



Second Sunday in Lent
March 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.

I Am The Light of the World

The Words of Preparation

The Manichaeans suppose the sun visible to our natural eyes to be our Lord Christ...but the right faith of the universal church condemns such fiction...He is God of God, Light of Light. The sun's light was made by this Light. And the Light that made the sun, under which He also made us, was Himself made under the sun for our sake. That Light that made the sun was made, I say, [to come humbly] under the sun for our sake...He hid himself under the cloud of the flesh, not to obscure but to temper His light. Speaking then through the cloud of the flesh, the Light unflinching, the Light of wisdom says to humanity. "I am the Light of the world."

The Light That Made the Sun, Augustine

THE WELCOME

Rev. James Estes

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

Beautiful Savior

arr. Wallingford Riegger

Gloria Women; Gretchen Bashforth, director

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on them,

For He will abundantly pardon.

For the One who calls you is faithful.

He is able to keep all that we entrust to Him until that day.

Now let us stand in honor,

And let us worship God.

◆ THE OPENING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; dayspring from on high, be near; day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Elder Laura Krohn

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-23

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are light, and in you there is no darkness at all. And as we gaze upon the brightness of your holiness, all our darkness is exposed: our hidden sins and whispered judgments; our small refusals of mercy; our quiet preference for comfort over compassion; our subtle turning away from the neighbor and the marginalized; our fondness for our own opinions, and our insistence on getting our own way. So often we claim to walk in the light while clinging to shadows; we profess truth while resisting correction. Forgive us. Shine upon us not to destroy, but to cleanse. Expose what must be healed. Burn away what must be purified. Lead us out of darkness into the light of life. For we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world... *(in silence)*

THE RESPONSE

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended?

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended, that mortal judgment has on You descended? By foes derided, by Your own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You? Alas, my treason, Jesus, has undone you! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You: I crucified You.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave has sinned, and the Son has suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was Your incarnation, Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation; Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay You, I do adore You, and will ever pray You, think on Your pity and Your love unswerving, not my deserving.

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 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 Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE OFFERTORY****I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus.

In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain.*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain.*

THE SECOND READING

John 8

THE SERMON

I Am: The Light of the World

Rev. James Estes

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**In Christ Alone**

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings cease? My Comforter, my All in All; here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid; here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There, in the ground, His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And, as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home; here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**THE POSTLUDE****Improvisation on the tune IN CHRIST ALONE**◆ *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, 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Leo Woodrow Raleigh Wright, son of Lizzi and Sam Wright, was baptized on February 22.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Susan Diacon, a member since 1964, died on February 21.

WORSHIP NOTES

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 Jim Diacon and family.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Allan J. and Vivienne Couper Edwards and to commemorate what would be Allan's 101st birthday.

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.

Words for today's hymns are covered by CCLI License #1445558 and CCS PERFORMmusic License #PML11227

HAPPENING TODAY

Leadership at FPC: We are now accepting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee for the 2029 offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. To submit your recommendations for consideration you can complete the form on the back of your bulletin or click on the QR code. **The last day to submit your recommendations is March 1.**



Easter Lilies: On Easter Sunday, bright white lilies will adorn the church building. As each flower silently trumpets the Resurrection, it also serves to remind us of the life of someone who was, or is, special to a church member. If you wish to honor someone by contributing to the lily fund, click the QR code. The deadline for Easter Lilies is Sunday, March 22. On Easter Sunday, the lilies that have graced our Easter worship services will be delivered to homebound members of First Church. For more information contact Cathy Mitchell at 918-584-1000.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Lenten Small Groups: We are 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.



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.

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.



Presbyterian Women's Mission Luncheon: Join us on March 12 at noon in the Miller Library. A guest speaker from the *Be Heard Movement* will inform us about social services provided to those experiencing homelessness via mobile shower trailers and mobile laundry trailers. All women of the church are invited to attend. To RSVP contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org/ 918-201-1029 by March 9. The cost is \$10 per person and may be paid at the door.

The Presbyterian Women's March Mission is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Items needed are hand towels, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, individually wrapped bars of soap, individually wrapped single toothbrushes and boxed Band-aids or other adhesive bandage strips for the hygiene kits. Please place donations in the box at the welcome center.

Helping Hand Ministry: Helping Hand Ministry is currently facing a critical shortage of essential supplies for our clients. We are urgently seeking donations of toilet paper and shampoo to help meet the basic needs of those we serve. Please bring your donations to the atrium. A designated drop-off cart and box will be available for your convenience. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our clients.

Sing with the Choir for Holy Week! 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 with us on Maundy Thursday on April 2, and for two services on Easter Sunday, April 5, at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Scan the QR code to register by Wednesday, March 11. We have a choir robe that will fit YOU!



*With gratitude for those whom the Lord has added to our numbers,
we offer a warm and heartfelt welcome!*

Profession of Faith

Wade Wilson (Pending Baptism)

Reaffirmation of Faith

Emma Davis
 Blake Gerow
 Allison Hickey
 Vicki and Raymond Irwin
 Bridger McCasland
 Joseph "Joey" Moppert III
 Will Sutton
 Susan Todd
 Reese Walker

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 3/1

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 3/2

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

Tuesday 3/3

9:30 am Precept Bible Study, E102

Wednesday 3/4

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

Thursday 3/5

10:00 am Hearts for the Lord, E313

Saturday 3/7

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., March 8

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
ShepherdsHow 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 Fiegenger, Bill Gent, David, Grigg, Marnie Grimes, Andrew Hand, Lisa Harbison, Ron Hart, Ron Hull, Peter Kagari, Kate Kindbom, Gladwell Kisitu, Patrick Kuehn, Sarah Kunihiro, 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