



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 8, 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.



Consolation and Crisis

The Words of Preparation

You stir man to take pleasure in praising You, because You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.
St. Augustine, *Confessions*

WELCOME

Steve Wilson, Director of High School Ministries

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

Psalm 96:1-6

Beatrix Winton

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

♦ THE OPENING HYMN 467

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

♦ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Jef Frasier

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Judah DeSpain

Almighty God, we have strayed from Your way like lost sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts. We have left things undone that we should have done. We have done things we should not have done. O Lord, in your great mercy, hear us as we repent, forgive us of our sins and restore us to the joy of Your salvation ... *(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that in Jesus Christ there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name! **Alleluia! Amen!**

♦ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

The 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** Gabe Lofton

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 Ellie Williams

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SECOND READING **Luke 2:22-38** Naomi DeSpain

THE SENIOR HOMILY

THE OFFERING 391 **Take My Life** HENDON

THE SERMON **Consolation and Crisis** Rev. Dan Hutchinson

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 40** **Joy to the World** ANTIOCH

♦ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE **Improvisation on the tune O STORE GUD**

♦ *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, 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, Norma Wallace and Rhonda Wilson.

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](https://www.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 Brandon, Kaite and Joanna Evans.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Herman and Dorothy Jones and John and June McGraw, by Kim and Ricky Jones.

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



Thank you to the twenty-six chili entries, the volunteers and to all those who participated in this year's **Chili Cook-off**. Over \$3,000 was raised to support the good works at Anderson Elementary School.

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

Nominations: We are now accepting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee for the 2029 offices of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. Please complete the form on the last page of your bulletin to submit your recommendations.

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.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Lunch and Learn: Join us tomorrow, 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.



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.

Seasons Women's Gathering meets tomorrow, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Library for a special "Galentines" gathering. Women of all ages are welcome; invite a friend.

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: Meeting 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.

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

Ash Wednesday: February 18 marks the beginning of the Lenten journey. Join us for a light dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Stephenson Hall followed by a service in the Sanctuary for the imposition of Ashes. There will be no WNDT activities this evening, but all are encouraged to come to the service (children are welcome in the service, and childcare will be available for pre-k and under). There will also be a service for the imposition of ashes at noon in the Kerr Chapel.

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. Books are available for purchase today at the Book Table in the atrium. 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. 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.

First Church Cancer List: Do you or a loved one have cancer? Members of the Guild of Intercessors pray every day for those on the Guild's Cancer List. If you would like to add yourself, a loved one, a friend or a colleague to this confidential list, please contact Paula Peterson at 918-688-2163/mandppeterson@msn.com or Monte Prater at 918-605-9719/monteprater@aol.com).

Sing with the Choir for Holy Week! Would you like to experience the power of singing the profound anthems offered by the Chancel Choir on Maundy Thursday? Plus, the thrill of singing the Hallelujah Chorus with the Choir, organ, trumpets, and timpani on Easter Sunday? You are welcome to join us for Wednesday evening rehearsals from 6:30-8:00 on March 11, 18, 25, and April 1. We have a choir robe that will fit YOU!

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 2/8

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 2/9

12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
6:30 pm	Seasons Women's Gathering, Miller Library
7:00 pm	Overtones Rehearsal, 309

Tuesday 2/10

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
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Wednesday 2/11

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 2/12

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 2/14

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., February 15

Cornerstone	The Practice of Communion	E102
Covenanters	Screwtape Letters	E101
Faith and Family	Book of John	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	2 Timothy	E204
Sowers	Pray Big	E205
The Vine	Fruitful Affliction	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	Psalms	E200

FPC LEADERSHIP FORM

According to the Book of Order, "Ordered ministries are gifts to the church to order its life so that the ministry of the whole people of God may flourish." (G.20102) These ordered ministries consist of the office of Deacon and Elder. Each year, the nominating committee solicits suggestions to fill these offices (along with the role of Trustee) from the congregation. This is a holy privilege as members of the body of Christ. Therefore, we encourage you to be attentive to the New Testament witness concerning these offices as you prayerfully consider who might be called to serve. Below are a few verses laying out the qualifications of those called to lead.

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift... And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherd and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...
Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.
Titus 1:7-9

For further reference: Acts 6:1-5, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, 1 Peter 5:1-5

If you would like to suggest a name for the nominating committee to consider, please prayerfully fill out the form below or e-mail names to: dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Name of congregant: _____

Suggested by: _____

I recommend this person for service as an (circle all that apply):

Elder Deacon Trustee Nominating Committee

1. What specific strengths/gifts will this person bring to this position?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

2. Briefly describe how this person has served Christ's purposes here at FPC or in the community.

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*