



Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 18, 2026
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Called to make fully-devoted followers of Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused.



Driven by a Dream

The Words of Preparation

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Dan Forrest

THE WELCOME

Rev. James Estes

Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register. Visitors, please fill out a Get Connected card from the pew back and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates, and fellowship opportunities.

THE INTROIT

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child

Dan Forrest

Gretchen Bashforth, soloist

The hands that first held Mary's child were hard from working wood. From boards they sawed and planed and filed and splinters they withstood. This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no iron nail, but cradled from the head to heel our Lord, newborn and frail. This child shall be Emmanuel, not God upon the throne, but God with us, Emmanuel, as close as blood and bone. The tiny form in Joseph's palms confirmed what he had heard, and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heaven's human word. The tools that Joseph laid aside a mob would later lift and use with anger, fear, and pride to crucify God's gift. Let us, O Lord, not only hold the child who's born today, but charged with faith may we be bold to follow in His way.

◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With pipes and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

Let us stand in honor,

And let us worship God.

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Pam Hillis

THE FIRST READING

Hosea 11:1-9

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, though You have called us out of Egypt, have taught us to walk, and have held us in Your own arms, but still we have turn from You. You have led us with cords of kindness and bands of love, but still we pull away— chasing lesser gods and spurning Your wise and gentle love. You have stooped down to feed us, yet we have hungered for what does not satisfy. We have forgotten You—the One who held us close. Still, You continually call out: *“My heart recoils within me; My compassion grows warm and tender.”* You refuse to give us up. You come not in wrath, but in mercy. So, we bow down before You now, asking not what we deserve, but what You freely give: forgive us, renew us, and give us new heart that we might delight in Your will and walk in Your way to the glory of Your name ... *(in silence)*

THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION 92 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Who is a god like our God, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in showing mercy. He will again have compassion upon us; He will tread our iniquities under foot and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Hear this good news, that in Jesus Christ sin and death are vanquished forever for those who trust in Him. **Alleluia! Amen!**

♦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**♦ **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

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; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**THE HYMN OF PREPARATION 49** Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

THE SECOND READING

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

THE SERMON

Driven by a Dream

Rev. James Estes

THE OFFERING**Hymn for a New Day**

Robert Swift

Great God, we sing that mighty hand by which supported still we stand; on this new day Thy mercy shows, that mercy crowns it till it close. By day, by night, at home, abroad, still are we guarded by our God: by His incessant bounty fed, by His unerring counsel led. With grateful hearts the past we own; the future, all to us unknown; we to Thy guardian care commit, and peaceful leave before Thy feet. In scenes exalted or depressed, Thou art our joy, and Thou our rest; Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise, adored through all our changing days. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 210**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on the tune ST. ANNE

◆ *Please stand*

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Greetings in Christ!

We are glad to welcome you to worship! We are a community that seeks to lift high the name of Jesus and to serve the common good. If you are here for the first time, we pray that you will sense the presence of Christ and the warmth of this congregation. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you; if this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a *Welcome Guest Card*, or contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652 or emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Nelda Brown, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Jim Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Patricia Hall, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Sally McCoy, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Barbara Mugge, David Osterholt, David Perkins, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Carolyn Perryman, Mary Ruddle, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Sally Stewart, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, and Norma Wallace.

WORSHIP NOTES

Services are broadcast on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube.

For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

Our Letter of Blessing today goes to John and Debbie Favell.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given in all honor and praise to our Lord and Savior who gives us eternal life, by Kurt and Mary Surface.

Please notify the church if you have a pastoral need, change of address, phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically in lieu of the offering plates at firstchurchtulsa.org, text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.



FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Pastoral Prayer: Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. To receive a weekly prayer prompt, please text @pastorfpc to “81010”.

Prayer in the Chapel: Join together from 10:40 - 10:55 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month for prayer during this time of pastoral transition.

Need a Pastoral Visit? If you or someone whom you know is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

Young Adults: First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Instagram at @fpcyoungadults or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

HAPPENING TODAY

2026 Stewardship Campaign - Live Gratefully. Give Intentionally: For 140 years, First Church has been blessed by the faithful gifts of those who came before us—laying a foundation of ministry, mission, and worship that continues to shape lives today. As we look ahead, we embrace the call to grateful living and intentional giving, recognizing that every gift is an expression of gratitude to God and a commitment to His work. This year, our goal is to welcome 40 new givers who will join in building upon this legacy, ensuring that the next generation experiences the same grace and generosity that have sustained us for more than a century. Every gift counts, no matter the amount. Together, we honor the past and invest in the future. Will you join us? Make your pledge today at FirstChurchTulsa.org/Stewardship26 or scan the QR code provided. Your intentional gift helps us continue this story of faith and generosity.



Interested in joining a Sunday School class? For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org.



First Friends in the Pews: Meet at the Atrium coffee bar 15 minutes before each worship service.

Newcomer Gathering: Join us for coffee, bagels, and fellowship today at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library. Explore what it means to become a member of First Church and learn about our family of faith! Ask questions, learn about First Church, and get to know other newcomers and members!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Men's Monday Bible Study: Mondays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., E103, an informal fellowship of men who want to grow in their understanding and application of God's word. During lunch they will read a book of the Bible followed by a Bible study.

Precept Bible Study: Meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in room E102. The class led by Denise Rounds will focus on Matthew 1-13, examining the identity of the promised Messiah—the King who fulfills the throne of David—along with the nature of His kingdom and the character of those who live under His reign.

Wednesday Night Downtown: Dinner starts at 5:15 p.m. with AWANA, *Pathfinders*, and *Exodus* starting at 6:00 p.m., and adult classes (listed below) starting at 6:15. (For more information contact Elizabeth Massey at edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org.)

Created for Connection: How to build Christ-centered, healthy relationships rooted in trust and love: led by Dr. Tom Philp, LPC and therapist at Stonebridge, in the Miller Library. Couples will explore God's design for healthy, life-giving relationships with family, friends, and romantic partners by integrating biblical wisdom with sound psychological insight. Through Scripture, discussion, and practical reflection, participants will learn how attachment, emotional awareness, boundaries, forgiveness, and repair shape our ability to love well. The class emphasizes Christ-centered relationships marked by trust, that weaves its way through each discussion.

Seekers Bible Study: led by Rev. Wambugu in room E104. Rev. Wambugu will lead us through the book of Esther, a Jewish woman who courageously saves her people from annihilation of the Persian empire by relying on God's divine providence.

Dr. Ivan Rusyn: Dr. Rusyn returns to First Church this weekend. On Saturday, January 24, he will speak at 6:30 p.m. in Stephenson Hall and on Sunday, January 25 he will offer a presentation at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall and preach at the 8:00 Kerr Chapel and the 11:00 Sanctuary services (and will be live-streamed to Stephenson at 11:00).

Chili Cook-Off: The annual Chili Cook-Off will be held next Sunday, January 25 in the atrium following the 11:00 a.m. services. The event highlights the mission opportunities at Anderson Elementary School and Masterwork Academy. This year the funds raised will go toward offering food boxes from Food on the Move at Anderson Community Nights as well as other Anderson needs. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at Anderson, stop by the Anderson table in the atrium or contact Cindy DeVore at 918-630-2636.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Membership Class Offering: Do you feel a sense of belonging and a calling to become a member of First Church? Our next Membership Classes will be held on Sundays, February 8, 15, and 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library. The classes are led by facilitators and pastors and will equip you with resources, support, and activities to help you grow in your relationship with Christ, as you get to know other new members and explore the meaning of church membership. You can register for the class by scanning the QR code or contacting Emma Myatt at emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org.



Lunch and Learn: Join us on Monday, February 9 at noon in room E104 to hear Bob Farris, a retired probate judge and attorney, who will speak on wills, trust, probate, etc. To reserve lunch (\$7), use the QR code or contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029, kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org. You may also pay at the door.



Lenten Small Groups: Beginning the week of February 22 we will be studying the arc of Christ's redemption story from the prophecies of the Old Testament to the fulfillment of the promises recorded in the gospels. If you are interested in participating in a small group or forming your own group, please contact Elizabeth Massey at 918-301-1019 or emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org.



USE YOUR TALENTS

Join our TV Ministry Team: Gain valuable video and broadcast experience while helping us reach thousands of TV and internet viewers each week. We're looking for students and adults to volunteer in this ministry. For more information, contact Alex Pennell, TV/Video Manager, at 314-607-1032.

The Presbyterian Women's January Mission is the Anderson Elementary School. Please place items such as pencils, crayons, erasers, white construction paper, copy paper, facial tissue and disinfectant wipes in the bin marked PW Donations located in the atrium. Cash or checks may be placed in the donation box located at the welcome desk in the atrium throughout the month of January.

Become a mentor to new First Church members: Help new members feel welcomed and connected to First Church! We have launched a mentorship program, pairing each new member with someone to walk alongside them for six months. As a mentor, you will greet them on Sundays and connect with them once a month. Contact Emma Myatt at emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org to sign up.



Internship Opportunity: Are you a college student who loves God and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program! You can go to the employment tab on the First Church website for more information and an application.

Job Opportunity: Ministry Assistant for Mission, Outreach and TIF, this position provides administrative and logistical support for FPC mission and outreach ministries, the Tulsa International Fellowship and new member integration. If you are interested, please go to the First Church website.

Church Mice: Our church mice keep our Sanctuary and Chapel cleaned and ready for the Sunday services. If you would like to be a part of this group by volunteering either on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday by restocking and straightening the items in the pews, please contact Barbara Sanders at bsandersok@cox.net.

FPC Scholarship Program: First Presbyterian Church is now accepting scholarship program applications. You can pick up a copy of the application along with three reference forms from the church Business Office or you can download the forms from First Church website. Applications must be completed and all required materials need to be submitted to Toni Moseley at tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org by April 1, 2026 for the upcoming school year. Applications are not renewed and must be submitted each year.

SERMON NOTES

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 1/18

8:00 am	Worship: Kerr Chapel
8:45 am	Rejoice Ringers, 309
8:30 am	Worship: Stephenson Hall
9:15 am	First Church Choristers, 308
11:00 am	Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

Monday 1/19

12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
7:00 pm	Overtone Rehearsal, 309

Tuesday 1/20

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
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Wednesday 1/21

5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Praise Band, and Celebration Singers, Powerhouse
5:45 pm	Gloria Women's Choir, 308
6:00 pm	POW, Amass Exodus
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday 1/22

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 1/24

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., January 25

Cornerstone	Book of John	E102
Covenanters	<i>Screwtape Letters</i>	E101
Faith and Family	Bible Study	206
Families w/Young Children	Foundations of Christian Marriage	Tower Room
Foundations	Genesis	E104
Harbingers	Epiphanies and the Sacred Ordinary	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Romans Study	E103
Shepherds	Book of Revelation	E203
Sojourners	<i>Come to Me</i>	E204
Sowers	Ephesians	E205
The Vine	Fruitful Affliction	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	Bible Study	E200

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS AND ORGANIST

Daniel Hutchinson, *Interim Senior Pastor* James Estes, *Associate Pastor*
 Julia Metcalf, *Associate Pastor* Wambugu Gachungi, *Associate Pastor*
 Ron Pearson, *Organist and Music Director*