



First Presbyterian Church
Claremore, OK

Pray for...

Birthdays This Week:

Seth Marshall April 28
 Jackson McClaren April 28
 Michele Marshall April 30
 Carol Shortridge April 30
 Donna Ortman May 2
 Karen Leaver May 3
 Gan Weddle May 3
 Trevor Richter May 4

Health Issues

Sandra Melton
 Doug Mosier
 Tim Pate
 Rev Michael B. Parris
 Betty Jean Heyel
 Nancy Williamson
 Keith Collier
 Mary Mosier
 Robert and Wanda Hester
 Jim Sherl
 Jim Stover

Home Bound and Nursing Facilities

Doris Korinek
 Dee Smith

Presbytery Prayer List

PC(USA) Seminaries
 St. John Church, Rufe
 Jenda Congregation, Malawi

Those Serving Our Country

Ben Aumiller, US Marines
 Ryan Eddy, US Marines
 T. Lisa Eddy, US Army Reserves
 Ryan Horner, US Air Force
 Tyler Johnson, US Army
 Koby Penny, US Marines
 Brittany Posner, US Air Force
 Clayton Presley, US Army
 Taylor Stephens - USAF
 Dru Velez, US Air Force

General Concerns

Kairos Prison Ministry
 OK Highway Patrol & Police Officers
 Mustard Seed Christian School Educators
 Those caring for loved ones

Welcome!

Whether you are visiting us for the first time or have grown up at FPC, we are glad you joined us for worship this morning! We hope you will feel welcomed today and join us again in the future.

What to expect at FPC

Expect to participate in worship. When we gather to worship, it is not a show for our consumption, but for the glory of God alone. The **bold printed** words are said by everyone while an asterisk (*) indicates a time to stand, if able. You should also expect to be challenged in worship. Jesus calls us to be disciples, which is not always an easy job. We learn and grow in faith, always seeking to be the best we can be for God, shaped by God's word and Spirit.

Children are welcome

"Let the little children come to me..." At FPC, we acknowledge that God put the wiggles and giggles in children. If we want them to learn how to worship, they must see us worship and fully participate. We aspire to be a church that loves, nurtures, and welcomes all children.

Calendar

Sunday, April 28

10:00 am - Worship
 2:00-4:00pm - Family Ministry
 RSU Nature Reserve

Office Open Monday-Friday 8:00-Noon

Tuesday, April 30

8:00-9:45 am - Exercise Classes

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 am - Men's Coffee Devotion

Thursday, May 2

8:00-9:45 am - Exercise Classes
 10:30 am - PW Meeting, Parlor

Saturday, May 4


10:00 am - 1:00 pm -Manger Open

FAMILY MINISTRIES



April 28th
 Join us at the
 RSU Nature Reserve
 2:00pm-4:00pm

Join us for a hiking, snacks & devotio



Presbyterian Women Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 10:30 am

All women are invited to join us on Thursday for our monthly Presbyterian Women's Meeting. Sherry Ashbaugh will lead the Lesson and the mission project will be cash to fund VBS volunteer t-shirts. Hope to see you there.

Our Staff and Serving Elders

Rev. Ann LaMar Interim Pastor
 Charlotte Couch Director of Music
 Whitney Maslen Children Youth Director
 Becky Elliott Treasurer
 Cheryl Craddock Secretary
 Laura Kvam Mustard Seed Director

Serving Elders Session Members

2024	2025	2025
David Melton	Lea Ann Horton	Sherry Ashbaugh
Kimi Pranger	Joel Kirkpatrick	Mark DeWeese
Theron Tacker		Teresa Mosier

EVERYONE is Welcome.
 Trails are partially paved



Questions contact Whitney 405.550.1579

*Stand in body or in spirit
Words in Bold are read by the Congregation

WE GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

One: The Lord be with you
All: And also with you.

Prelude "Rustle of Spring" by Christian Sinding

*Call to Worship

One: We come today to worship God, who is both immense and specific, greater than words can describe, and yet totally present with us.

ALL: God meets us in our questions and helps us embrace the mysteries, surrounding us with a Love that brings order to chaos.

ONE: We come to give thanks to God who created us and sustains us, and who calls us to care for the earth and all that live in it.

ALL: God empowers us to enter into partnership with gratitude and joy. Let us worship God!

*Hymn # 14 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Prayer of the Day

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive us when we pursue things that separate us from you. We often seek success, and yet it is never enough; we want more possessions, but find them empty; we hope the world will give us peace, but it does not. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you. Amen (*silent prayers*)

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations. The old life is gone, thank God! A new life has begun. We know we are forgiven, and can be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Gloria Patri #581 (traditional tune)

*Passing of the Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Anthem "Thy Will Be Done" Soloist, Joel Kirkpatrick

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

From the Gospel of John 1:1-5 pg. 86

From the Torah: Genesis 1:1 pg. 1

Sermon "I believe in God . . ." Rev. Ann LaMar

WE RESPOND

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, and forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen!

*Hymn of Response # 20 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Call for the Offering

Offertory "Meditation on Thais" by Jules Massenet

Offertory Prayer

*Doxology #606

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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; 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.

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*Hymn # 32 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude "Postlude" by Francois Couperin