

First Presbyterian Church of Stillwater, Oklahoma PC(USA)

Order of Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Call to Worship**

One: Come, all who are weary and longing for courage!

All: Holy Spirit, open our hearts.

One: Come, all who are guarded and longing for mercy!

All: Holy Spirit, open our hearts.

One: Come, all who seek compassion, inclusion, and grace!

All: Christ calls us to follow in love.

One: Let us worship God, who meets us and sends us into the world.

All: Thanks be to God!!!

Hymn of Praise 692**

Spirit, Open My Heart

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,
we confess that we often want love
without cost.**

**We want compassion from a distance,
inclusion that does not change us,
and grace that asks little of our lives.**

**We confess that we grow tired.
We grow protective of our comfort.
We tell ourselves we have done enough.
We look away from suffering
when it asks too much of us.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Free us from faith on the sidelines.
Save us from confusing safety with faithfulness.
Teach us to move toward our neighbors
with courage, tenderness, and truth.**

**Help us receive your grace,
and then help us live it
for the sake of the world you love.
Amen.**

Kyrie

551

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

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear the good news... ..again into love.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response to 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!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Matthew 16:21-28

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Time with Children

Jesus Loves Me, GTG 188

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Sermon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith**

Excerpt from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

One: Let us affirm our faith together.

All: We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves

and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God

in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Faith 826**

Lift High the Cross

Prayers of the People

Let us bring our prayers to God... ..in the prayer Christ taught us, saying:

**All: 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.**

All: Amen.

Invitation to Discipleship and Call for the Offering

Anthem

“He Never Failed Me Yet”, Ray

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**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Sending Hymn 762**

When the Poor Ones

Charge and Benediction**

Go now into the world... ..you now and always.

All: Amen.

Postlude



Preacher: Pastor Peter Olson

Liturgist: Matt Pereira

Organist: Lucia Unrau

Worship Director: Ben Kambs

Counters: David Conway & Barbara Stoecker

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The Deacons' Prayer List 8/20/26

Health/Personal	Health/Personal	Health/Personal	Military
Dorothy Akin	Mona Haney (Chermack)	Larry Redburn	Felicity Bruner
Betty Bays	Kirsten Hoffman	Heather Rine (Seals)	Casey Campbell
Jordan Bigelow	Denise Houston (Houston)	Michelle Scheible (Hearn)	Justin Fowler
Blake & April (D Baker)	Tami Krehbiel's Mom	Carol Schmitt (Arquitt)	Matt Krehbiel
Rita Breuninger	Doug Legler (N Beckstrom)	Danielle Shreve	Miles Smith
Norma Burk	Cassidy Lyons (N Beckstrom)	Roger Stevens (Garoffolo)	
J.T. Cotter (J Holland)	Jerry Lambdin	Connie Stiegler	
Connie Dixon (Yost)	Nancy Martz	Jase Tanton	
The Edwards Family	Nathan Moore (Stangl)	Bill Tearney	
Mary Emmet	Bonny Mullen	Lynda Williams	
Bennett Frohock	Osten Utley 'Oz' (Charter)	Valerie Zayat-Bloodgood	
Tom Gent (Shreve)	Larry Caldwell	(Houston)	
Kay Stewart			

Sunday August 30th	Monday August 31st	Tuesday September 1st
9:15AM Leader Launch - FH	10:30AM Chair Yoga - FH	
9:15AM Meditation - WC	7:00PM Scouts - WC, Scouts & FH	
9:45AM Sunday School		
9:45AM Coffee & Fellowship - HA		
11:00am Worship Service - SAN		
Wednesday September 2nd	Thursday September 3rd	Friday September 4th
9:30AM 2nd Mile Sewing - FH	12:10PM Chair Yoga - FH	7:00PM Peace Jam - FH
11:30AM Hideaway Men - Hideaway	7:30 PM PYG Parent Gathering - FH	
12:00PM ROMEO's - HA		
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal- WR		
Saturday September 5th	Sunday September 6th	FPC Room Abbreviation Key FH = Fellowship Hall HA= Hospitality Area LIB = Library (201) MPR = Multipurpose Rm SAN = Sanctuary WC = Worship Center WR = Westminster Room YS = Youth Suite SR = Sensory Room PYG = Presbyterian Youth Group (6th-12th)
11:00AM Saturday Brunch	9:15AM Meditation - WC	
12:00PM Shower Appointments	9:45AM Sunday School	
	9:45AM Coffee & Fellowship - HA	
	11:00am Worship Service - SAN	



Children & Worship begins on Sunday August 23rd

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Presbyterian Women Bible Study resumes September 9th at 10 a.m.

Reach out to Lisa McGaw lmcgaw@me.com or Andrea Arquitt andrea.arquitt@okstate.edu for more information.



Do you have a heart for serving others, or are you looking for a way to get involved at the church? We'd love to hear from you!

We need volunteers for:

Saturday Brunch

Sunday Worship

Choir

If you're interested in volunteering—or if you have a need for volunteers

Please reach out to Kristyn in the Church Office

kristyn.yerger@stillwaterfpc.org or (405) 372-5580



Celebration of Spencer Family

Tim and Becky Schlais would like to invite our church family to celebrate as Rachel (Schlais) and Tim Spencer start their new journey as married couple. This community of faith has been there from the beginning for Rachel and they both would like the church family to walk alongside them—praying, encouraging, and celebrating each step of the way.

Rachel and Tim were married in Wyoming on August 1, 2026. They would like to celebrate the start of their new life with church family. Please join us for Celebration of Family for a come and go reception on September 13th at 2p.m.-4p.m. in Hospitality Area

Celebration of wedding with church family for Rachel (Schlais) and Tim Spencer.
Your prayers and presence will be their greatest blessings.