

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

March 15th, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[g] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.ⁱ

Psalms 23: 6

Welcome and Announcements

Cathy Blackburn

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Sunnie Baker
Pianist/Organist

***Call to Worship, Responsive**

We are children of light,

rejoicing in everything good and right and true.

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates,

and raises us from the dead.

In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake, and we

stand in the light of Christ.

Prayer of the Day

God of heaven and earth, in a cloud of confusion, we seek revelation. In the face of manipulation, we seek truth. In the gloom of regret, we seek new life. Speak to us now; grant us mindfulness and tenderness, so that we may be witnesses to your work in the world and in us, through Jesus the Christ, our healer and hope. Amen

Hymn 39 – Great is Thy Faithfulness

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world. We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good, not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles. Forgive us when we doubt the wisdom of your actions. Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call, ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God's people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

Jesus restores our souls and leads us in right paths for his name's sake.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Anthem

Praise the Lord

Chancel Choir

Children's Time

Johnna Isaacs

Prayer for Illumination⁺ Responsive

Gracious God, our way in the wilderness, guide us by your Word through these forty days, and minister to us with your Holy Spirit, so that we may be reformed, restored, and renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Samuel 16: 1-13

John 9: 1-41

Sermon

"The Power of Experience"

John Lay

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 649 – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

Offerings, and Offertory

Prayer of Dedication, Responsive

God of grace, you have gifted us with life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are be your means of grace in the world, that all people may encounter your good news. **Amen.**

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Hymn 300 – We Are One in the Spirit; They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

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: Cathy Blackburn

Children's Time: Johnna Isaacs

Greeters/Offering: Leslie Haynie

Audio: Johnna Isaacs

Video: Justin Isaacs

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Mindy Choate

Elder of the Month: Bonnie Zaunbrecher

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

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Larry Matlock(Haley Hoyts father),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 OUR SERVICE WILL BE LED BY JOHN LAY. John is a Preaching Elder Minister who has served in Pastoral Care as well as being a Hospice Chaplain and Nursing Home Pastor. Elder Lay has a deep calling in compassionate ministry and believes in building up the body of Christ through encouragement. John currently serves as a Greeter and as a Pulpit Supply while serving as a Deacon at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church. John is married to Sarah and together they have five grown children and four grandchildren.

Easter Lily Order forms will be due back by March 29th. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Stewardship Campaign has begun! Letters and pledge cards have been mailed out. If you did not receive one there will be some available each week next to the bulletins in the Narthex. Furthermore, if you did not receive one in the mail it may be due to the office not having a up to date address. Please contact us so we can get you on the mailing list.

Session meeting March 22nd, all are welcome to attend.

OFFICE CLOSED MARCH 10TH- 18TH. Opening late Thursday 19th.

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Hampton – March 19

ANNIVERSARIES

None