

# First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma



**Mission: To Witness to God  
in the World**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**



**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the hope given us in baptism:

**that there is a day of redemption drawing near.**

Keep us awake and make us ready for this day,

**for the coming of your glorious realm of safety and shalom, of righteousness and justice.**

This we pray through Christ our Lord,  
**amen.**

**\*Hymn 88 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (verses 1&2)

**\*Prayer of Confession** **Book of Common Worship**

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin, saying in unison:

**God of past, present, and future, we confess that we have not been expecting your kingdom, but we have been living casually, we have accepted lies as truth, and we have not fully embraced your ways...**

*(continue in a time of personal confession)*

**\*Assurance of Pardon** **Book of Common Worship**

Friends, hear the good news: in Christ we are forgiven.

And now, for His glory, do the things that will please Him when He comes to judge the world. **Amen!**

**Anthem** ***Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus***  
**arr. Pritchard-Williams**

FPC Choir; Johnna Compton, Director

## **We Hear the Word**

**Minute for Mission** ***All-Church Christmas Party***  
**Teresa White**

**Children's Time**

**Greta Thompson**

**The Old Testament Reading      Jeremiah 33:14-16 [OT 738]**

*... And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."*

**The New Testament Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 [NT 204]**

*...And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

**Message                      "*Blameless at the Return*"                      Scott White**

**We Respond**

**\*Hymn 129 – *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming***

**Offerings, and  
Offertory                      *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*                      Holst**

**\*Doxology (Hymn 606)**

**The Lord's Supper**

Invitation to the Table

Invitation to Pray, Responsive

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*Sanctus* (choir)

Prayer

...With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living sacrifice dedicated to your service.

*Memorial Acclamation* (choir)

The Lord's Prayer (saying, "debts" and "debtors")

Remembrance of the Institution

Holy Communion (*hold the element in your hand until all are served*)

Prayer after Communion, Unison

**Gracious God,**

**thank you that while we wait for the finishing of  
your creation,**

**we receive perfect gifts such as this:**

**the bread of life;**

**the cup of salvation;**

**the fellowship of the church.**

**Now, send us out with the power of your Holy  
Spirit to share your life and salvation with all  
whom we meet. Amen!**

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

**\*Hymn 354 – *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory***

**\*Benediction, Responsive**      Revelation 22:20; Romans 15:13

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in  
believing.

**That we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy  
Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Closing Affirmation of Faith**

*(once instrumentally of Hymn 85. Then we sing:)*

**Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish  
darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the  
promise.**

**Postlude**

***Comfort, Comfort These My People  
from "Trente quatre pseumes de David" 1551 - arr.  
Burkhardt***

*\*Please stand in body and/or in spirit.*



**WELCOME** to First Presbyterian Church. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. Please register in the fellowship tablet and pass it down the pew and back; this helps us to greet each other by name, and gives the church the means to be in contact with you.

### **SERVING TODAY**

Liturgist: Jo Neman

Children's Time: Greta Thompson

Greeters and Communion: Cathy Blackburn, Bruce and Cheryl Weems, Regina Robertson, Ellen Sweatt

Offerings: Kurt Jackson, Nancy Thompson, Betty Childers, Linda Wells

Sound Tech: Timothy Elliott

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Linda Wells

Elders of the Month: Amy Mayhue, Regina Robertson, Matt Sweatt

**TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:** Brenda Hall, broken ankle; Billie Redden; Kristina Glick, for recovery from pneumonia; Jonas Richardson, a young child of the community diagnosed with neuroblastoma; Brenda Clark; Margaret Lillard; Margaret Barton; Jane Baltimore; Gayla Cook; the poor of our community.

### **Notes and News**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Welcome to the first Sunday of Advent service at First Presbyterian Church! Christians have long related the first arrival of Christ with his promised second (the second coming). The scriptures for worship this morning are two of the four commended to the churches worldwide by the makers of the *Revised Common Lectionary*.

**THIS YEAR WE WILL HOLD TWO MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES** They will be this Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> and then also on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:15pm to 7:00pm here in the sanctuary. Come to these quiet, meditative, prayerful communion services to focus on the ages-old hope of people for God to come, and rescue, and help, and save.

**TWO ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE** Would you like to be commissioned as a deacon for a year? Would you like to serve on the Nominating Committee for a year? These are two great opportunities to make a real difference in the community and in the life of the congregation; please let Nominating Committee co-chair Cathy Blackburn at (580)-421-4809 know if you have a yes to either of these invitations. Thank you!

**ADDIE MARSHALL** extends a warm invitation to the congregation to attend the Ada Public Schools All District Choir Concert, coming up this Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the AHS ACAC. Choirs from pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will offer music.

## CALENDAR

### WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

**Church School for All Ages** Sundays 9:30am in the church school wing. Adult Studies: *Catalyst* (parlor) and *Coffee & Conversation* (church school classroom 2)

**Worship** Sundays 10:45am

**Yoga Fellowship** Mondays 6-6:45pm, WFC Hall.

**Bible Study** Wednesdays 6-7 in the Upper Parlor (IN RECESS UNTIL JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Choir Rehearsal** Wednesdays 6-7pm, music room.

*Nursery open and staffed Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.*

### THIS WEEK AND AHEAD

- **Property Committee Meeting** Today 12-1pm in church school classroom #2

- **Mission and Evangelism Committee Meeting** Monday at 5:15pm in the church parlor.
- **Deacon's Meeting** Tues. Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. 6-7:15pm, church parlor
- **Midweek Advent Service #1** Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:15-7pm in the sanctuary.
- **Abba's Tables** FPC prepares and serves the meal, Thurs. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 3-7pm
- **Ada Parade of Lights** Thurs. Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm on Main St.

## **Birthdays**

Betty Park – December 3

Susan Haney & Dian Maloy – December 5

Timothy Butler – December 6

Elmer Brown, Lindsey Holman & Bruce Weems – December 8

## **Welcome!**

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# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

## Commissioned Deacons

**Bill Brooks, Betty Childers** (chairperson), **Kelley Dorsey-Miller, Jeremy Pippenger, Karah Thompson, Junior Vargas, Cheryl Weems, Linda Wells, Miriam White**

## Elders Installed on Session

*Class of 2019*

**David Butler**, *Congregational Life and Membership, Steering, Property, Commissioner to Presbytery*

**Becky Compton**, *Christian Education*

**Terry Holman**, *Property, Steering*

**Teresa Mayhue**, *Christian Education, Clerk of Session, Alt. Commissioner to Presbytery*

**Tami Thompson**, *Mission and Evangelism*

*Class of 2020*

**Cathy Blackburn**, *Worship, Nominating*

**Amy Mayhue**, *Congregational Life and Membership, Steering*

**Regina Robertson**, *Congregational Life and Membership, Personnel, Nominating*

**Matt Sweatt**, *Worship, Finance, Personnel*

**Bruce Weems**, *Mission and Evangelism, Worship, Finance*

## Staff

**Lauren Stathes**

**Bonita Blackburn**

**Johnna Isaacs**

***Vacant***

**Tom Hampton**

**Sarah Thompson**

**Karah Thompson**

**Scott M. White**

Administrative Assistant

Organist/Pianist

Music Director

Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Interim Treasurer

Nursery Caregiver

Custodian

Pastor

*church office hours: 9am to 3pm Monday through Thursday*

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