

# First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

April 19th, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

10:45 am

<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalms 34: 4

**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**

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death and brought us into new life.

**Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.**

In genuine, mutual love, let us worship with one heart and one voice.

**In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!**

**Prayer of the Day**

Risen and Living God, in your endless love and grace, you have given us all we need. Open our weary eyes to moments when need meets resource and longing is satisfied in giving. Send us where you need us and fill us with your purpose, so that all people may know the wonder and joy of your

redeeming presence, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn 729 – Lord I Want to be A Christian**

**Call to Confession**

As we continue our celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are called to repent, remembering that the promise of Jesus Christ is for us, for our children, for our siblings, for all who are near and all who are far, for everyone called to God. In confidence, let us confess our sin.

**\*Prayer of Confession, Unison**

**Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, “What should we do?” And again and again, you tell us, “Repent and return to me.” Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. *(continue in silent personal confession)***

And all God’s people said,

**Amen!**

**\*Assurance of Pardon<sup>+</sup>, Responsive**

Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

**We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God. Alleluia!  
Praise to the risen Christ!**

**\*Affirmation of Faith, Unison**  
(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

**The Apostles’ Creed**

# We Hear the Word

Children's Time

Ellen Sweatt

## Prayer for Illumination<sup>+</sup>

Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Bible Readings

### Isaiah 51: 1-6

**51** Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup> Listen to me, my people and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats;<sup>[a]</sup> but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

### Luke 24: 13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[a]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you

walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>[c]</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.<sup>[d]</sup> Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah<sup>[e]</sup> should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us<sup>[f]</sup> while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Sermon**

**“Do You Remember”**

**John Lay**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Great God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. **Amen.**

## **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 526 – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

**Offerings, and Offertory**

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

## **We Bless Each Other on the Way**

**Hymn 839 – Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

**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**



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

**SERVING TODAY**

Liturgist: Leslie Haynie

Children's Time: Ellen Sweatt

Greeters/Offering: Nathan Hoyt & Then Allens

Audio: Matt Sweatt

Video:

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; Joan Butler, 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 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.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

David & Robbie Horne April - 21