

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

April 26th, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:45 am

⁶ Surely^[a] goodness and mercy^[a] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.^[a]

Psalms 23: 6

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**

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold! The Savior of the world is risen!

Fling wide the portals of your hearts:

Let us feel the presence of the God's grace and love!

O Holy spirit, lead us on in worship;

Call us each by name, that we may give God glory!

***Hymn 246 – Christ is Alive!**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

Gracious God, from before the foundation of the world, you called us by name and pledged your steadfast love. But like ornery sheep, we stray from the fold. You offer to lead us, but we prefer to lead ourselves. Christ laid down his life, yet we refuse to lay down our phones, our plans, our pride. Forgive us, O God. Call us back to the open gate of Christ’s redeeming love that we may enter your Beloved Community and find restoration for our souls, reconciliation with our enemies and the glory of abiding with you forevermore.

Amen. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God’s people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺**

The proof God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ came to us; Christ died for us; and Christ rose from the dead so that the gates of hell and heaven may be thrown open wide and all of creation renewed. So believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new, abundant life.

Alleluia! Amen!

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

The Apostles’ Creed

We Hear the Word

Anthem

A Balm in Gilead

Chancel Choir

Children’s Time

Johnna Isaacs

Prayer for Illumination⁺

O God, give us the listening ear. Give us the listening ear that will not shrink from a word that corrects and admonishes; a word that challenges us to deeper consecration and higher resolve; a word that lays bare the needs that make our days uneasy; a word that seizes upon everything decent in our nature and channels it into paths of healing in the lives of others. Give us, O Lord, the listening ear. Amen.

Bible Readings

Psalm 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."^[a]
- ³ As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble,
in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows;^[b]
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names upon my lips.
- ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.
- ⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.
- ⁸ I keep the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
- ¹⁰ For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

1 Peter 1: 3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice,^[a] even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen^[b] him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Sermon

“Living as Easter People”

Dr. David Duty

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 233 – The Day of Resurrection!**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Hymn 463 – How Firm a Foundation

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: Johnna Isaacs

Greeters/Offering: Karen Walters & Leslie Haynie

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;

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

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME DR. DAVID DUTY. Dr. David Duty is a cradle Presbyterian who recently was commissioned by the Indian Nations Presbytery as a Commissioned Ruling Elder. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma in Communication and is Lecturer in the David L. Boren College of International Studies at OU. In his free time, he enjoys reading, swimming, and attending the theater.

Session Meeting following services all are welcome to attend.

Ladies' Tea Tickets are for sale; you can get one from any member of the Congregational Life Committee.

BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Hoyt – April 26

Max Elliott – April 29

Will Pottebaum – May 1