

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

July 26th, 2026

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

Psalms 105: 4

Welcome and Announcements

Tami Thompson

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Prelude

Sunnie Baker
Pianist/Organist

***Call to Worship, Responsive**

The decrees of the Lord are wonderful,

The unfolding of God's word gives light and understanding.

Turn to us, O God, and be gracious to us.

Make your face shine upon your servants.

We come together to worship the living God.

***Hymn 475 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

**God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like,
but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. We fail to
trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working
out your purposes in mysterious ways. We fail to be whole-hearted in our**

faith and discipleship. We fail to put our trust in the treasures of your kingdom instead of the treasures of the world. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now. Transform our lives and our world by your grace. (*continue in silent personal confession*)

And all God's people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺ Responsive**

Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Children's Time

Bonnie Zaunbrecher

Prayer for Illumination⁺

Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that the words we read on the page might become living words in our hearts and lives as we encounter the grace, love and peace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bible Readings

1 Samuel 2b-13a

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my^(b) victory.

² “There is no Holy One like the LORD,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.
³ Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.
⁴ The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.
⁵ Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
⁶ The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
⁷ The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.
⁸ He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.^[a]
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD’s,
and on them he has set the world.
⁹ “He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.
¹⁰ The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High^[a] will thunder in heaven.
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Eli’s Wicked Sons

¹¹ Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, while the boy remained to minister to the LORD, in the presence of the priest Eli.

¹² Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels; they had no regard for the LORD ¹³ or for the duties of the priests to the people.

Sermon “Have You Ever Raised an Ebenezer?” Travis Muse

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 see insert – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

***Hymn 42 - Your Faithfulness, O Lord, Is Sure**

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: Tami Thompson

Children's Time: Bonnie Zaunbrecher

Greeters/Offering: Margaret Barton, Hannah Carlson & Cathy Blackburn

Audio: Matt Sweatt

Video: Casey Saunders

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Cathy Blackburn

Elder of the Month: Cathy Blackburn

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

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Adam Hampton and family, 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 REV TRAVIS MUSE. Rev. Travis Muse, the son of Harold and Gloria Muse, grew up in Ada. He graduated from Ada High School and East Central University with an accounting degree. While serving as a youth minister, he felt the call of God on his life and later pursued a Master of Divinity at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. He has served churches in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma City, Marlo an, Frederick and Ada. He, and wife Ginny, enjoyed returning to Ada to raise their three children John David, Michael and Anna Beth.

Session will meet after services today, as always all are welcome to

attend.

BIRTHDAYS

Evangeline Elliott – July 28

Suzanne Mayhue – July 31

Debbie Thompson – August 1

ANNIVERSARIES

Mason & Amy Mayhue – July 26

Adam & Ashley Hampton – August 1

Dr Bob & Jo Neman – August 1

Notice of Foundation Congregational Meeting July 26th

The Board of Directors of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation of Ada invites all members of the congregation to its annual membership meeting on Sunday, July 26, 2026, immediately following the conclusion of the morning worship service in the sanctuary. The primary purpose of the meeting is to elect Director #1, the member of the Board chosen by and from the congregation. The Foundation's Board consists of three directors, each serving a three-year term:

Director #1 – elected by the congregation (this is the position to be filled)

Director #2, Bruce Weems - elected by the Finance Committee

Director #3, Gary Paddack - elected by the Session

The following candidate has been nominated for **Director #1**: Teresa Mayhue

All active members of First Presbyterian Church are encouraged to attend and vote. If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone, please make certain the person is willing to serve on the board.