

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

August 16th, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

⁷ May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Psalms 67: 7

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 (Psalm 67)**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that
your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the harvest, we praise you for the bounty that only you can bring. Teach us
to trust you with the persistence of the Canaanite woman, who sought healing for
her child, and to advocate for the needs of one another. Fill each pantry with

sustaining food and fill us with the fruits of the Spirit, that we might serve you until every hunger is met with justice and every outcast welcomed home, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Amen.

***Hymn 330 – Our Help Is in the Name of God**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus’ name, Amen. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God’s people said,
Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

Paul writes: “I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” God has shown us mercy and God will be merciful to all. Hear and believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles’ Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Children’s Time

Sunnie Baker

Anthem

Yes, My Jesus Loves Me

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination⁺

God of every time and place, may your Spirit move among us so that the words we hear and the words we speak will be to your glory, will lead towards justice, and will reveal to us your salvation and deliverance. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Bible Readings

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

**Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.**

**⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—**

**⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.**

**⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered**

Psalms 67

**¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah***

**² that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

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let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us.
- ⁷ May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Matthew 15: 21 - 28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon "Remarkable Faith in an Unexpected Place" 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 320 – The Church of Christ in Every Age**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Prayer of Dedication Holy God, you tell us that “offerings will be accepted on your altar, for your house shall be called a house of prayer.” Thank you for all that you have given us. Continue to guide us as we dedicate these offerings and our lives to you. Amen.

Hymn 310 - I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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: Leslie Haynie

Children’s Time: Sunnie Baker

Greeters/Offering: Mindy Choate & Karen Walters

Audio: Johnna Isaacs

Video: Justin Isaacs

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Matt Sweatt

Elder of the Month: Matt Sweatt

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

IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Adam Hampton and Family, Joan Butler, Tiesha Mitchel, Tom Hampton, Donald Neman (DR. Neman's Brother), Audrey Bjorntvedt (BJ & Karah Thompson's Aunt); Larry Matlock(Haley Hoyts father), Jane Baltimore; 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.

BIRTHDAYS

Elizabeth Holman – August 16

Jeremy Pippenger – August 18

ANNIVERSARIES

Lorenz & Bonnie Zaunbrecher – August 18