

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

June 21st, 2026

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

¹⁶ Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good;
according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.

Psalms 69: 16

Welcome and Announcements

Amy Elliott

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Sunnie Baker
Pianist/Organist

***Call to Worship, Responsive**

Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator.

God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows.

God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!

Prayer of the Day

God our rock and salvation, you have called us to follow you; give us the courage to do so. You have called us to love you above all; give us confidence to do so. When the waters of life rage around us, hear our prayers, steady our feet, and anchor us in your word, that we might

proclaim your presence in the midst of turmoil. Amen.

***Hymn 39 – Great is Thy Faithfulness**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples. Amen. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God's people said,
Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺**

Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Anthem

Faith of Our Fathers

Chancel Choir

Children's Time

Ellen Sweatt

Prayer for Illumination⁺

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

Bible Readings

Psalms 86: 1-10

- ¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- ² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord,
for to you do I cry all day long.
- ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- ⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my cry of supplication.
- ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you,
for you will answer me.
- ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and bow down before you, O Lord,
and shall glorify your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.

Matthew 10: 24-39

²⁴ "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

Whom to Fear ²⁶ "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to

you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.^[a] ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it

Sermon

“Hallmarks of Genuineness”

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 203 – Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

***Hymn 686 -God of Our Life**

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: Amy Elliott

Children’s Time: Ellen Sweatt

Greeters/Offering: Rick & Kay Shaw

Audio: Johnna Isaacs

Video: Justin Isaacs

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Johnna Isaacs

Elder of the Month: BJ Thompson

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

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Donnie Posey(Friend of Scottie W.) Bonnie Zaunbretcher, Joan Butler, Tom Hampton, Donald Neman (DR. Neman's Brother), 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.

Session meeting June 28th. As always, all are welcome to attend.

A Father's Day Blessing

Today we celebrate and give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers, and father-figures in our lives. Your guidance, strength, and Christ-like love are a blessing to our church family. May God grant you wisdom, patience, and joy as you continue to lead with grace. Happy Father's Day!

BIRTHDAYS

Wyatt Ryan – June 25