

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF OWASSO

OUR VISION

We are a church

Seeking to love
and glorify God,

Growing in love,

Serving others.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday Classes 9:30
Children Choir

Coffee and Fellowship 10:00

Sunday Worship 10:30

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Prayer Group 6:00
VBST/Youth

Bible Study 6:30

Choir Practice 7:15

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The Presbyterian

SPIRIT

MARCH 2016

Forgiveness

Dear Friends,

Our Lenten series on **Forgiveness** continues through March, until we arrive at Holy Week with Palm Sunday on March 20th, Maundy Thursday on March 24th, and then Easter on March 27th!

Our entire Lenten season this year is focused on forgiveness and grace, with good reason. Forgiveness is so necessary, but it isn't easy. Most of us struggle with **forgiving people** who have hurt us. Most of us struggle to **admit our own** sins. Most of us struggle to understand that **we have been forgiven** by God. And most of us struggle to **forgive ourselves**.

And yet Jesus taught us to forgive, just as we

have been forgiven. This is what we promise in the Lord's Prayer. This is who we are as followers of Christ. But it only happens by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in our hearts and lives.

During Lent this year, you are invited to participate in an **activity** that symbolizes the power of forgiveness. At the front of the sanctuary is a table with a bowl of **water**, symbolizing God's grace. And a basket of **stones**, symbolizing the people we need to forgive, including ourselves. You can come up during one of the hymns, or before or after church, and put a stone **into the water**, as a sign that God has helped you to forgive someone. Or **beside the water**, as a sign of

someone you want to forgive.

The prayer is that those stones beside the water will **slowly be moved into it**, because we believe in a God who helps us forgive one another—and who helps us forgive ourselves. I hope you'll participate in this symbolic act of the Good News of God's Grace!

During this Lenten season, may God guide each of us to a greater awareness of God's grace in our lives, and how we have been forgiven...so that we might share that grace and forgiveness with those who have hurt us. Then the joy of Resurrection on Easter morning will be all the more meaningful and life-changing!

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March Birthdays

- 1 Elizabeth Warne
- 2 Carol Volz
- 9 Barbara Moore
- 10 Mary Ellen Johnston
- 15 Danny Burnes
- 25 Michelle Brown
- 29 Toni Hartley
- 29 Yvonne Phillips
- 30 Eric Wood
- 31 Robert Sheaff

Congratulations!



Meals on Wheels

We will have a *Meals on Wheels* "Change" Sunday on **Sunday, March 6th!** Bring your spare change to support our pledge to Meals on Wheels in Owasso!



Golden Agers

Golden Agers, come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Reuben at Eggbert's!

Wednesday, March 16th at 12:15pm

RSVP to Dorothy by March 14th via e-mail or call 918-272-2623 if you plan to attend!



Wednesday Adult

Bible Study

Wednesday nights

6:30-7:15pm

Come join us! We are studying the books of *Ezekiel* and *Daniel!*



Bunco

Saturday, March 5th at 5:30pm

Join us for a bowl of chili and a game of Bunco! Bring a side dish to share and a friend! All ages are welcome to come and play! Childcare will be provided!

First Presbyterian Celebration Singers

Ages K—5th Grade

Sundays from 9:30-10am

The Children's Choir will offer special music in worship on **March 20th-Palm Sunday!** If your child is interested in joining, please send in a registration form (available in the foyer, and online). The Choir is under the direction of Cara Grant, and Danny Burnes. Nursery is provided for younger siblings, and Sunday School is available for Adults!



SAVE THOSE LABELS!

Save Box Tops for Mills Elementary and the entire Campbell's Soup Label for the Goodland Boys Academy.

Youth Group

Youth Group is on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:30pm, for students in the 6th-12th grade!

Join leader Kat Hale for crafts and Bible study!



VBS Twilight

VBST is on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:30pm, for ages 4—5th grade!

We provide a free meal, and kids earn prizes! Sign up in the foyer to volunteer or attend!

Parenting Class

Parents meet each week on **Sundays at 9:30am.** We will continue our worship seminar with Mary Frances. We are talking about different forms of worship expression! Kids will join the class at 10:00am, after the Celebration Singers rehearsal.

To our Egg-cellent Youth...

The Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, March 20th** after Committee Day! Join Mary Frances and Kat Hale for lunch and help stuff the Easter Eggs for the annual egg hunt!

Worship Seminar

Have you seen the kids dance during worship service? Would you like to learn more about it? Join Mary Frances for a 6 week seminar which explains different forms of worship expression! This class will be from 9:30-10:20am on Sundays in the Adult classroom from February 14th-March 20th. **Everyone is invited to attend!**

Sundays

Classes 9:30

Coffee and Fellowship 10:00

Worship 10:30

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

March 2016

	1	2	3	4	5
		6:00—VBST/Youth 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal		12:15—Journey to Easter @ Silver Creek Nazarene	5:30—Bunco
6 MOW Change Sunday 9:30—Children's Choir 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship 11:30—CE Committee Mtg	8	6:00—VBST/Youth 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	10	11 12:15—Journey to Easter @ St. Henry's	12 1:00—Baby Fasano Diaper Shower at OTCC
13 Daylight Savings 9:30—Children's Choir 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship	15	6:00—Prayer Group 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal —NO VBST— Spring Break	17	18	19
	Spring Break		Spring Break	Spring Break	
20 Palm Sunday 9:30—Children's Choir 9:30—Adult Classes 10:30—Worship 11:30—Committee Mtg 11:30—Youth-Egg Stuffing	22	6:00—VBST/Youth 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	24	25	26
	6:30—Session Meeting		7:00—Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
27 Easter Sunday 9:15—Brunch 9:30—Egg Hunt 10:30—Worship	29	6:00—VBST/Youth 6:30—Adult Bible Study 7:15—Choir Rehearsal	31		

March Worship Volunteer Schedule

Communion Suella Barnett Susan Brown
Servers on 3/6: Bill & Teresa Herleth **Maundy Thursday:** Mark Hrachovec

Greeters

Mar 6 Bill & Patti Perkins
Mar 13 Bill & Patti Perkins
Mar 20 Jeff & Amy Crowder
Mar 27 Ken & Becky Allen

Counters

Bob Bass & Kerry Hartley
 Marcia Taylor & Suella Barnett
 Bill Herleth & Brian Thomason
 Bill Perkins & Laura Brewer

Ushers

Mar 6 Kerry & Toni Hartley
Mar 13 Lue & Kristi Buster
Mar 20 Dorothy Stevens & Barbara Moore
Mar 27 Patti Perkins & Susan Brown

Sound Technicians

Kerry Hartley
 Hap Pinkerton
 David Herdman
 Bob Bass

Liturgists

Mar 6 Teresa Herleth
Mar 13 Anne Sheaff
Mar 20 Eddie Sturgeon
Mar 27 Sheri Burnes

Acolytes

Zach Burnes
 Harrison Wood
 Ellis Bratcher

Ron Brewer, Les Harding (colon cancer- friend of Rod Taylor), Arley Owens, Sherry Sossamon, Theresa Jankosky, Shannon Latchem (friend of Perkins), Nicole (Rev. Natalie's sister), Phyllis Diane (Kat's cousin), Kelly Balakovits (breast cancer-friend of Perkins), Brad Baron, Suella & David Barnett, Debby Dodd (Doug Hesper's sister), Cheryl Brooks, Patti Perkins, Sandy McFadden (Eileen's daughter), Dana Sheaff, Kay Browning (Shirley Baxter's sister), Cheryl & Michael Arthur, Carol Cassmeyer (Ron Brewer's mother), Barry & Mary Beth Ward, Yvonne Phillips, those seeking jobs, encouragement, or assistance, victims of storms and violence worldwide, our leaders, our service men and women, as well as our veterans, our sister church in Malawi, Africa. ***Please email the church or Pastor Natalie to update prayer list! Let us know of any changes!**



If you cannot serve on the date scheduled, please arrange for a substitute, and let the office know, or call the office early in the week.

Worship Attendance	
Jan 31	70
Feb 7	70
Feb 14	67
Feb 21	64
Feb 28	60



Journey to Easter

Friday, March 4th

at Silver Creek Church of the Nazarene—

Speaker: Father LaChance

Friday, March 11th

at St. Henry's Catholic Church—

Speaker: Rev. Jim Cinocca

Spring Forward!

Sunday, March 13th

Be sure and spring your clocks forward for Daylight Savings!



Meetings

Christian Ed Meeting -
March 6th at 11:30am

Committee Day -
March 20th at 11:30am

Session Meeting -
March 22nd at 6:30pm

Finance Report for January 2016

Program & Budget	Jan
Giving	11,633
Expenses	(13,478)
	<u>(1,845)</u>
Funded fr Savings (Gift, Memorial)	
	<u>(1,845)</u>
Designated / Non Budget	
Giving / Income	25
Disbursements	(100)

Diaper Shower

Chef Anthony Fasano's baby girl is due in April! On

Saturday, March 12th from 1:00-3:00pm

you are invited to attend a Diaper Shower at the Café! All sizes of diapers are needed!



Contacting the Staff

Office Phone: 918-272-1063

The office is open Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

Rev. Natalie Bell can be reached Monday-Thursday at the Church or on her cell. Friday is Rev. Natalie's Sabbath.

The Presbyterian Spirit is published by First Presbyterian Church of Owasso each month to inform members and friends of church activities.

To submit information, please contact the Office.

Calendars, newsletters, sermons and giving options are available on our website.

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Nursery Director	Lori Brooks	(913) 547-1243	lorirbrooks@yahoo.com
OpenTable Community Café	Melinda Foster	(918) 376-4947	www.opentablecc.org

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Worship This Month

- 6th **Forgiveness & Freedom**
Matthew 18:23-35
Communion
- 13th **Reconciliation**
Luke 7:36-47
- 20th **Palm to Passion Sunday**
Celebration Singers sing
- 24th **Maundy Thursday**
7pm - Communion
- 27th **Easter-Resurrection**
John 20:1-18

Join the Choir

Join us during Lent as we prepare special Easter music! We are able to do these specials due to your donations! If you'd like to donate towards special Easter music and musicians, mark your check "Music." Thank You!



Lent & Holy Week

- March 20th**
Palm Sunday
- March 24th**
Maundy Thursday
7:00pm with
Communion





9:15am- Brunch

9:45am- Egg Hunt

10:30am- Worship

Please bring a breakfast item to share!

The Egg Hunt will be for all kids and Youth.



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