

The First Presbyterian Church of Enid, OK
The 14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3rd, 2023 10:50am

Rev. Bud Ruggia, Preaching
Zoe Robinson, Liturgist



Childcare is available during all worship opportunities for children birth until attending kindergarten
The nursery can be found in the breezeway on the north side of campus

Welcome & Announcements

Minute For Mission : Food For Kids w/Shannon Robinson

* Call to Worship

We meet as a family in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

We meet as sisters and brothers in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in a dark world and pray that through our words and our lives others might be drawn into your family. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

* Hymn of Praise—# 66

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Call to Confession

We come to worship to praise God, but we remember how we have squandered the love and grace you have poured over us.

So, let us now turn to God and confess our Sin.

Prayer of Confession

Lord, you know our inmost being. You know all that we are, all that we know, all that we think, and all that we believe. When those thoughts, beliefs, ideas, and actions turn us from you, we long to be placed back on your path. We pray that our lives might be a never-ending offering to you, and that our sin might lead to more ways to learn and grow closer to your hopes for us. Cleanse us of our sin; turn our thoughts and feet ever toward your way. We pray this together in the name of your Son Jesus. Amen.

(Moments for personal reflection and confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness

The mercy of God is unending, the love of God is all encompassing, and the peace we share in Christ is fathomless. Knowing this, know that we are forgiven, today and all days.

Thanks be to God!

* Response— Gloria Patri

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal Father, Savior, and Lord, by your Holy Spirit,
open our minds that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may receive with joy your gift to us this day. Amen

Epistle Reading : Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

A Time with Young Disciples

Special Music Solo-

Eddie Lou Strimple

Gospel Reading : John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Sermon — “The Perfect Meal”

Rev. Bud Ruggia

*** Hymn of Response —# 525**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Offering Invitation—

Offertory—September Special Mission Offering: Food for Kids

Food for Kids are food filled backpacks for students to have food over the weekend.

There are many ways to give back to God in response to the good news of the Gospel.

You may mail your financial gifts to the church at 502 W. Maine, Enid, OK 73701,
by visiting www.fpcenid.com, or by leaving your offering in the plate

* Please make all checks payable to First Presbyterian Church.

For Special Mission giving, please make a designation in check memo
or place in mission envelop found in the back of your pew

Donations will be matched by the Mission Committee up to \$2000.

***The Doxology**

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

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to the table

He was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Mary and Martha, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the tables of the wealthy, where he pled the case for the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest. But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him, those who want to follow him must first be fed by him, those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for when we were nothing you made us something.
When we had no name, no faith and no future, you called us your children.
When we lost our way, or turned away, you did not abandon us.
When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome.

Now you prepare a table for us, offering not just bread, not just wine,
but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again.
You are worth all our pain and all our praise.
So now, in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfills your purpose,
we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough.
Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in
our hands, we pray together as he taught us, saying:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread —

Sharing of Communion — All are invited to come forward & receive communion

Prayer after Communion —

Let us pray. In gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the Living Bread and we
cannot remain the same.

***Hymn of Commitment — #835**

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

*** Blessing & Benediction**

*** Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you

This Week...

Monday, September 4, 2023
AA (Men & Women) -Otwa's 6pm
Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Sail- Gym-10am
ARTS Otwa's 11:30
Staff- Feild Rm- 1pm

Wednesday, September 6, 2023
Choir Returns TBA

Thursday, September 7, 2023
Sail- Gym-10am
Meals on Wheels Delivery
10:30-11:30 am
AA (Men ONLY) - Otwa's 6pm
Pay it Forward Pool Party!

Friday, September 8, 2023

Saturday, September 9, 2023
Manna - Gym 11 am

Sunday, September 10, 2023
Sunday School-9:15
Choir Practice - 10:15 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Pay it Forward Presentation
Special Session Meeting 12:15

Thank You!

Thank You to Those Serving as
Liturgist, Greeters, & Ushers
during Today's Worship.

Saturday Manna

Thank You

Roz, Joan, Claire & Darrell
Aug 26: 75+ Meals Served

Sept. 2 Eddie Lou, David & Linda Moore

Sept. 9 Greg Hodgen

Sept. 16 Deb & Christy

Sept. 23 Sieberts

Sept. 30 Kay Lamerton

Servers are Needed for October

Please Contact the Office !!!

Would **YOU** consider adding your name to
the Saturday calendar to Help?

Throughout the Week, **We Remember in Our Prayers...**

Ashley Hughes, Larry Everitt,
Ed McCauley & Family, Martin Carl,
Stephanie Ezzell, Kathi Miller,
Luke Harrison, Lacinda Harrison,
Meredith (Meara) Duke,
Tracy and Sean Strimple Family,
Max and Carolyn Moore,
Suzy Traynor, Beth Young,
Margaret Ball, Marylyn Branson-Keck,
Marilyn Pearce, & Tricia Pruitt

Church Staff & Leadership

CLERK OF SESSION: Marie Pierce

DEACON MODERATOR: Mary Siebert

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Sam Robinson

DEACON OF THE MONTH: The Sieberts

THE SESSION:

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Leslie Sweatt, Worship

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Class of 2024

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Brayan Hernandez...Media Technology Manager

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED Monday

Tue: 9am - 4pm

Wed: 9am - 4pm

Thurs: 9am - 4pm

Fri: 9am - 12pm

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