

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, PROCLAIMING SUNDAY, APRIL 17,
2016, AS THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORMAN.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the *First Presbyterian Church of Norman* was founded on March 22, 1891, by seven charter members; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the church purchased lots at the corner of Gray and Crawford in 1890, then purchased a lot at Main and Webster in 1910 which was used until October of 1950; and finally purchased the current lot the church sits on dedicating their new sanctuary on that corner on November 21st, 1954; and
- § 3. WHEREAS the church has been a leading and cooperating church as part of Indian Nations Presbytery, the Synod of the Sun, and Presbyterian Church (USA); and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the church has been blessed with strong pastoral leadership beginning with the Reverend H.M. Rogers (1900-1902), Reverend Frank M. Alexander (1903-1909; 1912-1917), Reverend Theodore H. Ashman (1917-1927), Reverend Emerson O. Houser (1932-1937), Reverend John B. Thompson (1937-1948), Reverend E. Kenneth Feaver (1948-1974), Reverend Robert A. Chesnut (1975-1979), Reverend W. Glenn Doak Jr. (1980-1996), Reverend Robert Rice (1997-2014); and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the church has faithfully served the community of Norman including students and faculty at the University of Oklahoma and has been a training ground for community leaders and future ministers and missionaries through the generations; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the church has been at the forefront of Presbyterian life in developing holistic ministry through their children and family programming and theologically in ordaining women to serve as teaching and ruling elders and deacons; and
- § 7. WHEREAS, the 496 members of the church have just completed a significant envisioning project with a vision to continue to serve and minister in Norman and our world for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 8. Do hereby proclaim Sunday, April 17, 2016 as the 125th Anniversary Celebration of First Presbyterian Church of Norman.

PASSED AND APPROVED this

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Clerk

