



First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 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.

I Am: The Bread of Life

The Words of Preparation

Q. 168. What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, His death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate, feed upon His body and blood to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with Him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.

Q. 170. How do they that worthily communicate in the Lord's Supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein?

As the body and blood of Christ are not corporally or carnally present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord's supper; and yet are spiritually present to the faith of the receiver...so they that worthily communicate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ...in a spiritual manner; yet truly and really, while by faith they receive and apply to themselves Christ crucified, and all the benefits of His death.

Westminster Larger Catechism

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

arr. Dale Wood

Gretchen Bashforth, soloist

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 10:12-14 and 19-23

Rev. James Estes

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins,
He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified...

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
For He who promised is faithful.

◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 144** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! HYFRYDOL

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder Bill Huffman

THE FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8:1-3

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved You fully. We doubt Your promises, forget Your faithfulness, and wander from Your way like lost sheep. We look for meaning in the things of this world, rejecting Your Word which stands forever. For the sake of Christ, we ask that You would forgive us our sins, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and so work in our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we might readily live lives which bring glory to You. 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 78 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed MARTYRDOM

THE SECOND READING John 6

THE SERMON I Am: The Bread of Life Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**◆ THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

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

Improvisation on the tune HYFRYDOL

◆ *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.

Lenten Sermon Series: Over this Lenten season, we will explore the "I AM" statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. Each week, we will study one of Christ's powerful declarations and reflect on what it teaches us about His identity and the life we have in Him. We look forward to seeing you in Worship as we take this journey together!

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.

Sympathy and Prayers to: David Perkins on the death of his son on February 14.

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 Letters of Blessing today go to Larry Doyle and David Perkins.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Marshall Milligan by his family.

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

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.

HAPPENING TODAY

Nominations: We are now accepting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee for the 2029 offices of Elders, Deacons, and Trustees. To submit your recommendations for consideration you can complete the form on the back of your bulletin or click on the QR. **The last day to submit your recommendations is March 1.**



Join First Friends in the Pews! Stop by the table in the atrium today to find out how to be a part of continuing to grow the culture of hospitality at our church.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Lenten Small Groups: Beginning this week. 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.



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: During Lent we will follow the sermon series *I Am*, exploring Jesus' self-revealing statements in the Gospel of John. Each week, the pastors will lead a study of one of Christ's powerful declarations and reflect on what it teaches us about his identity and the life we have in Him. Join us as we walk through these rich passages together throughout the Lenten season.

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

First Church Spiritual Retreat: Save the date for Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. Join a gathering of disciples in the Miller Library 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, which 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.

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!



SERMON NOTES

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 2/22

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 2/23

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

Tuesday 2/24

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
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Wednesday 2/25

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
6:15 pm	Adult Classes
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday 2/26

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 2/28

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., March 1

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	How We Got the Bible	E203
Sojourners	2 Timothy	E204
Sowers	Pray Big	E205
The Vine	Lenten Study	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	Lenten Study	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. You can also use the QR code to submit names.



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. On the back page, briefly describe how this person has served Christ's purposes here at FPC or in the community.

Officers currently serving:

Elders: Jackie Allison, DD Blackman, Jenni Dollahon, Ginny Drummond, Bob Farris, Dana Grogan, Kim Hall, Patricia Hall, Bill Huffman, Eric Janzen, Gary Johnson, Becca Kibui, Dennis Koori, Laura Krohn, Patty Lawson, Betty Marshall, Petra Mangesho, Dan McDonald, Paul McEntire, Jan Miller, Buddy Neal, Charity Nyingi, Tom Philp, Rick Priest, Dan Richmond, Dylan Seibert, John Shelton, Laura Stevens, Mary Lee Torbert, Josie Whitley

Deacons: Diane Austin, Rachel Berkhouse, Lisa Berry, Jeremy Case, Dave Davis, Anita Ewing, Amy Fiegener, Bill Gent, David Grigg, Marnie Grimes, Andrew Hand, Lisa Harbison, Ron Hart, Ron Hull, Peter Kagari, Kate Kindbom, Gladwell Kisitu, Patrick Kuehn, Sarah Kunihira, Matthew McAfee, James Munuhe, Ann Murage, Nelly Ndungu, Jana Neal, Katie Ormond, Marsha Kimbrel Rose, Jason Stockbridge, Kate Swan, Carol Tipton, David Vaughan, and Clare Williams

Trustee: Jim Diacon, Joan Hoar, Cathy Laird, Bill Lawson, Jennifer Porter, Leslie Pritchard, Don Seidel and Laurie Winslow

Nominating Committee Members: Diane Austin, Cam Campbell, Dianne Dericks, Jim Diacon, Bob Farris, Marnie Grimes, Cathy Laird, Kim Jones, Shadrack Koech, Dennis Lee, Jacob McIntosh, Jill Metcalf, Dylan Seibert, and Emily Willard