

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA PC(USA)

Order of Worship
27th Sunday, Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

- ✚ **Everyone is welcome here. God loves you, and so will we. God's grace is for all.**
- ✚ We welcome children of all ages in worship! We believe that all children are gifts from God and wiggles and giggles are part of that. Restrooms are equipped with changing tables. If parents prefer, our nursery is open for ages 0-4 in Room 101 (south end of the main building, past the Fair Trade Store). All staff are background checked, as are our volunteers.
- ✚ In the Narthex is a liturgical library with items to help worshipers of all ages engage with the service. Select which items you would like to use, place them in a small black bag from the left side if you wish, and please return your bag with the items to the basket beneath the display at the end of worship.
- ✚ Throughout the service, at the **, each person is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

The Gathering

Prelude

Lord, Listen to your Children Praying, arr. Ken Medema

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

Call to Worship**

One: I thank the Lord with all my heart in the company of the whole congregation.

All: The works of God are magnificent; treasured by all who desire them.

One: God's handiwork is honesty and justice; all God's rules are trustworthy

All: they are established always and forever: they are fulfilled with truth and right doing.

One: May goodness yield its fruit in every season.

All: All because of the steadfast love of God.

Hymn 620**

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

Call to Confession*

Prayer of Confession

in unison

Just and Gracious God, we are so convinced of our own righteousness. We believe we know what is right far better than "those people," even when "those people" are our neighbors and our siblings in Christ. Forgive our arrogance and ignorance. Guide us back to faithful dependence on the Holy Spirit, our Counselor, Comforter, and Inspiration, that we may delight in your ways rather than our own. Help us tend the garden of creation hand in hand and side by side, as we rebuild a broken and hurting world. Amen. (silence)

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
(repeat)

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise***

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen, amen.**

*Passing the Peace***

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Briefly turn to those near you to exchange those words
 or other signs of peace and reconciliation.*

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 (OT, p. 687)

Time with Children

Love Canon, SpiritLink Singers

*Children and Worship, a worship experience for ages 3 years – 3rd grade,
 meets in the Westminster Room, to the left as you exit the Sanctuary.*

Pathways to Generosity

Courtney Savage

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:11-19 (NT, p. 75)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

(Re)Building with Gratitude

The Thanksgiving

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.

Hymn 694**

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

Invitation to Discipleship and Call for the Offering

You may place an offering in the plates when passed, mail in a check,
scan the code at the right, or electronically contribute at www.stillwaterfpc.org



Offertory Anthem

In my Heart, American spiritual, arr. Alan Bullard

*Doxology***

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.**

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our greatest joy
to give you praise and thanks, O Holy Fire,
for you shaped mountains and valleys,
the oceans, rivers, and lakes.

You gave us the bountiful earth in which we toil and play.
You molded us from earth,
out of corn and wheat, roots and flowers,
and you called us good.

When we did not trust your promises of freedom and peace,
you fed us holy manna,
sheltered us from the scorching sun,

and gave us prophets to remind us of your love.
So we sing with all our ancestors in faith
and with all the angels and all the planets:

Sanctus (sung by all)

(♩ = c. 60) *Unison*

Em Em D Em B⁷ Em Em D Em B⁷ Em

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of power and maj - es - ty,

D Em D⁷ G D C Em D Em D C D E

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, O God most high!

You sent Jesus Christ to share fish and loaves,
compassion and grace,
guidance and purpose,
with everyone he encountered.
Jesus showed us that sharing multiplies abundance,
that loves grows when it is poured out,
and that everyone deserves the feast you have prepared.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus
on the night before he died, took bread,
and after giving thanks to you, he broke it,
and give it to his disciples saying: Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, Jesus took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.
Remembering our Lord's self-giving love,
How great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
on these gifts of grain and grape,
which have been milled and squeezed,
transformed into something new
by the love of artisan hands.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.
Make us bolder in our hospitality
and more radical in our generosity
so that one day your world
may hunger no more for food or love.
And so we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Agnus Dei (on next page, sung by all)

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Setting: John Merbecke (1518?-1585?); adapt. *Hymnal* 1982

The Communion of the People

We form two lines and come forward down the center aisle for the sacrament.
 We share the sacrament by intinction: receiving a piece of bread and dipping it in the common cup of juice or wine before eating it.
 A gluten free station with separate cups is also available at the front, as are sealed communion kits.
 If you are unable to come forward, please motion to the elders and they will be happy to serve you at your seat.

Prayer after Communion

The Sending

Hymn 39**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

Postlude on "Diadem", arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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THE DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Health/Personal	Health/Personal	Health/Personal	Military
Dorothy Akin	Denise Houston (Houston)	Elodie Reavis	Dan Brooks
The Aresco Family	Levi Hunt (Heath)	Larry Redburn	Casey Campbell
Betty Bays	Margie Keener	Heather Rine (Seals)	Justin Fowler
Rita Breuninger	Shelby Kraemer	Danielle Shreve	Matt Krehbiel
J.T. Cutter (Holland)	Roger Lantz (Garoffolo)	Roger Stevens (Garoffolo)	Miles Smith
Juanita Espinoza (Krehbiel)	Mona Lisa (Holland)	Connie Stiegler	Bryn Williams
Janet Evans (Holland)	Nathan Moore (Stangl)	Bill & Shirley Tearney	
		Lynda Williams	

Sorrow: the family and friends of Dorothy Kraemer.

Names in *italics* indicate those with acute needs. Plain text indicates chronic/ongoing needs.

Names in parentheses indicate connection to FPC.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

POTLUCK

EVERYONE WELCOME

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE CROCK-POT DISH,
A SALAD, OR DESSERT TO SHARE**



SUNDAY, OCT. 12TH, 12PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SIGN UP GENIUS AVAILABLE
IN FIRST THINGS NEWSLETTER**

MEET YOUR CARE TEAM MEMBERS AND DEACON LIASON

**IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN CONTACTED ABOUT YOUR CARE TEAM, PLEASE SHARE THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION.
TEAR OFF AT THE DOTTED LINE AND PLACE IN THE COLLECTION PLATE.**

NAME:-----

PHONE NUMBER:-----

EMAIL:-----

ADDRESS:-----

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

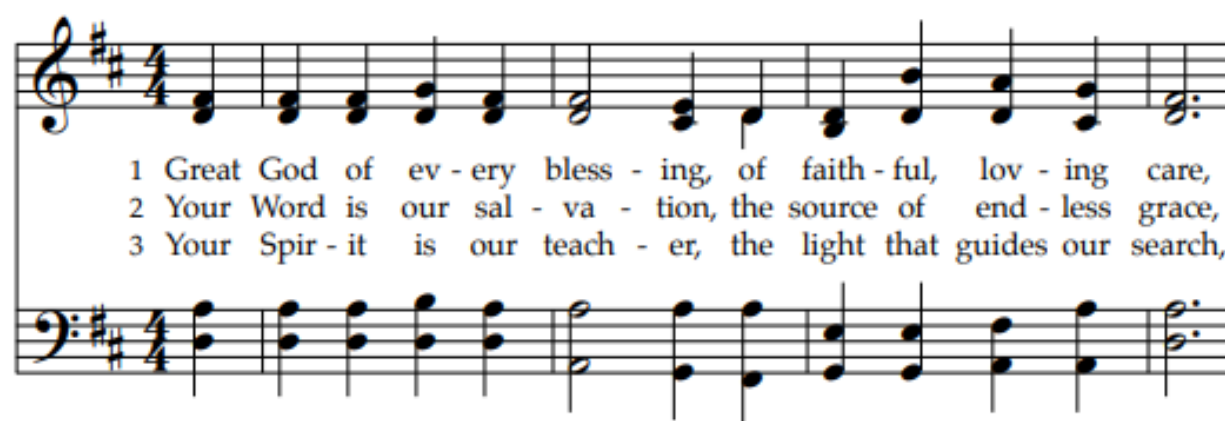
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

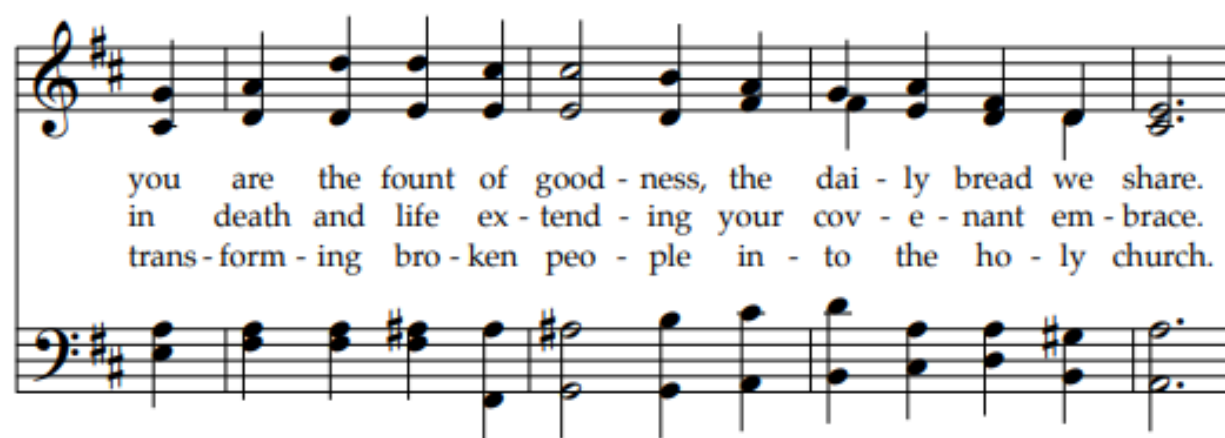
giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

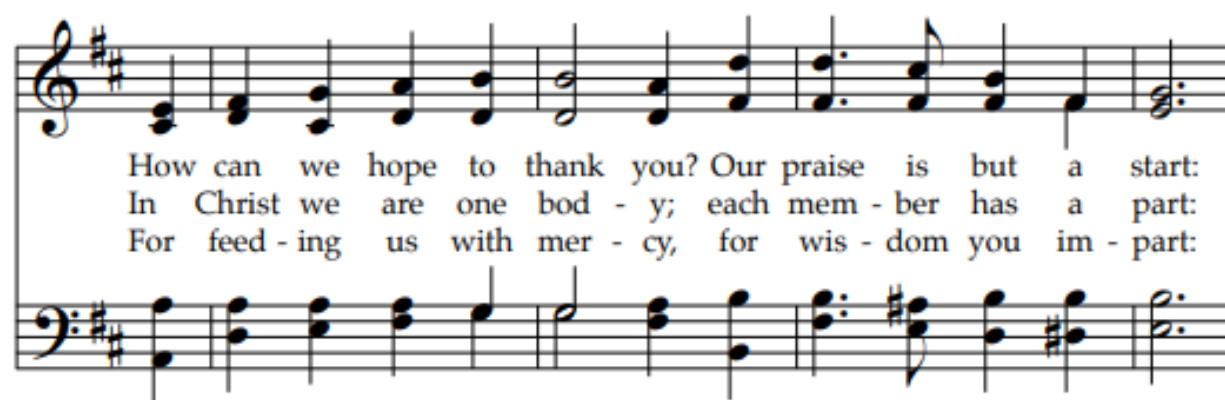
694 Great God of Every Blessing



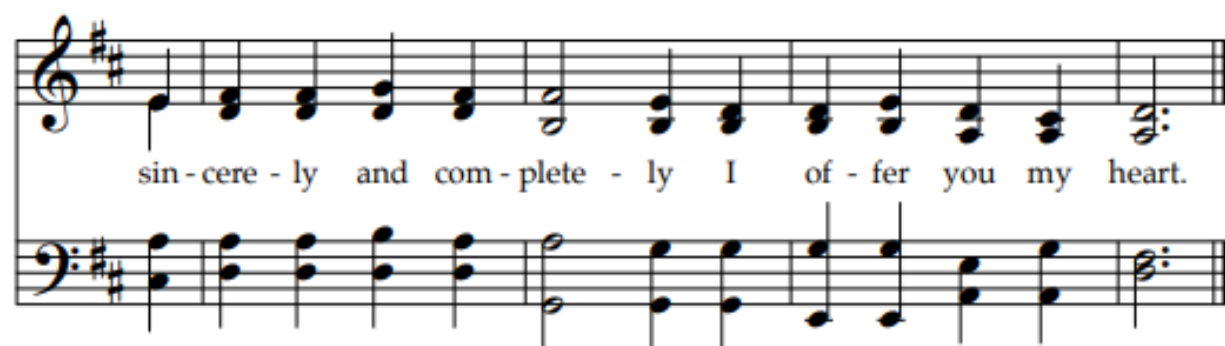
1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,



you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.



How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:



sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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!

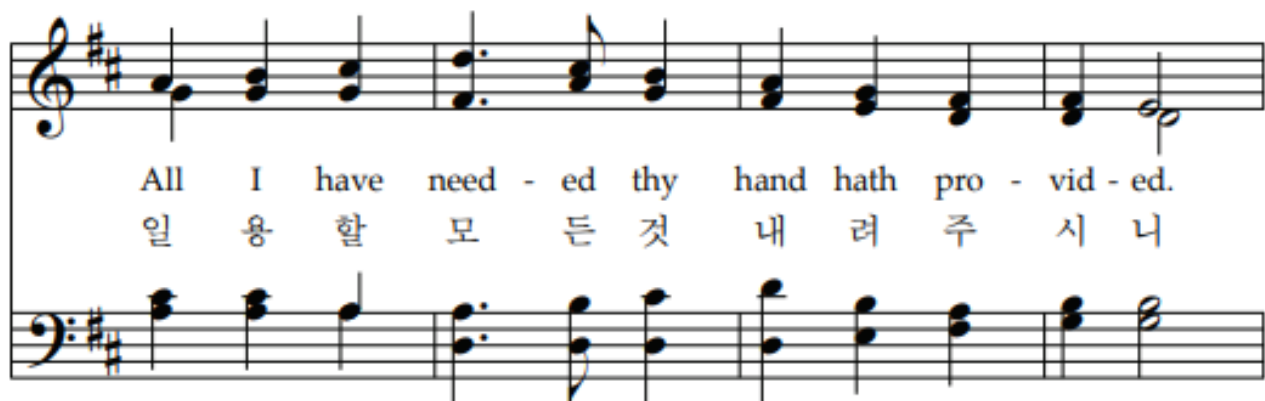
Refrain



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 베푸 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

Updates from the Church Office

Staff Changes

As of September 30th, Jenna Campbell has ended her time at FPC as the Director of Children's & Youth Ministry. However, recognizing that this is a time of great transition in the life of FPC with a greatly reduced staff, Jenna is moving into an advisor role to provide support to the Children's & Youth Committees and Youth Ministry Assistants for the next three months. Through December 31, 2025, Jenna will serve as the Children's & Youth Ministries Advisor, working 10 hours/week in direct support of those programs. She will also work one Sunday each month: October 26th, November 16th, and December 21st.

Elijah Ankrom, one of our Youth Ministry Assistants, will be moving into more of a support role as well, increasing from 10 hours/week to 18 hours/week with the 8 additional hours being in-office support for Children's & Youth Ministries. He plans to be in the office on Wednesdays and may help with general office support as well. He will be officing in what had been Jenna's office which will continue to be the Children's & Youth Christian Ed resource office and meeting space.

Office Hours Change

Due to the reduction in office staff and in order to allow remaining staff focused work time, beginning Friday, October 10th, the Church Office will only be open virtually on Fridays. Staff will be working and will be available via email and, as needed, by prior appointment. Church members are asked to respect this change in open office hours.

Pastoral Emergencies

During this transition period without a pastor, our Stephen Leaders (Linda Burks, Kay Stewart, and Debby Schoenecke) will serve as the point of contact for pastoral emergencies (sudden illness, hospitalization, death, etc). If you have a pastoral emergency, please call **405.372.5224**. Stephen Leaders will be rotating who is 'on call' on a weekly basis. While calls may also be directed to the Church Office, this is the best number, especially for evenings and weekends.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Josh Kerr

Liturgist: Carolyn Caldwell

Organist: Dr. Lucia Unrau

Choir Director: Dr. Christopher Haygood

Children and Worship:

Reese Campbell, Hope Plum, Emmy Campbell

Counters: Larry Caldwell, Becky Taylor

The Communion table flowers are given to the glory of God by Cathy & Steve Fairbanks in celebration of Charley & Tonia Fairbanks' 27th wedding anniversary and Toni & John Cornelius' 16th wedding anniversary.

The Narthex flowers are given to the glory of God by Julie Bills in memory of her father, John Bills (1925-2011).

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 5

9:15 a.m. Meditation Group – UR

9:45 a.m. Summer Sips - HA

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship – SAN

5:00 p.m. PYG - YS

Monday

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga – FH

5:45 p.m. Team Neurodiversity - HA

6:30 p.m. Pack 3842 - FH

7:00 p.m. Scouting America Troop 820 – Scout Rm.

7:00 p.m. Scouting America Troop 888 – WR

Tuesday

1:00 p.m. Finance Committee - YS

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. PW Bible Study – FH

11:30 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Lunch – Hideaway

12:00 p.m. ROMEO's Men's Group – HA

4:00 p.m. Trustees – YS

4:30 p.m. Worship & Music - HA

5:45 p.m. Communications & Mission - HA

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - WR

Thursday

12:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer – Zoom

2:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry – YS

6:00 p.m. Deacons - YS

Friday

6:00 p.m. Children's Ministry Outrageous October –
FPC Courtyard

Saturday

9:00 a.m. 7th Day Adventist Worship – WC

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Community Brunch – FH

Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for brunch guests

Sunday, October 12

9:15 a.m. Meditation Group – UR

9:45 a.m. Summer Sips - HA

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship – SAN

12:00 p.m. Meet Your Neighbor Potluck - FH

5:00 p.m. PYG – YS

Monday, October 13

Church Office Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

FPC Room Abbreviation Key

FH = Fellowship Hall

HA= Hospitality Area

LIB = Library (201)

MPR = Multipurpose Room

SAN = Sanctuary

WC = Worship Center

WR = Westminster Room

YS = Youth Suite

SR = Sensory Room

PYG = Presbyterian Youth Group (6th-12th graders)