

Worship on the Lord's Day
First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma

May 15th, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:45 AM

Therefore if any man be in Christ, let him be a new creature. Old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new. ~ 2nd Corinthians 5:17, Geneva Bible, 1599

It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.
~ Galatians 2:20, NRSV

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Amy Mayhue

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Risen and Living Lord be with you all.

And also with you!

**Lighting of the Christ Candles,
and Prelude**

Wherever You Go
Miriam Kast White

**Acolytes
J. Brickman**

***Call to Worship, Responsive**

Psalms; Matthew 18:20

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it;

the world, and those who live in it.

Magnify the LORD with me,

let us exalt God's name together.

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

for his steadfast love endures forever.

Christ said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.”

Come, let us worship.

Let us worship, indeed!

Hymn 247 – *Now the Green Blade Rises

***Invitation to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession, Unison**

**Holy One, forgive us, for even in these great days we have done what
we ought not to have done, and not done as we ought.**

And neither our thoughts, nor our hearts, are quite right within us.

(continue in a time of personal confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 12:2

Friends, rejoice that God leads to repentance, and enlightens the mind.

Be assured that in Christ you are forgiven.

Now, do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the
renewing of your minds.

Thanks and praise be to God! Amen.

Hymn 581 – *Glory Be to the Father

We Hear the Word

Children’s Time

Mindy Choate

Bible Reading

John 15:1-8 [NT p109]

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Bible Reading

Revelation 21:1-6,22-27 [NT p259]

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

...

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices

abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Message

Scott White

We Respond

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

***Hymn 27 – Sacred the Body**

Anthem ***Roll That Stone Away!*** **Patricia Mock, Richard A. Nichols**

Chancel Choir

Roll it away! Angel, roll it away!

Bright and early in the mornin' as the day began to dawn,
The earth gave way to a rumble, heaven sang a joyful song.

Sister Mary came a runnin' full of fear, yet full of joy.

The tomb was empty, the stone was gone, My Lord came forth at the break of
dawn, When the angel rolled that stone away.

Hallelujah, how I love to say, Christ, my Savior took my sins that day!

When the angel rolled that stone away,

Hallelujah, what a day! Roll it away! Angel, roll it away!

Soldiers there were a plenty, they were makin' not a sound,
Tremblin' at the sight of the angels, they fell down upon the ground.

Pilate and his many wise men didn't know what they should say.

The tomb was empty, the stone was gone, My Lord came forth at the break of
dawn when the angel rolled that stone away.

Hallelujah, how I love to say, Christ, my Savior took my sins that day!

When the angel rolled that stone away,

Hallelujah, what a day! Roll it away! Angel, roll it away!

Peter gathered the disciples in the upper room.
In fear they met with one another, doubtin' filled with gloom.
Thomas listened to the story of the empty tomb.
The tomb was empty, the stone was gone, My Lord came forth at the break of
dawn, when the angel rolled that stone away.
Hallelujah, how I love to say, Christ my Savior took my sins that day! When the
angel rolled that stone away, hallelujah what a day!

**Offerings, and
Offertory**

In the Garden

arr. T. Kendall

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

***Offering Prayer, Unison**

**Holy God, thank you for the fruitful garden of the earth. Thank you for
the fruitful branches on the vine of Christ. Thank you for the hope of
heaven and earth finally coming together.**

**In the meantime, bless the Church in its life and witness. Bless our
offerings to its flourishing and growth. In Christ, amen!**

We Bless Each Other on the Way

Recognition of Graduates

Anthony White, Teresa White

Amy Mayhue, Congregational Life and Membership Committee

Teresa Mayhue, Christian Education Committee

Hymn 366 – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***Benediction, Spoken**

Benediction, Sung – *The Lord Bless and Keep You

2280 The Lord Bless and Keep You

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make his
(The) Lord bless and keep you, the Lord lift his
face to shine on you and be gra - cious, gra
coun - te - nance on you and give peace, _____ give you
cious. The
peace. Sha - lom. _____ A - men. _____

The musical score is written on a treble clef staff in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three lines of music. The first line has a repeat sign. The second line has a long note with a slur. The third line has two first endings marked '1' and '2'.

WORDS: Jim Strathdee (Num. 6:24-26)
MUSIC: Jim Strathdee

STRATHDEE BENEDICTION
Irregular

Meeting of First Presbyterian Church Foundation of Ada, OK, Inc.

President Charles Mayhue, presiding

The item of business: to elect two Directors

***Postlude**

Variation #18

J.S. Bach

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

Reception in honor of the Graduates Follows!



from the experiences of high school leave a lasting impression on us for the rest of our lives. For me, there were few things as helpful and empowering when times got rough than having such a solid support system from my amazing family and church. I was stronger in high school because my family was with me all along the way, and because I was fortunate enough to be embraced by a church with the most caring and selfless people around. I appreciate you all staying with me throughout this difficult and often crazy chapter of my life, and I love and cherish all of you.”

“Born in Atlanta, Georgia, **Teresa White** attended preschool through tenth grade in Escanaba, Michigan. She graduated from Ada High School in 2017 and went on to study at East Central University. In college, she found it difficult to narrow down her areas of interest and ultimately gave up trying: she majored in English and music, as well as participating in ECU’s Honors Program. Highlights from her undergraduate career include singing in the University Chorale; playing the bass drum in the Pride of Tigerland; giving a lecture recital on Samuel Barber’s Hermit Songs; and performing her senior recital.

Participating in church life has been one of the most joyful constants of Teresa’s life. Her attendance at church began in the nursery at Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. It continued with the First Presbyterian Church in Escanaba, Michigan, where she attended church school, VBS, and music rehearsals of all kinds. Now, she is at home at First Presbyterian Church, Ada, where she is proud to be an adult member of the congregation. Teresa feels both proud and blessed to be your pastor’s and organist’s daughter.”

FPC FOUNDATION MEETING TODAY The Session has called a meeting of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation of Ada, OK, Inc. for immediately following the service today for the purpose of electing two directors, one of which being Margaret Barton. The membership of the Foundation is the

membership of the congregation, and a quorum for meetings of the Foundation is one half of the membership.

THE ANNUAL PLEDGE DRIVE IS UNDERWAY You should have received the first letter. Additional pledge cards are available in the narthex. Thank you!

CLASSIC ARTS ACADEMY RECITALS Piano and voice recitals will be offered this afternoon 1-5pm, Sunday, May 15th, and Thursday, May 19th, in the sanctuary from 6pm-9pm.

WAYS TO SUPPORT UKRAINIANS THROUGH THE CHURCH Please see information and giving opportunities online at pcusa.org.

CHURCH COVID POLICY The covid policy of FPC is: please follow the Centers for Disease Control guidelines and recommendations for keeping yourself and others safe. They can be found online at: cdc.gov.

WEEKLY RECURRING EVENTS

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday, 5:15-6:15pm, Music Room

Bible Study with Buddy Baltimore: Wednesday, 6:00-7:00pm, Upper Parlor

Church School for All Ages: Sunday, 9:30-10:30am

Worship and “Extended Session Church School for Kids”: Sunday, 10:45 am

Nursery open and staffed: Sunday, 9am-12noon

BIRTHDAYS

Mekenzie Rockey – May 19th

Angelique Rauch – May 22nd