

Service for the Lord's Day
August 7, 2022—11:00 am
Communion Sunday

We Gather As God's People

Large print bulletins are available upon request

Prelude "Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus/In Christ Alone" Tournquist

Greeting & Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns and yet God provides for the basic sustenance of life.

People: **May our hearts be open to trust you.**

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither study nor plan nor plot their course and yet God writes the instinct for migration into their hearts.

People: **May our eyes be open to see you.**

Leader: Look at the birds of the air; they neither talk nor vote nor debate their responsibility yet God weaves them into communities which nurture and defend.

People: **May our hands be open to serve you. In all this, let us worship God together!**

***Hymn** "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" PH#457
(vv. 1-3)

Call to Confession

Leader: The Apostle James encourages us to confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, that we may be healed. Let us confess together.

Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

All: **Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace; to serve each other in love and humility; to serve your world with wisdom and energy. Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love. Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. Sometimes...many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and we declare the good news of the Gospel: forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

***Gloria Patri #579**

Passing the Peace

We Hear the Word Proclaimed

Prayer For Illumination

Old Testament Lesson Ecclesiastes 3:1-14 (pg. 659)

Time with Children

***Hymn** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" PH#383

Gospel Lesson Luke 12:22-31 (pg. 1031)

Sermon "Don't Worry"
Kristy Rodgers

We Respond to the Word

Anthem "Communion Prayer" Pote
Chancel Choir

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to Communion
The Prayer of Thanksgiving/The Lord's Prayer
Communion of the People
Response to God's Grace
Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" PH#379

***Benediction**

***Doxology** PH#592

Postlude "Fughetta" Telemann

*Congregation stand if able

Bold indicates leader and congregation in unison

PH = Presbyterian Hymnal, CH = Celebration Hymnal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are here to worship while you're in town, we are grateful you chose to join us! We hope you experience a warm hospitality while with us! If you are a resident searching for a place to connect and engage your heart and hands, we hope you'll find opportunities here. If you have questions about First Presbyterian Church, please let us know! You can speak with Pastors Stephen or Kristy after worship, or you can call/email them during the week. Our intention is to foster a place of belonging where people are equipped to grow in faithful living and are engaged in meaningful ministry. Periodically we schedule opportunities to meet for people interested in joining First Presbyterian Church. If you'd like more information about First Presbyterian Church's mission and ministry, please contact the office (918-336-5762). No matter what level of connection you seek, we're glad you're here.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Mission of the Month for August is First Friends Learning Center! Their mission statement is "a child who is nurtured in an atmosphere with gentleness, acceptance, and loving care, will develop a positive attitude and high self-esteem. We believe in educating the whole child: socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually." Please help us support First Friends by providing items from the list posted in the Welcome Center, hallways, and www.fpcbok.org/events.

BOOKIES READING GROUP

Bookies will meet Monday, August 8, to discuss *Band of Sisters*, by Lauren Willig. We will meet in the church library at 4:30 pm. Please join us anytime!

EXPLORING CROSSROADS

Exploring Crossroads Sunday school class will resume after a lengthy break. We will begin on Sunday, August 14, at 9:45 am, in room 105. We will dismiss at 10:30 am so choir members may make it to practice prior to the service. The study we are discussing is *Twelve Unlikely Heroes*, by John MacArthur. Everyone is welcome!

WEDNESDAY FAITHLIFT/WND RESUMES

Please join us on Wednesday, August 17, 5:30—7:00 pm, as we meet in the Fellowship Hall for a mid-week Faith Lift! This also marks the first night back for WND! We look forward to gathering together and enjoying weekly fellowship again! There will be more details coming soon.

BUILDING BRIDGES MEAL

On the fourth Thursday of each month, FPC has the honor of preparing and serving a meal for the families of Building Bridges of Oklahoma. The next meal we prepare is Thursday, August 25. If you would like to help prepare and/or serve, please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you for your amazing support of this program of the church!

I AM A DOWNTOWN CHURCH

I am a downtown church.

Some people rather pity me, for they think that I am destined to grow weak and die. But they do not know me, or they would know better.

I have an honorable history. I was here a century ago, and I will be here a century hence. Long after neighborhoods have changed, and good neighborhoods have deteriorated, I will continue to be strong.

For I am in the heart of the city, and my ministry is not to a section of the town, but to the entire city, for I reach out in every direction. My ministry touches every neighborhood and is extended to all classes.

I am not provincial in my outlook. In me the rich and the poor mingle in the fellowship of worship. Through me the poor are ennobled and enriched and the rich are made generous and gentle.

I love to serve. I exist for others. This may be the reason why I am able to keep my strength through the years.

You would not want me to die through your indifference any more than you would want the government of your city to weaken and die.

I leave my future to you, for my place in the city depends upon your loyalty. I believe that I can count on you. God wills us strong. God's will be done.

~This poem appeared in the FPC bulletin in the early seventies and again in "A Century of Blessings: A Centennial History of

First Presbyterian Church."

The author is unknown.

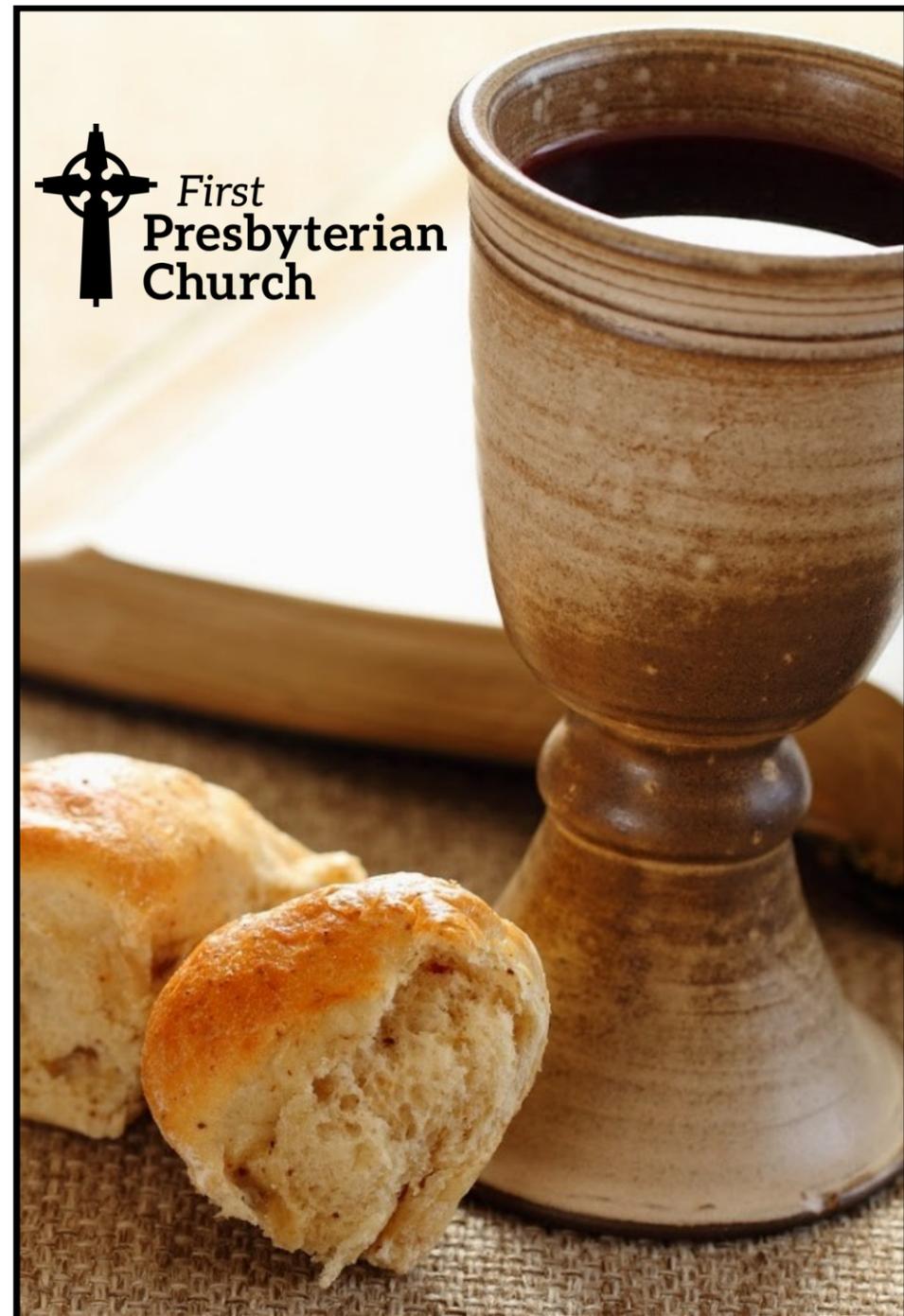
WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME? We're glad you're here. Worship is at the heart of our faith life at First Presbyterian; everything else comes from there as we **"Make God's love our way of life by Seeking, Sharing, and Serving."**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: 10:00 am
 Youth (*will not meet again until August*) Room 12
 Children (*will not meet again until August*) Room 19
 Exploring Crossroads (*will not meet again until August*) Room 105
 Alternative Room 1
 Geneva.....Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOWNTOWN:
(Meeting once a month during the summer. Check the weekly announcements for dates and times!)

- Connect with us online at www.fpcbok.org to:
- Listen to Worship Audio
 - View Livestream Worship Services
 - Connect with us on Social Media
 - Learn about opportunities to give and serve the Church and our community
 - Learn more about the people of First Presbyterian Church and our missions



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