

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

August 9th, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Psalms 85: 8

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**

Upon Mount Horeb, Elijah heard the voice of God, not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire, but in the sound of sheer silence.

Holy God, quiet our minds and our hearts, rid us of distraction, so we can hear you and know you among us.

***Hymn 624 – I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You know our exhaustion, our cynicism, our sense of defeat. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to lose perspective and exaggerate critique. We confess the ways we are tempted to give up on the path of righteousness. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen.

(continue in silent personal confession)

And all God's people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. In the name of 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

Johnna Isaacs

Prayer for Illumination⁺

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Open us to your life-giving Word.

Quiet the voices within us that do not align with your will. Focus our minds on the message you intend for us so we may faithfully discern your way. Amen.

Bible Readings

Hebrews 12: 14-15

Warnings against Rejecting God's Grace

¹⁴ Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled.

Message

"The Prison We Build Ourselves"

Matt Sweatt

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 250 – In the Bulb There is a Flower**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Hymn 408 – There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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.

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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: Ellen, Margot, and Millicent Sweatt

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 and are given this week by Robbie and Jerrie in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Adam Hampton and Family, Joan Butler, 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'S SERVICE IS LED BY MATT SWEATT. Matt, who along with his wife, Ellen, is a member of our church family. Matt and Ellen live here in Ada and have three children, Margot, Millicent and Meyers. We are grateful to have the Sweatt family as part of our church community.

Please join us in fellowship in a tailgate themed potluck August 9th.

BIRTHDAYS

Todd Allen – August 9

Jo Neman – August 10

Gayla Cook – August 15

ANNIVERSIES

Gary and Susan Paddock – August 9

Robbie and Jerrie Lindsey- August 10

Larry & Becky Compton – August 12

Doug and Susan Haney – August 14