

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA PC(USA)

Order of Worship
Palm Sunday
March 29th – 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**

One: Come, let us join the parade.....in the name of Love.

All: We come waving our branches, lifting our voices.

One: Today we gather.....And perhaps neither do we.

All: Open our eyes. Open our hearts. Make us present.

One: For the one who enters this.....chooses the cross over the crown.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God!

Hymn Of Praise 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

-Ellacombe

Call to Confession**

Prayer of Confession**

in unison

Gracious and merciful God,

We confess that we have sung "Hosanna" with our lips while our lives have told a different story. We have welcomed you in worship and walked past you on the street. We have cheered for your kingdom while quietly pledging allegiance to other powers.

We confess that we have made peace with systems that harm, defended our comfort instead of our neighbors, and called our silence wisdom.

Forgive us, Holy One. Forgive us for the times we have followed the wrong parade, the parade of power and self-preservation rather than the way of the one who lays down his life in love.

Turn us around. Reorient our hearts. Give us eyes to see what is right before us, and courage to follow where you lead, even when that road leads through darkness before it arrives at dawn.

Kyrie

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Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)

Assurance of Pardon

One: Hear this promise: Jesus has set his face toward the cross.

All: Nothing we can do can deter him.

One: He has determined that we are worth saving.

All: By the power of the cross, by the power of wondrous love, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Matthew 21:1 -11; (NT, pg. 21-22)

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**

Adapted from the UCC 1981 statement of faith.

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Hymn of Faith 157**

I Danced in the Morning – Lord of the Dance

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

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.



Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

Hymn of Faith 196** All Glory, Laud and Honor -Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

Charge and Benediction**

One: Today we have hailed you as our champion.

All: Tomorrow distractions will overtake us, and our enthusiasm may fade.

One: Help us keep our eyes on you this week:

All: on Monday, when you clear the temple of greed and deceit;

One: on Tuesday, when you challenge our comfort and ease;

All: on Wednesday, the last day before the world tilts;

One: on Thursday.....arrested while you pray;

All: on Friday, when you are examined, found guilty, and executed and plead with your last breath for our forgiveness;

One: on Saturday..... and it seems all is lost.

All: The story is ancient, but the promises are fresh.

**So keep our eyes on you this week,
and bring us back together on Sunday,
when we will see what God has done.**

One: And wherever you go..... now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

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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.

Join us for our Church Yard Workday on Saturday, April 25 at 9:00 AM! Volunteers are needed for pruning, weeding, and mulching around the property. Please bring gloves and wear clothes that can get dirty. Rain date: May 2. Contact Terry Shreve with questions.

Please join us next Sunday April 5 for Children's Easter Celebration at 9:45 a.m. in the Worship Center.

Assisting in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Joel Wood

Liturgist: Tim Krehbeil

Organist: Lucia Unrau

Interim Choir Director: Ryan Downing

Counters: Tammy Wasson & Rusty Rex

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Health/Personal	Health/Personal
Dorothy Akin	Becky Noah (Shreve)
Betty Bays	Larry Redburn
Blake & April (D. Baker)	Heather Rine (Seals)
Rita Breuninger	Michelle Scheible (Hearn)
Norma Burk	Carol Schmitt (Arquitt)
Sandy Cohlma	
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
	Casey Campbell
Tami Krehbeil's Mom	Justin Fowler
Roger Lantz (Garoffolo)	Matt Krehbiel
Doug Legler (N. Beckstrom)	Miles Smith
Nancy Martz	Jordan Bigelow
Nathan Moore (Stangl)	

Names in parentheses indicate connection to FPC.

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Rebecca Te Velde, Organist/Director of Music Emerita

Sunday, March 29th

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour - HA

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

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship - SAN

Monday March 30th

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 31st

Wednesday April 1st

12:00 p.m. ROMEOS - HA

12:00 p.m. Hideaway Men - Hideaway Pizza

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday April 2nd

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga - FH

7:00 p.m. Maundy Service - SAN

Friday April 3rd

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service - SAN

Saturday April 4th

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

11:00 a.m. Community Brunch - NFH

Sunday April 5th

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

11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship -SAN

5:00 p.m. PYG - YS

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)