

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

March 8th, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent

10:45 am

“O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation”

Psalms 95: 1

Welcome and Announcements

Leslie Haynie

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Sunnie Baker
Pianist/Organist

***Call to Worship, Responsive**

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In God’s hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God’s also.

The sea is the Lord's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

Hymn 441 - Hear the Good News of Salvation

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

God of endless renewal, God who calls us to lives restored, God who rescues the lost and saves the afflicted, there are times when our way grows confused. We struggle to know what to do. Or worse, we know what needs to be done and find it easier to stay on the wrong path. Forgive us for failing to heed opportunities to follow a better way. Remind us that you stand more ready to forgive than we are to confess those aspects of our lives that stand in need of your grace. And thus forgiven, help us to lean in to what you would teach us about how we are to be. We pray all these things in Jesus' name, and for his sake...Amen. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God's people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us.

Believe the promise of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Children's Time

Mindy Choate

Prayer for Illumination⁺

May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of all of our hearts, be acceptable, even pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our strength and redeemer. Amen.

Bible Readings

John 3: 1- 8

Nicodemus Visits Jesus

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. **2** He came to Jesus^[a] by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." **3** Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."^[a] **4** Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. **6** What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.^[a] **7** Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You^[a] must be born from above.'^[a] **8** The wind^[a] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

Sermon “When You Reach the Rejection Hotline” 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 494 – Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Hymn 541 – God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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

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. 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

Jason Wells – March 8th

Bailey Cook – March 8th

Mendy Robson – March 11th

Brenda Hall – March 11th

ANNIVERSARIES

None