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CHURCH OF THE SERVANT'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER











FALL FEST

October 26th 5:00-7:00 pm

TRUNK-OR-TREAT, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, INFLATABLES,











Rev. Kyle Anderson Senior Pastor

Pastor's PERSPECTIVE

EMBRACING FAITH & COMMUNITY

Servant Faith Family,

There I was, leading our Wednesday night Disciple I Bible Study in Community Hall (6:30-8:00 p.m. each Wednesday if you'd like to join us!) when a member of our Celebration Choir came up the stairs and stood outside the glass doors looking in. I was trying to teach, but I was obviously distracted by the concerned look on their face and the way they were frantically scanning the backs of my class members' heads. So, I waved to them and asked what the problem was. "The sump pump downstairs is alarming!"

If you're new to Church of the Servant, this place has a love-hate relationship with water. The waterfall in the Celebration Center, love it! The water that flows down outside stairwells and gathers at our basement entrances, hate it. The water that our Green Team uses to keep our plants thriving couldn't happen without it! The water that finds its way through the tiniest crevices and drips down from the ceiling, wish it never existed. The water that is poured upon children and adults as they receive the gift of baptism, life giving! The water that flows through natural waterways under our facility and sometimes overwhelms our sump pumps, life draining.

This anxious choir member was, of course, looking for our Director of Facilities, who just happened to be out of state, learning at a conference. So, I responded, "I guess I'd better take a look," knowing full well that I didn't have a clue as to what to do. Luckily, likely seeing the expression on my face, two men from the class immediately jumped up and declared, "We got it!"

Long story short, those two, along with a third whom they texted with a question and who responded with, "I'll be there in 5 minutes," got the sump pump in good working order, the water drained without flooding, and it (fingers crossed) has not faulted again since.



Just last Sunday, we concluded our Questions God Asks sermon series with God asking Moses, "What is that in your hand?" I don't want to repeat the whole sermon here (you can find it at YouTube.com/@servantokc), but I believe the lesson is that God can take anything, like a simple staff, and anyone, like Moses, and use them to further God's Kingdom here on earth. Any gift, talent, experience, or resource that you have can be utilized to glorify God.



Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

Join us for worship this Sunday. We will be gathering together to celebrate and give thanks, to connect with one another, and to seek guidance and inspiration for the week ahead.

Sunday service time is 10:00 AM and includes uplifting music, prayer, and a message that I believe will speak to your heart. Whether you are a longtime member of our community or are joining us for the first time, we welcome you and look forward to seeing you there!

Sow Generously, Reap Eternally Servant Family 2026 Stewardship Campaign Commitment Sunday, October 26th

"But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty." - Matthew 13:23

Every year, we as a Servant faith family consider the promise we made to God and this faith community when we joined to support the ministries of Church of the Servant with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This promise is lived out practically as we attend service on Sunday mornings, serve in and support missional outreach, participate in small group discipleship opportunities, and so much more. One of the ways we support the church so that Sunday services, our ministries, and our missional outreach may continue is through our financial gifts. Your tithes and offerings sow seeds that grow into fruit for the Kingdom of God now and ensure that fruit will continue for generations to come.

And I know that you do. I shared this story because I know this is just one of the countless examples of how you, the Servant Faith Family, jump up to say "we've got this" when it comes to the needs of our facility, our family of faith, and the Kingdom of God right here in Northwest Oklahoma City. So, thank you to those three who allowed me to keep teaching with confidence that everything would be taken care of, and thank you to all of you who step up in ways great and small to make Church of the Servant the great place that it is today.

I look forward to celebrating and serving the Lord in this great place right alongside you again soon!

Blessings,

Pastor Kyle

So that your Leadership Team and Servant staff can make sound decisions and be good financial stewards of your gifts as we plan for the coming year, we will be kicking off our 2026 Stewardship Campaign later this month. The week of October 20, Servant members along with those who have supported the work of Church of the Servant financially this past year will receive a pledge card along with a letter inviting them to make a financial commitment for the coming year. Sunday, October 26th is Commitment Sunday where you will be given an opportunity to make a financial commitment for the coming year and place your pledge card on the Lord's Table. We look forward to committing ourselves to God's kingdom work for the coming year alongside you later this month!



Rev. Sheri Lashley
Associate Pastor

Pastor Sheri's Notes

I was sitting in my backyard recently, around 7:00 a.m., throwing a tennis ball for my pup to fetch. He fetches but doesn't necessarily bring it to me. It's one of our favorite games. Unless it is hot outside... then I am not so eager to be there! Then, suddenly, I think I felt it. It is just for a moment, but it was there. From my backyard, I can hear a nearby High School band practicing for marching season, and that drum corps just added to the sensation. You know the one... a hint of cool weather on the way, the football season underway, and the band playing at halftime.

It is almost here. Fall. Autumn. Pumpkins. Sweaters. My Favorite Season of weather is almost here. It brings us to so many great things. Fall Festivals. Thanksgiving. And then... without trying to get ahead of myself, Advent is coming. We are already planning!

How do the holidays coming make you feel? Because I recently lost my father, I know that there are going to be a lot of "firsts" without him. So, I know that there will be tender moments with family. But I am excited, nevertheless. With Fall programming in full swing, Bible Studies, youth, and kids' ministries going, the Children's Choir is beginning so we can be ready for a Christmas program.... We start Christmas Grace and prepare for Earthglow Market. I pray that you enter into this time intentionally, ready to take full advantage of what the church has to offer. And I pray that you offer the church all that you are. You have so many gifts to share. I can't wait to see how they all play out together.

I hope to see you at all the things! The cool weather is almost here! Yay!

Pastor Sheri



Annual Church Conference

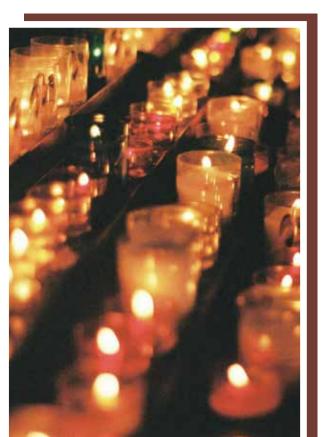
Sunday November 9th, 2025 12:30 PM in Community Hall

Mark your calendar and plan on joining with fellow members of Church of the Servant for our Annual Church Conference on Sunday, November 9, at 12:30 p.m. in Community Hall. There, we will receive a report from the Nominations Committee on recommended leadership for the coming year, set pastor salaries for the coming year, and hear reports from various ministry groups about what God has been doing through Church of the Servant over the past year. Note that all are welcome, but only Church of the Servant members are permitted to vote at the Annual Church Conference.



Coffee Menu November Specialty Menu:

- Salted Caramel Apple Latte
- Pumpkin Spice Latte/Cappuccino
- Chai Chai Tea Latte
- Chocolate/Vanilla Mocha
- Smore's Hot Chocolate



13.2 Coffee Shop November, December and January Open Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it..." - Hebrews 13:2

As you have likely seen, our Church of the Servant facility has a coffee shop called 13.2, named for our encouragement in the book of Hebrews to show hospitality at all times. The coffee shop has been closed on Sunday mornings since COVID, yet our call to show hospitality and the need for fellowship among our community of faith has not ceased.

For that reason, we are going to reopen the 13.2 Coffee Shop on a trial basis from 9:00-10:00 AM for the months of November, December, and January.

To celebrate, your drip coffee or tea on Sunday, November 2nd is on me!

Additionally, each Sunday I'll be spending time at 13.2 happy to converse and fellowship with anyone who would like to join me. So I hope you'll consider coming early, fellowshiping with the Servant family of faith, and then we'll move to the Celebration Center to celebrate the Lord and offer God our praise. See you there!

Blessings, Pastor Kyle

All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

Every Sunday, we dedicate time to celebrate the Lord and offer God our praise. Additionally, it is important for us as members of the Servant faith family to celebrate one another. One way we do so each year is by celebrating the members of Church of the Servant who have entered into God's eternal kingdom since our celebration last year. We refer to this celebration as "All Saints Sunday." This year, our All Saints Sunday is scheduled for November 2, 2025. As part of this service, we will read off the names of members who have passed away and light a candle in their memory.

While every Sunday is important, we hope that you'll make every effort to be in attendance on All Saints Sunday as a witness to our appreciation for those in our family of faith who helped make Church of the Servant all that it is and now rest at God's side at that place prepared for them.



FAMILY MINISTRIES

SERVANT YOUTH

Servant Youth is back together! We meet on Sundays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM and Wednesdays from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. In October, we will be discussing authentic faith in our Sunday school time. Our youth time on Wednesday nights consists of worship, a lesson, and fellowship! We can't wait to see you there!

SERVANT KIDS

Servant Kids is back in action! We are getting ready to start the Children's Choir on Sundays from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will be preparing for the children's Christmas pageant, which will be held on December 7.

On Sundays, we are learning about people in the Bible who put their trust in God, such as Ruth, Rahab, Moses, and Joshua! In October, we will look at people who became wise!

Join us on Sundays, 10:00-11:00 AM for Children's church, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM for Children's choir, and Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 PM for fun, learning, and fellowship!





Church of the Servant
Children's Choir
Grades Pre-K thru 5th

Beginning October 5
We will meet each Sunday
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM



2025 Booth and Volunteer Registration for Fall Fest is open!

CAN YOU HOST A TRUNK FOR TRUNK-OR-TREAT? Traditional trunk-or-treating is where kids will be walking from booth to booth to get candy and treats! Our event is on October 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. We would love for you to host a booth! All skill levels of booth decorators are encouraged to participate! You will have a blast seeing the kids in their costumes and the excitement on their faces as they come to your booth. CAN YOU VOLUNTEER? We have several areas that will need friendly helpers! This includes help with set-up and/or clean-up, monitoring the inflatables, and hospitality greeters.













PICKLEBALL CLINIC FOR CHILDREN GRADES 1-8

PICKLEBALL 2026 SCHEDULE:

October 11- Clinic
October 18- Clinic
October 23- Free Play
November 1- Clinic
November 6-Free Play
November 15- Tournament

(Children will be separated according to grade)

FIRST SESSION:

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

SECOND SESSION:

10:30-11:30 AM

INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT:

Our open class is designed for everyone, from beginners taking their first swing to seasoned players looking to refine their skills. It's a welcoming atmosphere where camaraderie and improvement go hand in hand.

Parents must stay while their child is at the clinic or at free play days.

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP OR CONTACT CHRIS WARD AT CWARD@CHURCHOFTHESERVANT.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION







CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

14343 N. MacArthur Blvd. OKC



Faith, Hope & Art

Ladies' Winter Craft Event Tuesday, December 9, 6:00-8:30 PM

LADIES: Bring a friend and join us on **Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 - 8:30 PM in Community Hall** for a fun evening of art and sweets. The cost is \$15 and includes desserts, coffee, and all the art supplies you will need to complete a beautiful Christmas-themed art project.

We will paint Christmas bulbs on a tree with acrylic paint on a canvas. You don't have to be artistic to complete this project. Easy, step-by-step instructions will be provided, and basic acrylic painting techniques will be demonstrated. All materials and supplies will be provided. Come have some fun while exploring your own creativity. Your masterpiece will truly be one of a kind! Register at ServantOKC.org/art.





40th ANNUAL

EARTHGLOW Market

- Holiday Décor
- Crafts
- Bake Sale
- Earthglow Café
- Free Admission!

Saturday, NOVEMBER 8th 9 AM - 3 PM



PRIME TIME

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025

OCTOBER

PRIME TIME LUNCHEON Thursday, October 9, 10:30 AM Community Hall

Special Guest: Edgar Cruz

Edgar Cruz, Guitarist Extraordinaire

A Virtuoso on guitar - Edgar's wizardry on the fretboard leaves listeners in awe, wondering how he does it...it's like he's playing an entire symphony with just his two hands!

Michele Snow will provide us with a yummy meal that includes an entrée, vegetable, salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. The cost for the program and meal is \$15 (\$5 for program only).



DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, October 6th!

NOVEMBER

PRIME TIME OUTING

Thursday, November 13, 10:30 AM First American Museum

Prime Time Members and guests are invited to attend a private group tour of the First American Museum on Thursday, November 13.

The Museum is located at 659 First Americans Blvd, OKC. Please meet us at the Group Tour XChange Entrance of the museum at 10:30 AM for an introduction, followed by a one-hour guided tour. Please register on the Church's web page, or sign up at the Prime Time table.

The admission cost is \$12. You can pay upon arrival at the museum. Lunch will be on your own.

Coordinated ride shares can be arranged. Please indicate in the comments when you register if you would like a ride with a volunteer driver.

If you have any questions, please call Mary at 405-204-4267.







MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways in which you can truly do God's work in the world. We have a lot of great volunteer opportunities for you to become the hands and feet of Christ in the world right here in our own backyard of Oklahoma City! Continue reading to learn more about the many ways that Church of the Servant blesses our community.



Christmas Grace - For over 20 years Church of the Servant has partnered with community agencies that have identified local families needing a little extra love and support at Christmas. Working through these agencies, Servant small groups, classes and individuals adopt hundreds of people each year. Email **Amy Johnson** or go to **ServantOKC.org/christmas-grace** for more information.

Meals on Wheels - Too many who hunger for food are starved of hope. Join us to make a difference in thousands of lives. Hope is more than a meal. Each week, teams of church members deliver meals to homebound senior citizens in our community who may not otherwise have nourishing meals or visits. Email <u>Cathy Maxwell</u> for more information.

Rise Against Hunger - Church of the Servant has packaged over 1.6 million meals for school children and feeding programs worldwide? Why?

- 1 in 9 people on our planet go to bed hungry each night.
- Hunger kills more each year than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.
- The first 1,000 days of a child's life, from pregnancy through age two, are critical. A proper diet in this period can protect children from the mental and physical stunting that can result from malnutrition.
- 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, with 23 million in Africa alone.
- It's possible to put an end to extreme poverty, hunger and injustice for all!

We will partner with Rise Against Hunger again in 2026 to package 45,000 meals! Look for more information coming soon! Email Roger Cude for more information.





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Project Transformation - Founded in 2002, Project Transformation Oklahoma (PTOK) provides an eight-week summer literacy day camp for elementary-age children who are behind in their reading and live in low-income households. In addition to working on their reading skills, children participate in STEM, recreation, art, and other enrichment activities each day. Children receive a healthy breakfast, lunch, and snack. PTOK is funded through the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church and is offered at no charge to participating families. College-age young adults, hired by PTOK, lead the camps at each location. Volunteers from United Methodist congregations read with each child for 30 minutes each day. More than 3,000 children have participated in PTOK since its inception and 97% of the participants have maintained or improved their reading! Email Pat McGarrity for more information.









Rebuilding Together - Rebuilding Together preserves and revitalizes homes and communities so that low-income elderly homeowners may live in warmth, safety, and independence. They remodel houses all year long but they host a large Rebuild Day every year in early spring. More information to come in 2026.

Whiz Kids - Whiz Kids is a city-wide faith-based program that focuses on literacy for 1st-4th grade students from Title 1 schools. There are 28 sites around the OKC area. Whiz Kids provides all the books, resources, hands on learning games and a teacher liaison from the assigned school to support each site. The church provides volunteers to make the program run. This year we are partnering with New Hope UMC (11600 N. Council Rd). Our school is Ralph Downs Elementary (7501 N. Hefner Rd) in the Putnam City district. After school on Mondays, we transport the kids to New Hope, serve them a healthy snack, have a special "Jesus Time," and then tutor them for an hour. We need volunteers for transportation, set-up, homemade cookie bakers, tutoring, and subs in all areas. The children need us to support them educationally, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Email Shirley Rolston for more information.

Bless Our Schools - Throughout the year, we support our local schools by sending a little love to our teachers through lunches and supply boxes. In December 2024, we took up an offering to help the clothes closets at Deer Creek Schools and Putnam City Schools. We are looking for a new individual to lead this mission. Email **Amy Johnson** for more information.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Exodus House - Exodus House is a place for individuals who have recently been released from prison to have six months to live rent-free and establish a new life. Our church furnishes and maintains an apartment and partners with Penn Avenue Redemption United Methodist Church in providing Christian outreach. Email Donna Powell for more information.

Infant Crisis Services - Infant Crisis Services (ICS) is an emergency pantry providing for the immediate needs of infants. Our church collects items throughout the year. Members are always welcome to contact ICS for volunteer opportunities. Email **Miki Farris** for more information.



NSO - Neighborhood Services Organization (NSO) serves the at-risk and homeless of the Oklahoma City community by transforming lives and encouraging independence through safe, healthy homes, dental care and nutrition. Many individuals and Sunday school classes volunteer in various ways. Email Pat McGarrity for more information.

Skyline Urban Ministry - Skyline Urban Ministry is a United Methodist ministry whose goal is to establish an atmosphere of respect and empathy while providing groceries, meals, clothing, eye exams, and dignity to Oklahomans struggling with resources. Email **Amy Johnson** for more information.

Circle of Care - The United Methodist Circle of Care ministers to Oklahoma children and youth through residential and foster care families. Our joint mission is to provide Christian help, healing and hope to children, youth, and families who are in crisis. Our focus as a church is ChildShare which works to recruit, train and provide support to foster parents. Email **Shirley Rolston** for more information.

As you can see, we have many opportunities to help our community. If you would like to get more involved but are not sure where to start, please reach out to Amy Johnson and she can assist you (abjohnson99@hotmail.com).





Christmas Sponsor a Family!

For over 20 years, Church of the Servant has worked with community agencies that have identified local families needing a little extra love and care at Christmas. Christmas Grace is well underway in preparing for Christmas this year. This year, the program will serve six partner agencies, reaching about 120 individuals, from infants to seniors. These are people facing difficult circumstances—families for whom your kindness can make all the difference. For more information about Christmas Grace, go to ServantOKC.org/christmas-grace.

Christmas Grace tables will be located in the Concourse each Sunday in November. Plan now with your family, as well as your classes and study groups to sponsor some individuals and families. This is such an important mission right here in the OKC area!

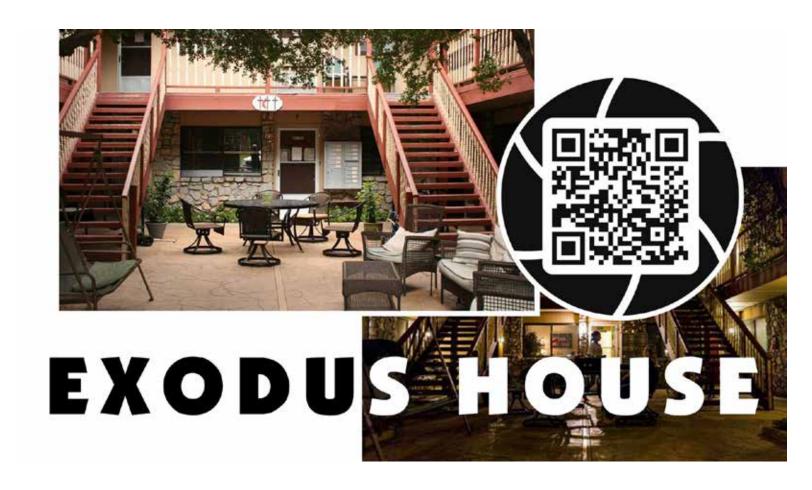
Adoption Table Open Dates:

Sundays, November 2, 9, and 16

Gift Return Deadline: Sunday, November 23



Starts on Sunday, November 2nd!



All Fish Funds received in October 2025 will go to

EXODUS HOUSE

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Avenue Redemption United Methodist Church in providing Christian outreach. Email **Donna Powell** for more information about Exodus House and how you can get involved.

This month, we are partnering with Exodus House through our weekly Fish Appeal. Please consider making a donation to the Fish Fund. What is the Fish Fund? Every Sunday, Church of the Servant collects what we call a voluntary Fish Offering. There are a few fish-shaped baskets placed around the sanctuary. We use these offerings for missions. We have a few Sundays when the fish offering will be dedicated to a particular organization such as Skyline Urban Ministries, Bless Our Schools, or Infant Crisis Services. On the other days, the offering goes into a general mission fund called the Fish Fund to be used for mission work as it is needed in the community, the state, and the world. We love and appreciate your support! Give on Sunday or online at ServantOKC.org/fishfund.



Church of the Servant Blood Drive

Sunday, October 19 9 a.m. - Noon Join us in the Courtyard!











CITY CARE

This year, our 16th year of Church of the Servant's partnership with Whiz Kids, we have 38 students and 38 tutor/mentors, the most we have ever had! Our site is the largest Whiz Kids site in OKC. The transformational time the students and their mentors spend together is only possible through the love and dedication of our 86 adult volunteers - our Coordinators, our Tutor/Mentors, our Terrific Transportation Team, our Super Substitute Tutors, our Set-Up Team, and our Homemade Cookie Bakers. All of us working together — praying our combined efforts give these children the extra boost they need to learn to read, so they can read to learn. The positive impact this ministry has upon the lives of our volunteers, our students, their families, and our community is hard to overstate.

Choosing to participate in Whiz Kids is a gift for the soul, offered to you every Monday during the school year. This gift opens eyes and hearts to observe God loving on His kiddos in such a powerfully transformative way. It is possible only through the willing hands, hearts, and feet of the many adults who make this ministry the WOW it is!

Every Monday during the school year, this delightful gift is offered to you!

We would LOVE to have you pop into visit our site sometime! We meet at New Hope UMC, 11600 N Council Rd, on Mondays from approximately 2:15 to 4:45 PM. Who knows — maybe your visit will spark a desire to be with us! We are always in need of more Drivers, Super Substitute Tutors, and help with Set-Up Team. It is amazing what a difference just a couple of hours a week or a month can make in your life and the life of a child.



CHURCH OF THE SERVANT

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

The Table Is Set

In the next several weeks, you will be seeing information about Church of the Servant's upcoming Stewardship campaign. Fall typically brings about slightly cooler temperatures, football, pumpkin spice lattes, and your local church's request for money as budgets for the upcoming year need to be set. Seriously though, as much as I like that football has arrived and that we are experiencing cooler temperatures (only slightly), and that pumpkin-infused drinks are now available, right now I find myself with a feeling of tremendous appreciation for the season of giving, at this time and at this place. What an honor it is to give to Church of the Servant! What an honor it is to support the place that has meant so much to me, my family, and I'm sure you as well! The table is set!

As a Leadership Team, we have worked extremely hard over the past year to year and a half to "prepare the table" and stabilize the foundation here at Church of the Servant and, I believe we have done just that. There is still so much more to do. There are decisions to make, documents to sign, and a critical eye as we review our processes and performance but know this – Church of the Servant is a great "investment!" We are a great "buy" and let me tell you why. If you are reading this then I am certain that your life has been changed because of Church of the Servant. At 14343 North MacArthur, you have experienced the light of Christ, you have seen the smiles on the faces of your friends and family, and you have witness tremendous support when you needed it most.

Those experiences have not gone away over the last two years and, in fact, I would argue that they are only building stronger and stronger and becoming more prevalent in our lives once again. The table is set! It is set for new beginnings and a new life for all of us and in those that will be coming.

I hope each of you will join us in a few weeks as we all prayerfully consider how we at Church of the Servant can show this world the beautiful life in Jesus Christ. We are ready! We are ready to accept new people. We are ready to accept your friends and we are ready to grow. The table has been prepared! Join us! Join us on Sunday mornings and join us as we embark on a new stewardship campaign for 2026!

Todd Neaves

Leadership Team Chairperson

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Church of the Servant's Leadership Team governs the congregation's work and ministry. The Leadership Team has scheduled monthly meetings. All Leadership Team meetings are open to the public. For more information about the Leadership Team, go to ServantOKC.org/leadership-team.



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WORSHIP TIME
SUNDAYS at 10:00 AM

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