

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA PC(USA)

Order of Worship
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 15th – 11:00 a.m.

- ✚ **Everyone is welcome here. God loves you, and so will we. God's grace is for all.**
- ✚ We welcome children of all ages in worship! We believe that all children are gifts from God and wiggles and giggles are part of that. Restrooms are equipped with changing tables. If parents prefer, our nursery is open for ages 0-4 in the Preschool's Cricket Room (north end of the main building). All staff are background checked, as are our volunteers.
- ✚ In the Narthex is a liturgical library with items to help worshipers of all ages engage with the service. Select which items you would like to use, place them in a small black bag from the left side if you wish, and please return your bag with the items to the basket beneath the display at the end of worship.
- ✚ If you or your family find attending worship in the Sanctuary causes sensory overload, we have two sensory spaces available for neurodivergent individuals to utilize while enjoying a livestream of the worship service. The first sensory room, geared toward children and those with higher support needs, is located next to the restrooms down the south first-floor hallway. The second sensory room, geared toward teens, adults, and those with lower support needs, is located in the Worship Center.
- ✚ Throughout the service, at the **, each person is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer of the Day

Call to Worship**

Please stand in body or in spirit and join me in the Call to Worship:

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

All: Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.

One: Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

All: The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

One: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

All: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,

One: But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

Hymn Of Praise 175**

Seek Ye First - Lafferty

Call to Confession**

Prayer of Confession**

in unison

Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can

be people of gratitude, courage and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

551

O Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mer-cy upon us.
(repeat)

Assurance of Pardon

Response of Praise**

581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Proclaiming and Sharing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14; (NT, pg. 183)

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41 (NT 96-97)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Time with Children

Jesus Loves Me, GTG 188

*Children and Worship, a worship experience for ages 3 years – 3rd grade,
meets in the Westminster Room, to the left as you exit the Sanctuary.*

Sermon

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith**

(Psalms 23:1-6)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Hymn of Faith 473**

Shepherd Me, O God -Jacob's Well

Prayers of the People

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.

Invitation to Discipleship and Call for the Offering

Call for the Offering

God gives generously. Let us honor God by giving generously in return from the dust of the earth, God made our mortal bodies, and with God's breath, life was instilled in us. There is nothing that we have that is not a gift from God. Remembering all of God's manifold blessings let us worship God with our tithes and our offerings.

Offertory Anthem *My Soul Is Thirsting For You, O Lord* – Charles Callahan

Doxology**

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To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in one,
may every tongue and nation raise an endless song of thankful praise. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Hymn 450**

Be Thou My Vision - Slane

Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

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The Communion table flowers are given to the glory of God by Sandy Cohlmiia in celebration of Kyle Cohlmiia's birthday.

The Narthex table flowers are given to the glory of God by Debby Schoenecke in memory of Dr. Michael K. Schoenecke.

Dixie Reding would like to invite the member of the Church & those who know Sydney Reding to help celebrate her 90th birthday on April 4, 2026 at Legacy Village (1st floor Bistro) from 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Peter Olson

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Liturgist: Cathy Fairbanks

Music: Lucia Unrau

Interim Choir Director: Ryan Downing

Counters: Lynn Osborn & Andrea Arquitt

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

Sunday March 15th

9:15 a.m. Meditation Group - UR

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - HA

9:45 a.m. Sunday school for all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion - SAN

12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting - FH

5:00 p.m. PYG - YS

Monday March 16th

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga - FH

6:00 p.m. Pack 3842 - FH

7:00 p.m. Scouting American Troop 820 - Scout

7:00 p.m. Scouting America Troop 888 - WR

Tuesday March 17th

9:30 a.m. Personnel Committee

1:00 p.m., Finance Committee

Wednesday March 18th

12:00 p.m. ROMEOs - HA

Thursday March 19th

12:10 p.m. Chair Yoga - FH

2:00 p.m. Stephens Ministry - YS

Friday March 20th

Saturday March 21st

9:00 a.m. 7th day Adventist Worship - WC

11:00 a.m. Community Brunch - NFH

Sunday March 22nd

9:15 a.m. Meditation Group - UR

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - HA

9:45 a.m. Sunday school for all

11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion - SAN

FPC Room Abbreviation Key

FH = Fellowship Hall HA= Hospitality Area

LIB = Library (201) MPR = Multipurpose Rm

SAN = Sanctuary WC = Worship Center

WR = Westminster Room YS = Youth Suite

SR = Sensory Room

PYG = Presbyterian Youth Group (6th-12th graders)

THE DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

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| Health/Personal | Health/Personal |
| Dorothy Akin | Becky Noah (Schreve) |
| Betty Bays | Larry Redburn |
| Blake & April (D. Baker) | Heather Rine (Seals) |
| Rita Breuninger | Michelle Scheible (Hearn) |
| Norma Burk | Carol Schmitt (Arquitt) |
| J.T. Cotter (J. Holland) | Danielle Shreve |
| Connie Dixon (Yost) | Roger Stevens (Garoffolo) |
| The Edwards Family | Connie Stiegler |
| Mary Emmet | Bill Tearney |
| Vickie Foust & Family | Lynda Williams |
| Bennett Frohock | |
| Tom Gent (Shreve) | Military |
| Madaline Harding & Family | Dan Brooks |
| Denise Houston (Houston) | Felicity Bruner |
| Edwin Koeppe & Family | Casey Campbell |
| Tami Krehbeil's Mom | Justin Fowler |
| Roger Lantz (Garoffolo) | Matt Krehbiel |
| Doug Legler (N Beckstrom) | Miles Smith |
| Nancy Martz | |
| Nathan Moore (Stangl) | |

Names in parentheses indicate connection to FPC.

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