

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

February 1st, 2026

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:45 am

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:3-9

Welcome and Announcements

Mindy Choate

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Sunnie Baker
Pianist/Organist

*Call to Worship, Responsive

(based on Psalm 15)

Lord, we come into your sanctuary with eagerness.

May we hear your call and speak your truth.

Lord, we come to abide with you in love.

Gather us in honest and faithful community.

Lord, prepare us to be people of hope and grace.

Kindle in us courage to live as brave and faithful disciples.

Let us worship our God together in this holy place.

Alleluia. Amen.

***Hymn 664 – Morning Has Broken**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

(based on Micah 6:1-8)

Merciful God, we come before you in confession. You have showered us with blessings, but we hoard those gifts, refusing to share with our neighbors in need. You have given us freedom to live justly, but we choose to oppress and judge others. You have called us to live in peaceful community, but we sow discord and breed fear among ourselves. Forgive us. Soften our hearts and open our minds to hear your call. Inspire us to act justly, love fiercely, and walk in your way each and every day. Lord, hear our prayer ...

(continue in silent personal confession)

And all God's people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

The mercy of the Lord is deeper than the depths of the sea and wider than the whole of the earth. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, healed and made whole.

Alleluia. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Children's Time

Bonnie Sue Zaunbrecher

Prayer for Illumination⁺

God of wonder, awaken us! As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, open us to be surprised! Enliven us with the power of the Word and presence of your Spirit. Transform us for our walk with you. Amen.

Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 31

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Consider your own call, brothers and sisters:^{1a} not many of you were wise by human standards,^{1b} not many were powerful, not many were of noble

birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no one ⁱⁿ might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in ⁱⁿ the Lord.”

Sermon

“The Foolishness of God”

Rev. Buddy Baltimore

We Respond

The Lord’s Prayer, (saying “debts”, and “debtors”)

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.

***Hymn 525 – Let Us Break Bread Together**

Offerings, and Offertory

Hymn 606 – *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Words of institution

Prayer Setting the Elements Apart

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Hymn 610 – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charge and Benediction, Spoken

***Benediction, Sung, - Unison**

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of grace forever.

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

Postlude

***Please stand in body and/or in spirit**

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WELCOME to First Presbyterian Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today.

SERVING TODAY

Liturgist: Mindy Choate Children's Time: Bonnie Sue Zaunbrecher

Greeters/Offering: Vestal Cole, Rick & Kay Shaw

Communion: Margaret Barton, Regina Robertson, Kay Shaw and Mindy Choate.

Audio: Johnna Isaacs

Video: Justin Isaacs

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Jane Baltimore

Elder of the Month:

THE FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL are displayed to the glory of God.

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Jane Baltimore; the Family of Grethe Thompson; Zack Mailey; Patti Elliott; Tim and Holly Koster; Carol Peshehonoff; Cheryl Weems; Mrs. G. Clayton; Mindy Choate; Bob Neman; Kurt Jackson; Linda Wells; Pamela Jackson; Dian Maloy; Susan Haney; all people impacted by cultural violence, and natural disaster.

NOTES AND NEWS

TODAY'S SERVICE IS LED BY REV. BUDDY BALTIMORE, a retired minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a beloved member of FPC Ada.

Join us in fellowship February 8th for second Sunday potluck following services.

Session meeting following services February 8th, all are welcome to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Thompson – Feb. 1

Sharon Lambert – Feb 4

David Butler – Feb 7

ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Cheryl Weems – Feb 5