



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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



I Am the Good Shepherd

The Words of Preparation

What was to hold this enlarged flock together and supply the necessary protection from external enemies? Not enclosing walls but the person and power of the shepherd. The unity and safety of the people of Christ depend on their proximity to Him. When they have forgotten this and tried to secure unity or safety by building walls round themselves, the results have not been encouraging. The walls have either been so comprehensive as to enclose a number of wolves along with the sheep..., or they have been so restrictive as to exclude more sheep than they enclose.

F. F. Bruce, *The Gospel of John*

THE WELCOME AND MINUTE FOR MISSION

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Pattie Gross, Associate Director of Special Needs Ministry

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

Good Shepherd of My Soul

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Randie Tacker, soloist

Good shepherd of my soul, come dwell within me; take all I am and mold Your likeness in me. Before the cross of Christ, this is my sacrifice: a life laid down and ready to follow. The troubled find their peace in true surrender; the prisoners their release from chains of anger. In springs of living grace, I find a resting place to rise refreshed, determined to follow. I'll walk this narrow road with Christ before me, where thorns and thistles grow and cords ensnare me. Though doubted and denied, He never leaves my side, but lifts my head and calls me to follow. And when my days are gone, my strength is failing; He'll carry me along through death's unveiling. Earth's struggles overcome, Heaven's journey just begun- to search Christ's depths and ever to follow.

◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him.

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

And He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

Therefore, let us lift up our voices,

And let us worship God!

◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 467**

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION****THE FIRST READING**

Psalm 28

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and Everlasting Father, You are the refuge of Your people, the Great Good Shepherd of Your sheep. To You we cry, asking for mercy and pardon, for we have sinned and done what is evil in Your sight. Forgive us for speaking peace while evil is in our heart, for failing to regard Your works, and for deeds that betray our lack of love for You and for our neighbors. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Hear us now, as we pray... *(in silence)*

THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

◆ **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 BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**THE HYMN OF PREPARATION 387** Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

THE SECOND READING

John 10:11-21

THE SERMON

I Am: The Good Shepherd

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE OFFERING**The Lord is My Shepherd**

Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Psalms 23***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 *Get Connected 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, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Larry Doyle, 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: James Edward Frasier was baptized on March 8.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Glenn Craig on the death of his son, Danny Craig, on March 7; and Sally McCoy on death of her daughter, Janet Mercer on March 7.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Roy Cail, a member since 2008, died on March 6; Janet Mercer, a member since 2008, died on March 7.

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 Glenn Craig and family; Barbara Cail, and Heather Homan; and Sally McCoy and family.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of our mother's birthday, Jean Birchall, by the Laird and Sandefur families.

Please notify the church if you have a pastoral need, a 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.



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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 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.

Did You Know: In 2004, the Trustees created the Legacy Society, a community of people who wanted to support the foundation with a minimal donation of \$1,000. It has grown over the last 22 years, and it now includes over 182 active members.

HAPPENING TODAY

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 or get a form from the front desk in the atrium. 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 918-584-4700.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Lenten Small Groups: 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.



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: Join us tomorrow, March 16, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Miller Library. Women of all ages are welcome as we explore the profound practice of prayer. Through monthly teachings and conversations, we will uncover the beauty and essential role of prayer in our faith journeys.

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.

There will be no Wednesday Night Downtown this week due to Spring Break.

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.

Music Lovers! You are invited to an organ concert sponsored by the Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Friday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Guest artist is Dr. Jan Kraybill, a Grammy-nominated performer who is the Conservator of the Organ at the Kauffmann Center for the Performing Arts in Kansas City. Bring your musical friends for an exciting evening!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Annual Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session and set for Sunday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m., in Stephenson Hall to approve the 2026 budget. Rev. Dan Hutchinson will offer the "State of First Church," we will hear various reports, and the "Year-in-pictures" will be viewed.

Celebrating the Hutchinson Family: We will be celebrating Rev. Dan Hutchinson and his family on the weekend of April 25 - 26. Saturday, April 25, will be a fun-filled afternoon at Camp Loughridge ending with a Vespers service, and on Sunday, April 26, we will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a First Family dinner. If you would like to send the Hutchinsons a card, letter, or monetary gift, please send to the church, attention Dionna Schooley.

We need your photos! As we prepare to celebrate Rev. Dan Hutchinson, click the QR code to send in memories with him over the years.



Easter Musicians' Brunch: The Board of Deacons hosts a lovely brunch for the church musicians participating in the Easter morning worship services. To sign up to bring a dish, please use the QR code. For more information, contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.



USE YOUR TALENTS

The Presbyterian Women's March Mission is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Items needed for the hygiene kits 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. Please place donations in the box at the welcome center.

Helping Hand Ministry: We are 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 our clients' lives.

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.

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! Join us for Wednesday evening rehearsals from 6:30 - 8:00 on March 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.

First Friends in the Pews: As a church, we are called to show hospitality (*Greek word: philoxenia, meaning the "love of strangers"*). You may be someone's very first Friend in the Pew. Please be attentive and welcoming to those around you, as we all seek to be "First Friends in the Pews." Share your stories of joyful hospitality with Jerry McCoy at jerome-mccoy@utulsa.edu.

Job Opportunities:

Ministry Assistant for Member Care. This role serves as the hub of our visitation efforts, supports member care ministries, coordinates memorial services, and maintains the membership database. For more information, go to the First Church website. To apply, send your resume to Toni Mosely, tmosely@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.

Easter Lily Memorials

On Easter Sunday, bright white lilies will adorn the church.

If you wish to honor someone by contributing to the Lily Fund, please complete this form and return it to Cathy Mitchell in the church office.

Sunday, March 22, is the final day for requests!

Name of Person: _____

_____ **IN MEMORY OF** (or) _____ **IN HONOR OF**

(ONE NAME PER FORM, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

YOUR NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

DAYTIME TELEPHONE

BEST TIME TO CALL

AMOUNT OF DONATION (\$10 MIN.)

*****Please enclose a check with your request.***

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Upcoming Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Kerr Chapel
 8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall
 11:00 a.m. Great Hall
 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary (11:00 Stephenson Hall will meet in the Sanctuary.)

Maundy Thursday, April 2

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Kerr Chapel
 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 3

Noon Service, Kerr Chapel

Easter, Sunday, April 5

6:30 Sunrise Service Camp Loughridge, Chapel
 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary (identical services)
 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Stephenson Hall
 11:00 a.m. Great Hall

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 3/15

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 3/16

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 3/17

9:30 am Precept Bible Study, E102

Wednesday 3/18

6:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday 3/19

10:00 am Hearts for the Lord, E313

Saturday 3/20

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows

No Adult Sunday School Classes on March 22