

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

April 12th, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

10:45 am

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

Psalms 16: 5

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**

Great is the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

***Hymn 336 – We Gather Together**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

Eternal God, your Word teaches us that whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Forgive us for forgetting your gracious promise of life. We live in fear, thinking death has the final say. We follow our own ways rather than your life-giving path in Jesus Christ. Help us put our trust in you, our God who has the power of life over death. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief. In the name of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead never to die again, we pray. Amen. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God's people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

The scriptures teach: "If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

We confess that Jesus is Lord and we believe and celebrate the good news that God raised him from the dead.

Trust in this promise: In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination⁺

Almighty God, we know that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to you may be proficient, equipped for every good work. As we hear the good news this Easter season, may we come to believe more and more that Jesus is the Messiah, your Son and that through believing we may have life in his name. Amen.

Bible Readings

John 15: 1-8

Jesus the True Vine

15 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes^[a] to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed^[a] by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become^[a] my disciples.

Sermon

“How Connected Are You?”

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 504 – We Come as Guests Invited**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

See Insert.

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Hymn 546 – Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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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The Hymns used today are Lectionary Hymns for Communion.

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:

Greeters/Offering:

Communion: Tami Thompson, Johnna Isaacs, Bonnie Zaunbrecher

Audio: Johnna Isaacs

Video: Justin Isaacs

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Karah Thompson

Elder of the Month: Matt Sweatt

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

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Donald Neman (DR. Neman's Brother) Pat Harrison (former member), the Weems family, 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'S SERVICE IS LED BY REV. BUDDY BALTIMORE, a retired minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a beloved member of FPC Ada.

attend.

Join us after service for soup/salad/sandwiches in our Second Sunday Potluck.

Session meeting April 26th, all are welcome to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

Kale Hampton – April 12

ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Brenda Hall – April 16