First Church TULSA
1885

Transfiguration of the Lord
February 15, 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.

John the Baptist

The Words of Preparation

Finally, there is the *scope* of the Lamb's ministry, 'The sins of the world.' Without exception, every kind of sin and evil is covered. There is no sin too heinous, no wickedness too terrible, no habitual failure too often repeated, that it cannot be 'taken away' by Christ, our heavenly Lamb. Bruce Milne, *The Message of John*

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 **If You Search With All Your Heart** Craig Courtney

Lydia Gray, soloist

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

THE CALL TO WORSHIP **From Revelation 5**

And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain…
And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne.
And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb…And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."
Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,
"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,
"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
Therefore, let us stand in honor,
And let us worship God!

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!** NICAEA

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder Kim Hall

THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 40:1-8**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. For all the ways that we have not prepared for Your coming; for every idol that we have lifted up in Your place; for every selfish desire that stands as a barrier to Your rule, forgive us, O Lord. For failing to live as those who belong to You; for failing to receive Your Word which stands forever, and for replacing it with our own words or the words of those around us, forgive us, O Lord. For all that we have done or left undone that brings sorrow to Your heart, forgive us, O Lord. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Hear us now, as we pray… *(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that in Christ Jesus there is full forgiveness of sins 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**

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 **My Worth Is Not In What I Own** Keith and Kristyn Getty

My worth is not in what I own, not in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the costly wounds of love at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name in win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the blood of Christ that flowed at the cross.

I rejoice in my Redeemer, Greatest Treasure, Wellspring of my soul, I will trust in Him, no other. My soul is satisfied in Him alone.

As summer flowers we fade and die, fame, youth and beauty hurry by, but life eternal calls to us at the cross. I will not boast in wealth or might or human wisdom's fleeting light but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. *Refrain.*

Two wonders here that I confess, my worth and my unworthiness. My value fixed – my ransom paid at the cross. *Refrain.*

THE SECOND READING **John 1:19-34**

THE SERMON **John the Baptist** 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 151** **Crown Him with Many Crowns** DIADEMATA

♦ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE **Improvisation on the tune** DIADEMATA

♦ *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, 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 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*.

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 Bob and Jan Bruce.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jackson and Lena Nafe by Carol, Griffin and Stephanie Elrod.

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.

Thank you to all who donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring on Youth Sunday. Your gifts of $2,552 will support families served by the Helping Hand Ministry.

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

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.

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 at **6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary** for the imposition of ashes. There will be no WNDT activities this evening, but all are encouraged to attend 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**.

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

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

First Church Spiritual Retreat: Save the date for Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. Join a gathering of disciples for a quiet day to draw close to our Lord Jesus Christ. Cost is $10, which includes breakfast and lunch.

USE YOUR TALENTS

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. Then, sing in worship with us for Maundy Thursday on April 2, and for two services on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Scan the QR code to register by Wednesday, March 11. We have a choir robe that will fit you!

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 2/15		
	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 2/16		
	12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
	7:00 pm	Overtones Rehearsal, 309
Tuesday 2/17		
	9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
Wednesday 2/18		
	Noon	Ash Wednesday Service, Kerr Chapel
	5:30 pm	Soup Dinner, Stephenson Hall
	6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
Thursday 2/19		
	10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
Saturday 2/21		
	8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., February 22

Cornerstone	Lenten Study	E102
Covenanters	Lenten Study	E101
Faith and Family	Book of John	206
Families w/Young Children	Foundations of Christian Marriage	Tower Room
Foundations	Genesis	E104
Harbingers	Lenten Study	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Romans Study	E103
Shepherds	Lenten Study	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