

# first presbyterian



## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany Reaffirmation of Baptism & Officer Installation January 28, 2023

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

### **Prelude**

#### **\*Hymn #408**

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### **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**

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks. **Great are the works of the Lord!**

We ascribe honor and majesty to God. **God's righteousness endures forever.**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. **Let us worship God!**

### **Opening Prayer**

#### **\*Hymn**

*How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of a King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
Trembles at His voice

#### **Chorus**

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
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Bridge  
Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

### **Confession & Pardon**

Nothing can be hidden from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, whose wisdom is endless, whose mercy is great. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another.**

*(Moment of Silent Confession)*

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength. They will rise up to fly like eagles, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not grow faint. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Gloria Patri #155**

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
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### **Children's Time**

#### **Prayer for Illumination**

Hymnal #453

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.  
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
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#### **The First Reading**

Psalm 111

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

#### **The Second Reading**

Mark 1:21-28

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#### **The Sermon**

"What Is This?"

### **Installation and Ordination of New Officers and Deacon**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

*(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.15)*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

**\*Hymn #440**

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Give Us Clean Hands* | 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 #69**

*I, the Lord of Sea and Sky*

**\*Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

May the God of peace make you holy and the power of the Spirit sustain you until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**  
Prepare the way of the Lord! **Amen.**

**Postlude**

*Music by permission CCLI#145125*

**this week at first Presbyterian CHURCH OF owasso**

**Sunday**

9:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
After  
Worship

**January 28**

Sunday School  
"What Is This?"  
Annual Church  
Meeting

**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.

**January 31**

Youth  
Adult Bible Study

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## **Worship Committee Meeting**

The Worship Committee will meet **today** after Worship.

**happy birthday**

Feb 3 – Laura Brewer

**prayers & joys**

## **New Prayer Requests**

Our newly installed officers and deacon

Emma Porter has completed her week long EEG and is awaiting the results

Judy Freeman in the process of downsizing

Judy's niece and her husband may be homeless

Gail (Laura Brewer's cousin)-has endured Covid since October & is hospitalized

Riley (Patti & Bill's friend's granddaughter) had extensive stomach surgery

Cesar Fermin's Family – grieving the loss of Cesar (Patti & Bill's friend)

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## **Celebrations & Joys**

Olivia (Rod & Marcia's granddaughter) – her nasal passage surgery went well

Ann Beltz's Great-grandchild #3 is due to arrive at the end of June

## **Continued Prayers & Updates**

Arley Owens & family

Dwight Howe & family

Terri (Laura Brewer's sister) – pray for continued strength and healing

Amy (Patti & Bill's daughter) – unborn baby is soon, still questions regarding the health of the baby

Prayers of healing for all experiencing winter sickness (cold, flu, respiratory infections) and Covid

Prayers for peace in a broken world

Our Church & Staff

Welcome to



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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 mission is to love God and love our neighbors, all of our neighbors, according to Jesus' Great Commandment in Matthew 22: 34-40. We accept you in this family of faith! God loves you, and so do we!

**Pastor:** Sandy Bach  
**Sound Technician:** Hap Pinkerton  
**Music Director:** Alan Parker

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