

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Owasso

Christ the King/Reign of Christ - November 26, 2023



(*) Please stand in body or in spirit **Bold print is in unison**

Prelude

***Hymn # 363**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Welcome & Announcements

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

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

Moment of Meditation – Welcome the Light of Christ

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to God! **Worship God with gladness!**

Come into God's presence with a song! **Know that the Lord is God.**

God made us. We belong to God. **Give thanks to God! Bless the name of the Lord!**

Opening Prayer

***Hymn**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Call to Confession

Christ rules over us all, seated at the right hand of God. This is the same Christ who came to be with us, to laugh with us, cry with us, break bread with us, and be one of us. Therefore, we approach the throne with boldness, knowing that Christ will hear our confession.

If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have done something different. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have given you food. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would have taken you in. If we had known it was you, Lord, we would not have passed you by. But we did. Too often, we make excuses for not taking care of each other. We have ignored your commandments to love and care. We do not deserve forgiveness, but we ask for it anyway, and ask you to help us change our ways.

(Moment of Silent Confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

God seeks the lost, brings back those who have strayed, binds up the injured, and strengthens the weak.
We are forgiven and restored. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri**

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Listen, listen, God is calling,
through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness; comfort, and joy. (Repeat all)

Hymnal #456

The First Reading

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Ephesians 1:15-23

Page 192 (New Testament)

The Second Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Page 29 (New Testament)

The Sermon

"Seeing the Face of God"

***Affirmation of Faith**

from "A Brief Statement of Faith" (1991)

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying: "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn #186**

Come Now, You Blessed, Eat at My Table

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

Come, Thou Fount, Come, Thou King | Alan Parker

*Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye, heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer

Hymn # 541

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*Charge and Benediction

We take the Light of Christ into the world.

We will cross paths with each other and see the light.

We take the Light of Christ into the world.

Others will cross our path and see the light.

We take the Light of Christ into the world.

May God allow that light to shine brightly before others.

Postlude



This week at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday

9:30 am
10:30 am
Following
Worship

November 26

Sunday School
"Seeing the Face of God"
Hanging of the Greens

Wednesday

6:30 p.m.

November 29

Youth Group
Choir Rehearsal
*Adult Bible Study is
meeting on Thursday

Happy Birthday to...

26 – David Bratcher

Happening at First Presbyterian

Nominating Committee Meeting

The Nominating Committee will be meeting today, immediately following Worship.



Hanging of the Greens

Stay after today's Worship Service and help prepare the Sanctuary for the Christmas and Advent season.



It's time to order Poinsettias!

Each year, poinsettias are placed in the sanctuary during the Advent season, in honor or in memory of loved ones. The cost is \$10.00 per plant and will be in the Sanctuary for the December 10th, 17th, and 24th Worship Services. **To order poinsettias, complete the form on the table by the TV in the Church narthex. Put the form and donation in the provided envelope and either place it in the offering plate or bring it by the Church Office door.** We do ask that all poinsettias remain in the Sanctuary until after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, so all can enjoy them.

Visit the Sign-Up Board

Remember to stop by the sign-up board to the left of the Church Office and see what all you can attend and donate.

- Christmas Party – Sat, Dec 9
- Christmas Music & Soup Potluck – Sun, Dec 17
- Calls to Serve – Usher, Greeter, Liturgist, Offertory



PRAYERS & JOYS

New Prayer Requests

Sherry Sossamon – Procedure (endoscopy) on December 4
First Church, Miami
Presbytery Officers and Staff

Continued Prayers & Updates

Terry (Laura Brewer's sister) – continued answers and healing
Judy Owens – continued healing from pacemaker being implanted
Yetta Risner – has been dealing with neck and back problems, pray for relief and recovery
Sharon's niece – moving back to Oklahoma from Oregon
July Dotson & family – July is 4 years old and has Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), continuing radiation
Lacey Breach – brain tumor, being treated in Houston
Prayers for peace in a broken world
Our Nominating Committee
Our Rebranding Team – continued prayers for guidance throughout the process
Our church and our staff

Please let us know of any updates!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm
Pastor Sandy can be reached at any time by cellphone: (918) 605-2205

We welcome you to the worship of God today.
If this is your first time with us, please fill out a 'Welcome' card and place it in the offering plate.

OUR CHURCH'S MISSION IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT:

to love God and neighbor. — Matthew 22:34-40

Pastor: Sandy Bach
Ushers: Bill & Patti Perkins
Sound Technician: Hap Pinkerton
Music Director: Alan Parker
Office Administrator: Wendy Helm

Ministers: All Members
Liturgist: Mark Hrachovec
A/V Technician: Harrison Wood
Children's Minister: Susan Hammond