

First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma



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

December 9th, 2018

Service on the Lord's Day

First Presbyterian Church Ada, Oklahoma

December 9th, 2018 *Second Sunday of Advent* 10:45 AM

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Karah Thompson

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you!

(Let us now share in a time of passing the peace.)

Prelude

The Father's Rose

Mark Hayes

Miriam White

Lighting of the 1st & 2nd Advent Candles

The Candles of Hope and Peace

Bette and Vestel Cole

Bette and Vestel Cole:

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in days to come the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks.

All:

**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.**

Bette and Vestel Cole:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

All:

**the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down
together, and a little child shall lead them.**

Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

***Hymn 88 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel** (verses 3&4)

***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,
have trod roughly upon the earth;
we have not fully embraced your ways;
and in many ways we have sinned...**

(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 renew the world. **Amen!**

Anthem *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Donna Butler
FPC Choir; Johnna Compton, Director

We Hear the Word

Minute for Mission **All-Church Christmas Party**
Karah Thompson

Children's Time **Johnna Isaacs**

The New Testament Reading **Luke 1:26-38 [NT 56]**

...Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Message **"It's a Lot Like Our Story"** **Scott White**

We Respond

***Hymn 87 – Comfort, Comfort Now My People**

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

**Offerings, and
Offertory**

Largo

G.F. Handel

***Doxology (Hymn 606)**

***Offering Prayer, Unison**

Holy God, for your steadfastness with the peoples of old, and with the peoples of today, we give you thanks.

That you would come among us, in humility, understanding, and grace, is beyond magnificent.

We pray that we would be faithful stewards of what you give us to know, and who you call us to be.

These offerings are to strengthen the people of Christ for the continuing ministry of Christ. Amen!

We Bless Each Other On the Way

Hymn 119 – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

***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'll sing verses 1 & 2)

Postlude

The Holy and the Ivy

J. Brickman

**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: Karah Thompson

Children's Time: Johnna Isaacs

Greeters and Offerings: Tami and Isaac Thompson, David and Timothy Butler

Sound Tech: Max Elliott

Worship Committee Member of the Month: Linda Wells

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

TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Bonita Blackburn, for full recovery from hand surgery; 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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will meet for monthly Bible study this Tuesday at 12noon in the WFC parlor.

FPC WILL RING THE SALVATION ARMY BELL at Walmart this Wednesday, December 12th, from 10am to 5pm. All slots are filled except 2; please contact Kurt Jackson if you would like to ring for an hour or so.

FPC WILL SERVE AT THE ADA TRAIL OF LIGHTS BOOTH THIS YEAR, on Saturdays December 15th and 22nd, from 6-9:30pm. In addition to being a great way to serve our neighbors, this is a fundraiser and FPC will receive 20% of profits. 6 more volunteers are needed; please contact Amy Mayhue.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY! It will be held December 16th from 5-7pm in the WFC Hall! Children's Christmas Presentation,

Cookie Decorating, A Beautiful Meal for the Whole Family, FPC Choir, Ornament Exchange, Mission Giving Opportunities!

ONE ADDITIONAL NOTE ON THE ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY One of the five giving opportunities will be to a new, Session-created fund: “FPC Campus Renovations”. (It may seem like giving to ourselves, but our neighbors use the buildings constantly.) Well, a church member has pledged to match gifts to this giving opportunity up to \$10,000. That is so wonderful!

“READY TO SHARE”, THIS YEAR’S FUNDING OUR MINISTRY CAMPAIGN FOR 2019, has been so successful and we thank the members and friends. So far we have received 35 pledges from congregational households totaling \$169,371. It isn’t too late to pledge; the online option is at fpcada.org/links and there are additional pledge cards in the narthex. Thank you! Bruce Weems and Matt Sweatt.

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 know at 580-421-4809 if you have a yes to either of these invitations. Thank you!

POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS All but one poinsettia has been dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones. Please call the church office if you would like to dedicate the last one, and take home the plant after Christmas. (\$35) Dedications will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

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 2nd)

Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 6-7pm, music room.

Nursery open and staffed Sunday mornings and during Advent midweek services.

THIS WEEK AND AHEAD

Worship Committee Meeting TODAY Sunday, Dec. 9th, 12-1pm, in the sanctuary.

PW Bible Study Tuesday, Dec. 11, 12-1pm in the WFC Parlor.

FPC & Salvation Army Bell Ringing @ Walmart, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 10am-5pm.

Congregational Life & Membership Committee Meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 12th 5:15-6pm.

FPC works the booth at Ada Trail of Lights, This Saturday, Dec. 15 and next Saturday Dec. 22, 6:00pm-9:30pm

All-Church Christmas Party next Sunday, Dec. 16th, 5pm-7pm in the WFC Hall.

Birthdays

Kai Hampton – December 9

Ryan Shaw – December 13 Abigail Shaw – December 14

Anniversary

Bill and Donna Britt – December 14

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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