

**First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma**

**May 17th, 2026**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**10:45 am**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be joyful;  
let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy.

Ps. 68: 3

**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**

Let the righteous be joyful!

**Sing to God; sing praises to God's name;**

**Lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.**

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**Ascribe power to God, whose power is in skies.**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of seeker and dreamers, speak to us now;

As we wait for your promised word. Protect your people, we pray. The road ahead may be long, but fill us with determination and courage. Teach us to be your body with faith and love, that we might serve one another as companions on the way, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn 463 – How Firm a Foundation**

**\*Prayer of Confession, Unison**

**Christ our Savior as you ascended, you left the work to us. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, and to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign. Amen.**

*(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God's people said,

**Amen!**

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

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will bring us with you into his presence. Believe the promise of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

**The Apostles' Creed**

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

**We Hear the Word**

**Anthem**

**Shall We Gather as the River**

**Chancel Choir**

**Children's Time**

**Mindy Choate**

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

God Most High, reigning in glory, send down your Spirit of wisdom to shine in your heavenly Word, so that we may worship you with joy continually blessing your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Bible Readings**

**Isaiah 45: 1-7**

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him—  
and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup> I will go before you  
and level the mountains,<sup>[a]</sup>

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup> so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things

## John 17: 1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people,<sup>[a]</sup> to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**Sermon**

**“Eternal Life is to Know”**

**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 366 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**Offerings, and Offertory**

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

**We Bless Each Other on the Way**

**Hymn 317 – In Christ There is No East or West**

**Prayer of Dedication**

With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God, you have seen to our needs. We return this portion of our wealth, we offer these prayers, and we remember the gift of time you have given us as tokens of our commitment to know you, to love you, and to serve you. Bless these gifts, multiply and use them, and may we be blessed ourselves as we see your work in our midst, **Amen.**

**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: Cathy Blackburn

Children's Time: Mindy Choate

Greeters/Offering: Bruce Weems & Vestal Cole

Audio: Johnna Isaacs

Video: Justin Isaacs

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Kay Shaw & Jane Baltimore

Elder of the Month: Amy Elliott

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

**TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS** Pastor Nominating Committee members; Joan Butler, Tom Hampton, Donald Neman (DR. Neman's Brother) Pat Harrison (former member), Audrey Bjorntvedt (BJ & Karah Thompson's Aunt); Larry Matlock( Haley Hoyts father), Jane Baltimore; the Family of Grethe Thompson; Tim and Holly Koster; Carol Peshehonoff; Mrs. G. Clayton; Mindy Choate; Bob Neman; Kurt Jackson; Linda Wells; Pamela Jackson; Dian Maloy; 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.

**No Session meeting for May.**

**No Second Sunday Potluck June.**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Christopher Banks - May 19**