

# **First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma**

**September 27th, 2026**

**18th Sunday after Pentecost**

**10:45 am**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**Psalms 78: 1**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Haley Hoyt**

**The Greeting**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

Sunnie Baker  
Pianist/Organist

**\*Call to Worship, Responsive**

Why do you come to this place?

**We seek the path of righteousness and truth.**

Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God's Word?

**We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one  
whose authority is founded on God's love.**

Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God's house,  
built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and

witness..

**\*Hymn 515 – I Come with Joy**

**\*Prayer of Confession, Unison**

**Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don't change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another.**

**Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that.** *(continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God's people said,

**Amen!**

**\*Assurance of Pardon, Responsive**

Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations. We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word.

**\*Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

**The Apostles' Creed**

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## **We Hear the Word**

### **Children's Time**

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

God of life and light, illumine our hearts and spirits and attune us to the reading and hearing of your word. May our hearing be discerning and may this proclamation be faithful and, in all things, may we approach your word with joy and humility. Amen

### **Bible Readings**

#### **Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. <sup>16</sup> So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" <sup>21</sup> They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

<sup>20</sup> But our citizenship<sup>[a]</sup> is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Message “We Can Love Our Country Without Worshiping it” 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 14 – For the Beauty of the Earth**

**Offerings, and Offertory**

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

### **We Bless Each Other on the Way**

**Hymn 846 – Fight the Good Fight**

**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: Haley Hoyt

Children's Time:

Greeters/Offering: Rick Shaw and Vestel Cole

Audio: Bruce Weems

Video:

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Tami Thompson

Elder of the Month: Tami Thompson

**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 Mitchell, Tom Hampton, Donald Neman (DR. Neman's Brother), Audrey Bjorntvedt (BJ & Karah Thompson's Aunt); Larry Matlock (Haley Hoyt's 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 MATT SWEATT.**

We are so thankful for the abundance of little ones God has blessed our church family with! With so many precious babies joining us, we are adjusting our nursery age group to **birth through 4 years old**. Thank you for helping us make room for all our littlest blessings as we nurture, love, and care for them each Sunday. We are grateful for each child God has entrusted to our church family.

**Session meeting following service today. As always, all are welcome to attend.**

**We are stepping into World Communion Offering, a season of preparation. We will be taking up special funds on October 4<sup>th</sup>.** A season of preparation is a special period dedicated to getting ready for something significant, involving spiritual growth, skill-building and gathering the many ways to prepare. It is often characterized by challenges and anticipation that cause our faith to be tested, confirmed, and affirmed by God and the movement of the Holy Spirit. It's a time of active commitment to spiritual growth through prayer, study and discipline.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Logan Rothrock - September 29<sup>th</sup>

Joe Peshehnoff – September 30<sup>th</sup>

Cheryl Weems – October 1

Vestel Cole – October 1