



**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 25, 2026**  
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

**First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa**

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



# Doing the Will of God When His Hand is Invisible

## The Words of Preparation

It is a mark of the disciples of Jesus that they practice constant contact with the God who they know always hears their prayer. His answer may not always be what they hope for; it may sometimes be 'No', it may often be 'Wait'. But they learn by experience that, as often as they pray, so often will they be answered speedily. 'His elect... cry to Him day and night', in fact, not because He does not listen, but precisely because He does.

Michael Wilcock

## THE WELCOME

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

*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

### *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Nancy Walters

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell! For I know what-e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well. All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread; though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be, gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see. All the way my Savior leads me, O the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages: Jesus leads me all the way.

## ◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Church of Jesus Christ, we have been called by God—

**Called into one body and one Spirit.**

Called to one hope,

**One Lord, one faith, one baptism.**

One God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

**We are called together in Christ, to the praise of His glory.**

Now let us sing hymns of praise to the Lord who calls us in grace.

## ◆ THE OPENING HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. James Estes

**THE FIRST READING**

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

This is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

**If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

Now let us confess our sins to our loving God:

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, You have made us one body in Christ, joined together by one Spirit, called to have the same care for one another. Yet we confess that we have not always lived as members of the one body of which Christ is the head. We have allowed busyness, comfort, and distance to dull our awareness of the suffering of our brothers and sisters. Forgive us, O Lord, for forgetting those who suffer as though we did not belong to one another. Forgive us for failing to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep. Restore us in the unity You give in Christ. Teach us again to bear one another's burdens in love. Have mercy on us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever ... *(in silence)*

**THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION 78 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed**

MARTYRDOM

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Beloved children of God, hear and believe this good news with all your hearts: Jesus died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. There is new life for all who call upon His name.

**Alleluia! Amen!**

♦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

♦ **THE 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. Amen.

♦ **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 2** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

**THE SECOND READING**

Matthew 5:13-16

**THE SERMON**

Doing the Will of God When His Hand is Invisible

Dr. Ivan Rusyn

**THE OFFERING**

God is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. Refrain. He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. Refrain.*

Psalm 46

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 420**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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

Voluntary on the tune CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz

◆ *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](mailto: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](http://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 Laura Stevens.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary** today are given in appreciation to Ron Pearson, the Choir, the Worship Leaders and the Musicians of First Church, by the Metcalf family.

**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](mailto: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](http://firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.



**Did you know that the First Presbyterian Foundation** started with one person's vision to sustain First Presbyterian for future generations. Their initial gift of 88 shares of stock has grown in the last 60 years with the help of over 500 donors to over \$24 million. **Thank you!**

## FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

**Pastoral Prayer:** Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. To receive a weekly prayer prompt, please text @pastorfp 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org).



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

## 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](mailto: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.

**Grief Share:** Join us on Wednesdays, starting on January 28 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in room E104 for a 13-week series of classes that is a Christ centered grief recovery program for people who have lost a loved one. You may join at any time during the cycle. The class is led by Kathy Wilson and Rick Priest, a workbook is required and cost is \$20. While it's most helpful to attend every session, the videos are available online for participants who can't attend every class. To register, go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) and click on "Find a Group" or, contact Kathy Wilson at [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org)/ 918-301-1029.

**Hearts for the Lord:** Join us on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in room E313. We are studying *In His Image* by Jen Wilkins, exploring ten characteristics of who God is - holy, loving, just, good, merciful, gracious, faithful, patient, truthful, and wise - helping us understand who God intends for us to be.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chili Cook-Off:** The annual Chili Cook-Off has been moved to Sunday, February 1 in the atrium following the 11:00 a.m. services. Join the fun and fellowship next week.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org).



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## 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](mailto: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 clean 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](mailto: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](mailto:tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org) by April 1, 2026 for the upcoming school year. Applications are not renewed and must be submitted each year.

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## SERMON NOTES

## Come, Grow Your Faith!

### **TODAY 1/25**

11:00 am      Worship: Sanctuary

### **Monday 1/26**

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

### **Tuesday 1/27**

9:30 am      Precept Bible Study, E102  
10:30 am      Hearts for the Lord, E313

### **Wednesday 1/28**

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 1/29**

10:00 am      Hearts for the Lord, E313

### **Saturday 1/31**

8:45 am      Before the Rooster Crows

## **Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., February 1**

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	Pray Big	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*