

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA PC(USA)

Order of Worship
4th Sunday after Epiphany
January 25, 2026 – 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 the Preschool's Cricket Room (north end of the main building). 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.
- ✝ If you or your family find attending worship in the Sanctuary causes sensory overload, we have two sensory spaces available for neurodivergent individuals to utilize while enjoying a livestream of the worship service. The first sensory room, geared toward children and those with higher support needs, is located next to the restrooms down the south first-floor hallway. The second sensory room, geared toward teens, adults, and those with lower support needs, is located in the Worship Center.
- ✝ Throughout the service, at the **, each person is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

The Gathering

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

Call to Worship**

One: The Holy One calls us to worship
not with empty words,
not with performative piety,
but with lives turned toward love.

All: We come to worship the God of justice and mercy.

One: What does the Lord require of us?

**All: To do justice,
to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit.
Blessed are those who mourn.

Blessed are the meek.

**All: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness
for they will be filled.**

One: Come, let us worship the One who sides with the weary,
stands with the oppressed,
and calls us to join in the work of healing the world.

All: Let us worship God.

Hymn 372**

O For a World
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Call to Confession*

Prayer of Confession

in unison

God of righteousness and grace, you have told us what is good, yet we resist the path of justice. You call us to love kindness, yet we cling to resentment and indifference. You invite us to walk humbly with you, yet we center ourselves and ignore our neighbors. We have benefitted from systems that harm others. We have been silent when we should have spoken. We have chosen comfort over compassion and order over equity. Forgive us, O God. Disrupt our complacency. Soften our hearts. Turn us again toward your kingdom where the meek are lifted, the merciful lead, and peace is made with courage. In the name of Christ, who blesses the poor and calls us friends, we pray. Amen. *(silence)*

Kyrie

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Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

(repeat)

Assurance of Pardon

*Response of Praise***

581

**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.

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8 (OT, p. 816)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Time with Children

Jesus Loves Me! (GTG 188)

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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-12 (NT, p. 4)

Sermon

The Thanksgiving

Affirmation of Faith**

(adapted from the Barmen Declaration, 1934)

**We believe that Jesus Christ,
as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God whom we must hear,
and whom we must trust and obey in life and in death.
We reject the false teaching
that there are areas of our life
in which we belong not to Jesus Christ,
but to other powers, lords, or authorities.
Christ alone is Lord of all-
including our politics, our economics, and our common life.
We are called to follow him
in the ministry of his own Word and work
in faith, obedience, and courageous hope.
Amen.**

Hymn 100**

Canticle of the Turning

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Shelia Kirven

Welcome New Member

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

We Are Called – David Haas

*Doxology***

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**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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and loving God,
you created the world in beauty and called it good.
You made us in your image
and gave us one another as companions in care.
When we turned from your ways
and built systems of harm and division,
you did not turn from us.
You sent prophets to cry out for justice,
to remind us that worship without mercy breaks your heart.
In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus,
who proclaimed good news to the poor,
freedom to the captive,
and release to the oppressed.
He blessed the meek and the merciful,
ate with outcasts,
and taught us to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done on
earth as in heaven."
Therefore we join our voices with all creation,
with the saints and the struggling,
with those who hope and those who hunger,
singing:

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

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ.
On the night before he gave himself for the life of the world,
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:
"This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
in the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying:
"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."
Remembering your justice and mercy made flesh in Christ,
we offer ourselves as living signs of your grace,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts of bread and cup.
Make them be for us communion with Christ,
that we may be communion with one another-
one body committed to love, justice, and peace.
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

**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.**

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 435*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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***Please join us for a reception honoring
Jenna Campbell and her time as Director
of Children's and Youth Ministry on Sunday,
February 8 directly following worship in Fellowship
Hall. A basket will be available for cards.***

O for a World

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems. The first system includes a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The third system concludes the piece with a final vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

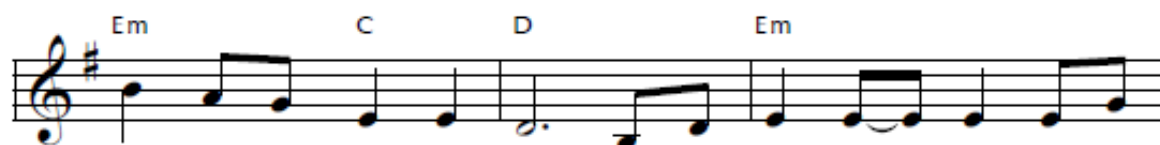
Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

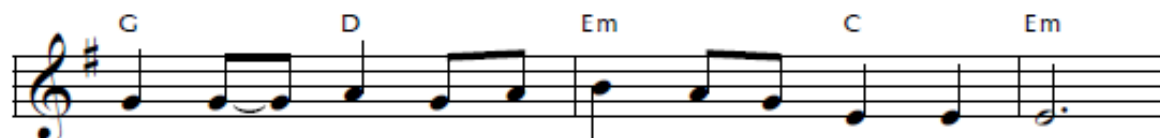
Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



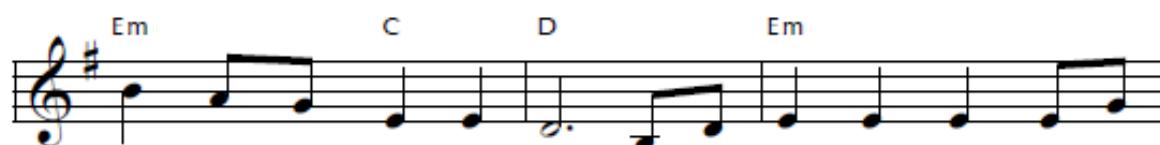
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

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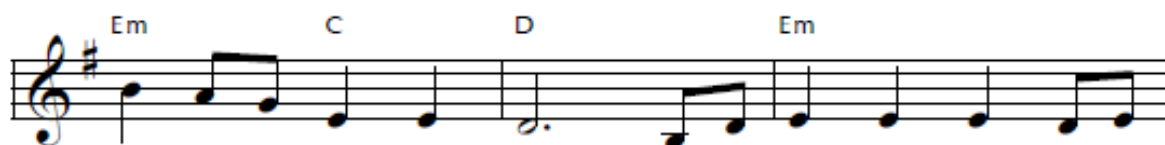


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

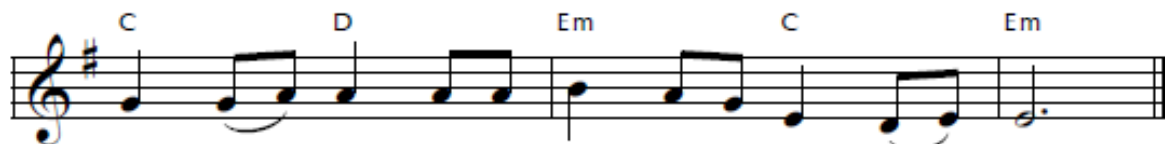
Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

Introducing Pastor Peter Olson, Bridge Pastor for FPC

Pastor Peter Olson serves as an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and has agreed to serve a season of ministry with First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater as our Bridge Pastor. He brings over a decade of pastoral experience in congregational and synod-wide leadership, with a deep passion for helping people discover they are not alone and that God's grace meets them where they are in life.

Most recently, Pastor Olson served as the Director of Evangelical Mission and Assistant to the Bishop for the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod (ELCA), where he worked with congregations across the two-state region to strengthen ministries, support leaders, and explore new possibilities for mission and outreach. Prior to that role, he served eight years in a four-point shared ministry in Perry, Enid, Marshall, and Ponca City where he developed a heart for collaborative, creative ministry.

Pastor Olson earned his undergraduate degree from Texas Lutheran University and completed his Master of Divinity at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. His preaching and teaching are shaped by a strong emphasis on grace, connection, and honest faith that makes room for questions, wrestling, and deep honest hope. He is especially passionate about building inclusive community, supporting youth and families, and helping congregations live into God's call with courage and compassion.

Peter and his wife, Ashley, have three children, and their family is joyfully immersed in a mix of church life, school, and a shared love for creativity and storytelling. When he's not in the pulpit or on the road, Pastor Olson enjoys photography, especially night-sky and astrophotography, Renaissance festivals, and the occasional Star Trek reference. He is grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside the people of First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater and looks forward to listening, learning, and serving together in this season of ministry.

If you need to email him directly, he can be reached at pastorpeterolson@gmail.com

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Rev. Joel Wood
Liturgist: Pastor Peter Olson
Guest Pianist: Blake Hilligoss
Interim Choir Director: Ryan Downing
Counters: Ted Kniering, Sandy Cohlma

THE DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Health/Personal	Health/Personal
Dorothy Akin	Larry Redburn
Betty Bays	Heather Rine (Seals)
Blake & April (Baker)	Michelle Scheible (Hearn)
Rita Breuninger	Carol Schmitt (Arquitt)
Norma Burk	Danielle Shreve
J. T. Cotter (Holland)	Roger Stevens (Garoffolo)
Connie Dixon (Yost)	Connie Stiegler
The Edwards Family	Bill Tearney
Mary Emmet	Tammy Wasson
Family of Mike Flowers	Lynda Williams
Bennett Frohock	Military
Tom Gent (Shreve)	Dan Brooks
Denise Houston (Houston)	Felicity Bruner
Roger Lantz (Garoffolo)	Casey Campbell
Doug Legler (Beckstrom)	Justin Fowler
Nathan Moore (Stangl)	Matt Krehbiel
Becky Noah (Schreve)	Miles Smith

Names in parentheses indicate connection to FPC.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, February 15, 2026

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided by Scout Troops 820 and 888

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 1

9:15 a.m. Meditation Group – UR
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - HA
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion – SAN
 5:00 p.m. PYG - YS

Monday

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga – FH
 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

Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Second Mile Sewing – FH
 11:30 a.m. Presbyterian Men's Lunch – Hideaway
 12:00 p.m. ROMEO's Men's Group – HA
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal - WR

Thursday

12:10 p.m. Chair Yoga – FH

Friday

Saturday

9:00 a.m. 7th Day Adventist Worship – WC
 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Community Brunch – NFH
 Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for brunch guests
 1:00 p.m. Youth Sunday Rehearsal - FH

Sunday, February 8 – Youth Sunday

9:15 a.m. Meditation Group – UR
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - HA
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship – FH
 12:00 p.m. Reception for Jenna Campbell - FH

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)

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Rebecca te Velde, Organist/Director of Music Emerita