

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

November 1st, 2026 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:45 am

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another;
for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:8

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**

O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to
your holy hill and to your dwelling.

**Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will
praise you with the harp, O God, my God.**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

***Hymn 611 – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism — we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers *continue in silent personal confession)*

And all God's people said,

Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one might boast.

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Anthem

For All the Saints

Chancel Choir

Prayer for Illumination⁺

Holy God, in the world of rapidly shifting narratives, speak your eternal Word that never fails. Prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Word that you would give us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Readings

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep^[a] me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated.^[b]

⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power^[c] is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Sermon

"A Few Words About Thorns"

Rev. Buddy Baltimore

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 525 – Let Us Break Bread Together**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

See insert.

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Hymn 834 – Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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: Mindy Choate

Children's Time: Karen Walters

Greeters/Offering: The Sweatt Family

Communion: Amy Elliott, Tami Thompson, Regina Robertson, Amy Mayhue, Cathy Blackburn

Audio:

Video: Matt Sweatt

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Mindy Choate

Elder of the Month: Bonnie Zaunbrecher

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

IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor Nominating Committee members; Adam Hampton and Family, Family of 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; Family of Pamela Jackson; Dian Maloy; all people impacted by cultural violence, and natural disaster.

NOTES AND NEWS

TODAY'S SERVICE IS LED BY REV. BUDDY BALTIMORE, a retired minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and a beloved member of FPC Ada.

Nov. 8 congregational meeting to elect session members for the next term.

November 8th Friendsgiving Second Sunday Potluck.

In times of sorrow, we are reminded of the beauty of being a church family. Thank you to everyone who has stepped up with helping hands, kind words, meals and loving support. May we always be thankful for a church family that cares for one another and shows love when it is needed most.

BIRTHDAYS

Ellen Sweatt – Nov. 2

Mel Robertson – Nov 5

Mason Mayhue – Nov 5

Amy Elliott – Nov 6

Anniversaries

Hank and Ace Reynolds – Nov 1