

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

October 18th, 2026

21st 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

Alan Sarver

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)**

In this place,

friends and strangers meet, the broken are mended, and the weary welcomed.

In this moment,

the ordinary becomes miraculous, and life is on pause. This is God's time.

In this Sanctuary,

God's goodness is revealed. Our doors open with kindness. Our lives join together.

Prayer of the Day

God of goodness, we thank you for choosing us. Teach us your good news, that we might be brought to life: every blessing we receive and every

kindness we encounter is your Spirit whispering grace. Amen.

***Hymn 305 – Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

***Call to Confession**

God has chosen us, but we frequently fail to choose God's will for our lives. Let us go before God, seeking forgiveness and peace.

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

God of justice and truth, you ask us to give to you the things that are yours. If we are honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on the list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our generosity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have given us. Amen
(continue in silent personal confession)

And all God's people said,
Amen!

***Assurance of Pardon⁺, Responsive**

The good news remains true: God has chosen us, forgives us, and walks beside us, helping us become imitators of Christ. **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Alleluia!**

***Affirmation of Faith, Unison**

The Apostles' Creed

(pg. 35; front of hymnal)

We Hear the Word

Anthem

God of Grace and God of Glory

Chancel Choir

Children's Time

Mikayla Little

Prayer for Illumination⁺

Sovereign God, let your Word rule in our hearts and your Spirit govern our lives until at last we see the fulfillment of your realm of justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you

and level the mountains,^[a]

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

I Thessalonians:1-10

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and
labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know,
brothers and sisters^[a] beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in
the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons
we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us
and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy
inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers
in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from
you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has
become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For the people of
those regions^[b] report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and
how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait
for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues
us from the wrath that is coming.

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 687 – Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Offerings, and Offertory

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

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, all that we have comes from you. We give back in gratitude. May our gifts become beacons of hope and doors of justice and open arms of love until your kingdom comes. Amen.

Hymn 828 – More Love to Thee, O Christ

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: Alan Sarver

Children's Time: Mikayla Little

Greeters/Offering: The Allen Family

Audio: Cathy Blackburn

Video: Justin Isaacs

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Kay Shaw

Elder of the Month: Cathy Blackburn

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 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

Theo Peshehonoff – Oct 19th

Joan Butler – Oct 22nd

Kay Shaw – Oct 22nd