle, Washington. She was a fellow classmate in the organ and composition studios of my father, Lester H. Groom, at Seattle Pacific University. We still see one another at AGO conventions, and her husband also has relatives in Oklahoma!

**Anthem:** The distinguished composer and conductor Alice Parker died this past Christmas Eve (1925-2023), leaving a huge catalog of over 600 compositions and arrangements in many genres, but especially sacred choral music. She was a decades-long collaborator with Robert Shaw, composing many arrangements for the *Robert Shaw Chorale's* performances and recordings. She married a baritone soloist from that group and they had five children. Of particular note are her arrangements of folk hymns, including today's anthem, which have become staples in the sacred choral repertoire worldwide.

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, 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 ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour, Oh! there are ten thousand charms.*

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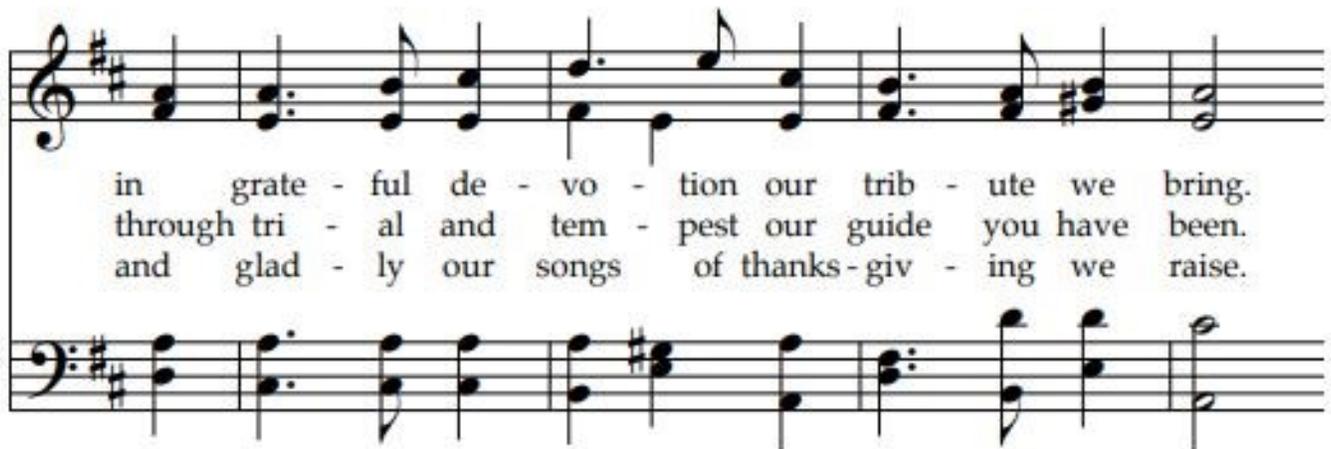
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# We Praise You, O God

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1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.



we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

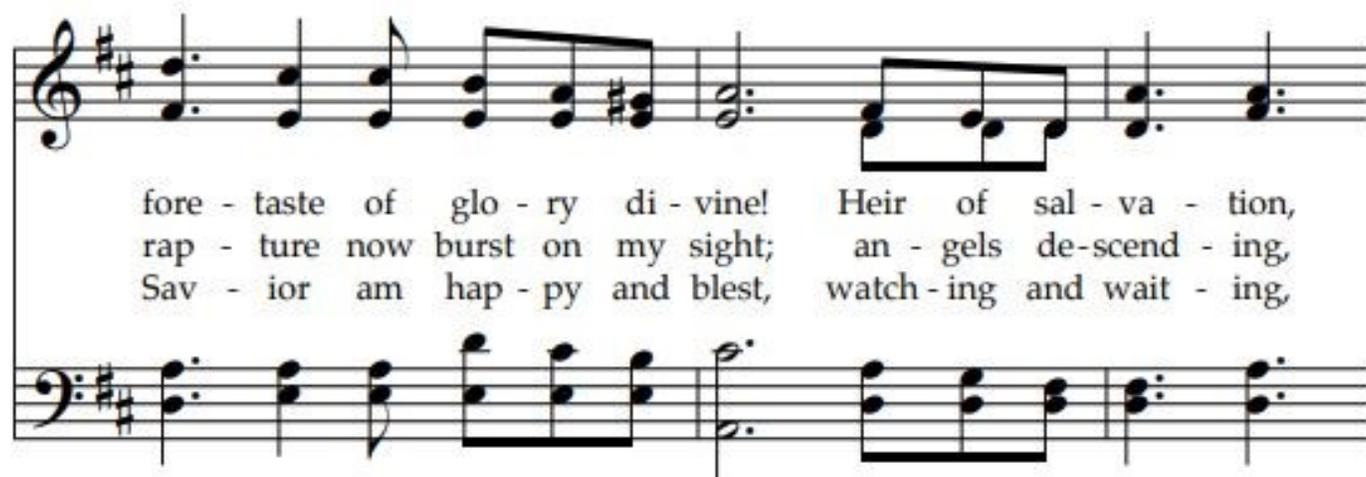
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

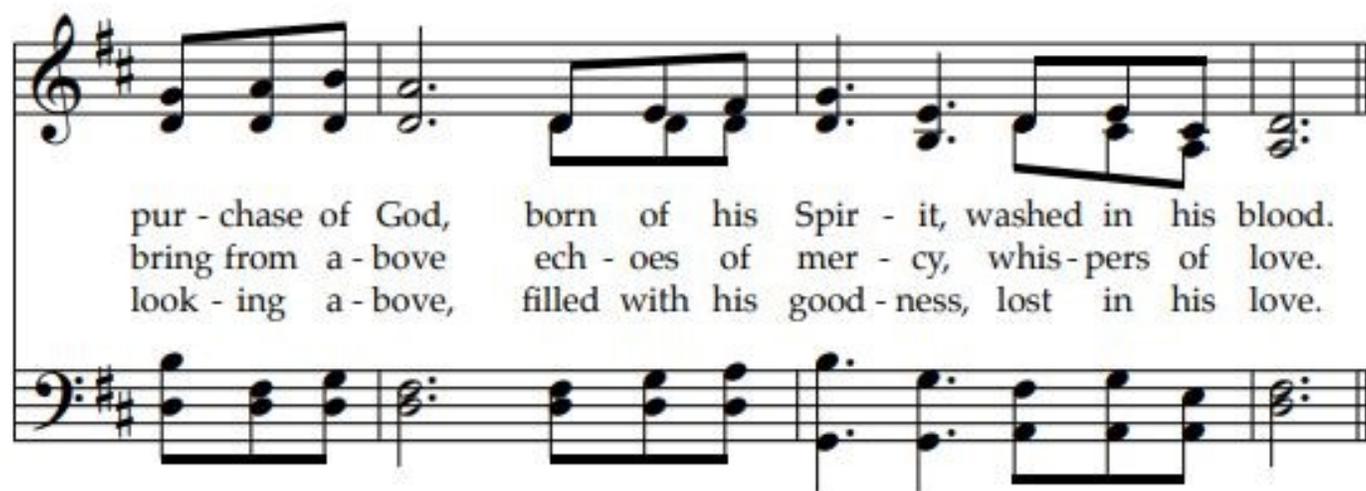
# 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

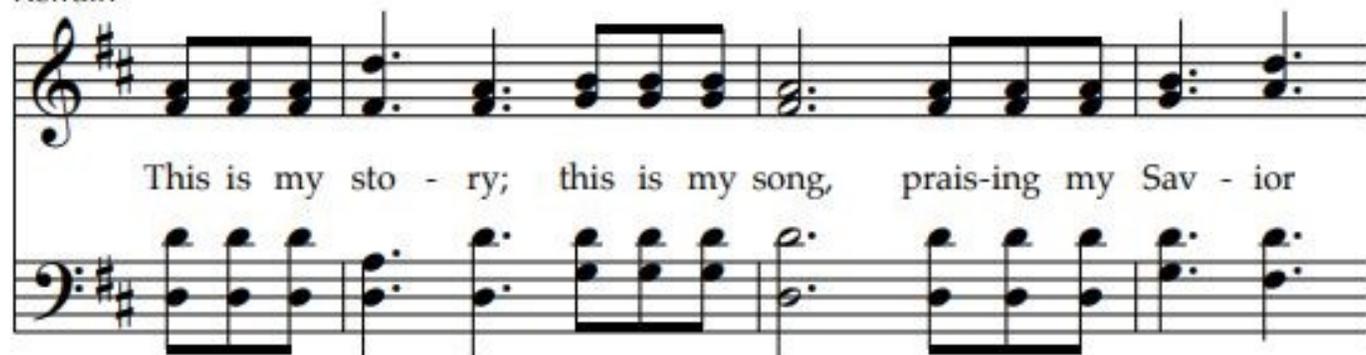


fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,



pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

## Refrain



This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

*Celebrating*  
**PASTOR KATI**  
*with a*  
**FAREWELL RECEPTION**

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

FOLLOWING WORSHIP & THE CALLED  
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

in fellowship hall

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Lavon Alexander	Kannon Cooper	Paul Dean Jenkins	Nora Nagaruk	David Schmidly
<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>	<b>Drew Osborn</b>	Phyllis Taylor &
<b>Debbie Barnes</b>	Ed Gallegos	<b>Kraemer</b>	Our Service Men	Helen Brake
Betty Bays	Lauren Glynn	Karen Krehbiel	& Women	Teresa te Velde
Mandy Blackburn	Keith Good	Heather Lanners	Frances Phillips	Pat Thomason
Rose Marie Bligh	<b>McKenna Grimes</b>	<b>Roger Lantz</b>	Jean Potts	Tyler
Rita Breuninger	Halana	Hank Lett	Daniel Powell	Upendo Kids
Helen Britton	Ben Harris	Tracie Lively	Paul Quarles	Nettie Vick
<b>Brooks</b>	Kendall Harvey	<b>Cheryl Lowther</b>	Tim Rains	Emily Walker
Belinda Bruner	Mary Ann Henley	Alyssa Matal	Lisa Reavis	Darrell Warren
Wayne	Charla Hilger	Larry McDonald	Larry & Margaret	<b>Jim West</b>
Cartwright	Charity Hitch	Stephanie	Redburn	Lynda Williams
Paula Cavett	Carolynne	McMillan	Jack Reeves	Scott Williams
Nancy Chapa	Hopkins	Philip Meadows	<b>Dylon Reimers</b>	<i>Bold means recently added</i>
Allison Christy	Linda Houck	Steve Miller	Sara Roberts	
Abby Clapp	<b>Sharon Huckeby</b>	Tresa Miller	<b>Terry Robinson</b>	
Darlene Collyar	Sandy Ives	Jean Moore	Virginia & Olin	
Andee and	Patty Jacobs	Anne Mullen	Rogers	

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

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

**TODAY - LENT III**

9:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages  
11:00 am Worship ..... *FH/Online/Radio*  
12:05 pm Called Congregational Meeting..... *FH*  
12:30 pm Farewell Reception for Kati..... *FH*  
4:30 pm PNC..... *UR*  
5:00 pm PYG..... *YS*

**MONDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

10:00 am Coffee Hour ..... *Legacy*  
12:00 pm Soli Deo Gloria organ recital..... *SAN*  
1:00 pm Soli Deo Gloria reception..... *HA*  
7:00 pm UKIRK ..... *FH*

**WEDNESDAY**

10:00 am PW Bible Study ..... *FH*  
12:10 pm Midweek Prayer ..... *Zoom*  
5:45 pm Communications & Mission..... *LIB*  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal ..... *WR*

**THURSDAY**

5:00 pm Capital Campaign Meeting..... *UR*  
6:00 pm Deacons..... *YS*

**FRIDAY**

**SATURDAY**

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17 - LENT V**

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

*The Communion table flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Sandy Cohlmiia in celebration of Kyle Cohlmiia's birthday.*

*The Narthex table flowers are given to the Glory of God in celebration of  
Jim & Nancy Beckstrom's 44th wedding anniversary.*

**Soli Deo Gloria MUSIC**

**ORGAN RECITAL**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**12:05 – 12:50 pm**

**American Guild of Organists Cimarron Chapter**

**GERALD FRANK, BRADLEY NEWCOMB, AND REBECCA TE VELDE**

**Music by Mendelssohn, Dupré, L. H. Groom,  
Alain (with Noah Pool flute), Shearing, and J. S. Bach**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Stillwater, Oklahoma**

**Free Admission  
Reception provided by  
FPC Presbyterian Women**