



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026
8 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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



Take Time to Ponder

The Words of Preparation

Life's ebb and flow that moves our hearts from heights of joy to feelings low cannot exhaust God's matchless grace nor stem that never-ending flow. D. De Haan

THE PRELUDE

I Sing a Maid
Brad Morgan, soloist

Celtic tune, arr. Michael Joncas

I sing a maid of tender years to whom an angel came, and knelt as to a mighty queen and bowed bright wings of flame. A nation's hope in her reply, this maid of matchless grace; for God's own Son became her child, and she His resting place. She watched Him grow to manhood's strength to meet His destiny, and when the danger of His truth brought Him to Calvary, she stood by Him all powerless to ease His dying pain, 'til in the darkest hour of all, she held her Son again. And if the song had ended then, our eyes would fill with tears, but ah! the song had just begun to echo down the years! Now lift your voices, hearts, and souls, to sing with one accord to honor Mary, Mother of the Christ, the Risen Lord!

THE WELCOME

Rev. Julia Metcalf

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 CALL TO WORSHIP

From Earth's imagined corners,

Gather us.

From our distraction and anxiety,

Gather us.

From the fractious and frayed edges of our lives,

Gather us.

Into true community,

Gather us.

Into your compassion,

Gather us.

Into your kingdom,

Gather us.

Hear the word of the Lord:

The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him... (*silence*)

We do not rush into God's presence.

We are gathered into it.

Stillness is not emptiness.

It is attention.

It is trust.

It is love learning to listen.

THE OPENING HYMN

Still, My Soul, Be Still

MY SOUL BE STILL

1. Still, my soul, be still, and do not fear though winds of change may rage to-mor-row.
 2. Still, my soul, be still, do not be moved by less-er lights and fleet-ing shadows.
 3. Still, my soul, be still, do not for-sake the truth you learned in the be-gin-ning.

5
 God is at your side; no long-er dread the fires of un-ex-pect-ed sor-row.
 Hold on to His ways, with shield of faith a-against temp-ta-tion's flam-ing ar-rows.
 Wait up-on the Lord, and hope will rise as stars ap-pear when day is dim-ming.

9
 God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shak-en.

13
 Lord of peace, re-new a steady spir-it with-in me to rest in You a-lone.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder DD Blackman

THE FIRST READING

Psalms 62:1-5

THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION

When we come before a holy God, we do not pretend we are whole. We do not hide what is fractured. We come as we are, trusting that the God who gathers also heals. Let us pray:

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from me the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to flow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake...(in silence) Amen.

◆ THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION 387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

♦ **THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds, you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (1 Peter 2:24-25)

If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But with You there is forgiveness

That You may be feared.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption.

And He will redeem Israel

From all its iniquities. (Psalm 130:3-4, 7-8)

Alleluia! Amen!

♦ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **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 SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

THE OFFERING 310 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee ST. AGNES

THE SECOND READING Luke 2:19, 41-52

THE SERMON Take Time to Ponder Rev. Julia Metcalf

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

♦ **THE CLOSING HYMN 276** Great is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

♦ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE**Improvisation on the tune FAITHFULNESS**♦ *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 Ruddell, 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 Dr. Ivan Rusyn.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and memory of Dwight Creveling, by his 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.

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.



Did you know that the First Presbyterian Foundation started with one person's vision to sustain First Presbyterian for future generations. The 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 [@pastorfpc](https://twitter.com/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

Chili Cook-Off: Join us today after the 11:00 a.m. worship services for the annual Chili-Cook Off in the atrium. The event highlights the mission opportunities at Anderson Elementary with the *Lunch Buddy* program and *Masterwork Academy*. This year the funds raised from voting for your favorite chili will go toward offering food boxes from *Food on the Move* at Anderson Community Nights as well as other Anderson needs.

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.



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.

Grief Share: Join us on Wednesdays, 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 and click on "Find a Group" or, contact Kathy Wilson at 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.

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 February Mission is the Lindsey House. They are collecting funds to make Easter baskets for the children who live at Lindsey House with their moms. Lindsey House provides transitional housing and programs to help newly homeless mothers with children get on their feet again and achieve financial independence. First Church is a founding partner with Lindsey House. Please place donations in the box at the welcome center. Checks should be made out to Presbyterian Women.

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 the 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.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 2/1

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 2/2

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

Tuesday 2/3

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

Wednesday 2/4

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 2/5

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 2/7

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

Cornerstone	<i>The Practice of Communion</i>	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*