



Palm Sunday
March 29, 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 Way, the Truth, and the Life

The Words of Preparation

The stress falls on the way, since that is the issue in question. The way to heaven is Jesus himself. Faith shatters the barrier of sin and death, and blasts open the road to the eternal life of the kingdom of God. It is 'the road that leads to life.' (Mt. 7:14)

Bruce Milne, *The Message of John*

THE PRELUDE

**God is on The Throne
King of Love**

Stephenson Hall Worship Team

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 CALL TO WORSHIP

John 12:12-16

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, **“Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”**

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!”

His disciples did not understand these things at first,

But when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.

So let us stand in honor as we remember all that Jesus did for us and for our salvation,

And let us worship He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Alleluia!

Amen!

- ◆ **THE PROCESSIONAL HYMNS** 88 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
- 89 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
ELLACOMBE

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. James Estes

THE CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

Blessed Is He

Vivian Hare and Katie Houts

First Church Choristers, Gretchen Bashforth and Carol Tipton, directors

Blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord our God! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King of kings! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna!

THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE FIRST READING

Hebrews 10:19-27

Elder Eric Janzen

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You and done what is evil in Your sight. You invite us to draw near, yet we go our own way. You have cleansed us in Christ, yet we cling to our old self. You have made a way into relationship with Yourself, yet we have loved the world and the delights of our eyes. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Pardon and forgive those who repent, for the sake of Christ, and so work Your salvation in us by the power of Your Spirit that we might hold fast to You. Hear us now, as we pray... *(in silence)*

THE CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE

Before the Throne of God Above

BEFORE THE THRONE

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea: a great High Priest whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart. I know that while in Heav'n He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free, for God the just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me, to look on Him and pardon me.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One risen Son of God!

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God, with Christ, my Savior and my God. *Refrain*

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**

Christus Victor

O Most High, King of the ages, great I AM, God of wonders, by the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters. Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah! Amen!

O Most High, dwelling among us, Son of Man, sent for sinners. By Your blood You have redeemed us; spotless Lamb, mighty Savior who lived, who died, who rose victorious.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won. Hallelujah! Amen! With ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! Amen!

O Most High, King of the nations, robed in praise, crowned in splendor. On that day, who will not tremble? When you stand, Christ the Victor who was, and is, and is forever. Refrain.

◆ **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 OFFERING

Ride On In Majesty

Gordon Young

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark all the tribes hosanna cry; O Savior meek, pursue Thy road with palms and scattered garments strowed. Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power and reign. Ride on, ride on!

THE SECOND READING

John 14

THE SERMON

I Am: The Way, The Truth, and The Life

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (sung)

Our Father, who 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 forever. Amen.

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

THE POSTLUDE

Toccata on the hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Michael Burkhardt

◆ *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 Christ's presence 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 are exploring the "I AM" statements of Jesus from the Gospel of John. Each week, we 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, 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: Lucy Sullivan and Elanor Sullivan, daughters of Rhiannon and Edward Sullivan, were baptized on March 22.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Mary B. Ruddle, a member since 1990, died on March 20.

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 Marcia Tromp and Greg Berkhouse.

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

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.

First Friends in the Pews: As a church, we are called to show hospitality. 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.

HAPPENING TODAY

Hospitality: Yes, You! As a member of First Church, you play a role in welcoming others. We are renewing our commitment to hospitality—helping people feel seen, known, and welcome. This Sunday's step is simple: notice and greet someone new—one small moment can make a lasting difference.

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.

Wednesday Night Downtown: During Lent we are following the sermon series *I Am*, exploring Jesus' self-revealing statements in the Gospel of John. Each week, the pastors 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.

Holy Week Prayer Vigil: Sign up to be a part of our Holy Week Prayer Vigil! The Prayer Vigil is an unbroken chain of prayer from Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday at sunrise. Sign up for a 30-minute time slot to keep the vigil going. Sign up at the Atrium table on March 22 or 29 or use the QR code.



Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 2

5:30 p.m. Family 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch and Lean: On Monday, April 13, at noon in room E104, Hollie Thompson, a health professional, will share her insights on mobility and balance issues as well as overall healthy practices. The cost for the class and lunch is \$7. Please register by April 10. To register, click the QR code or contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.



The Chancel Choir invites you to their Spring Concert on Sunday, April 19 at 5:00 p.m. featuring festive music for Eastertide. You will enjoy hearing *Gloria* by Mark Hayes, an exciting three-movement concert piece which will include guest soloists Lydia Gray and Taylor Conley. They will also be featured in solos from Handel's immortal oratorio, *Messiah*. Invite your friends to this musical feast!

Congregational Conversations: We will meet on Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29 at 6:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall for a special series of conversational evenings focused on this season of transition. Rev. Dan Hutchinson will share reflections and a personal message, the Pastor Nominating Committee will provide an update, and Tom Philp will guide a conversation on navigating change as we prepare for Dan's departure from First Church. These evenings will offer a meaningful opportunity for our congregation to learn, reflect, and share together.

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 it 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.



Membership Classes: Does First Church feel like your church home? We would love to welcome you as a covenant member of our church family. Our next series of classes is on Sundays, April 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library. The classes are led by facilitators and pastors and will guide you through what it means to be a First Church member and equip you with resources, support, and activities to help you grow in your relationship with Christ. For more information, contact Emma Myatt at 918-301-1028 or emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org.

VBS 2026: Children age 4 years to 6th grade, along with Hi-Helpers (7th grade – 12th grade), join us for a fun week of games, crafts, songs, and Bible lessons. Registration is now open for the 2026 VBS, which will be held on June 1 – 5, from 9:00 a.m. – noon, at Camp Loughridge. We need adult leaders! The deadline to register is Friday, May 8. To register or for more information, click the QR code.



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 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 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/montepater@aol.com.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 3/29

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 and Great Hall

Monday 3/30

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

Tuesday 3/31

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
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Wednesday 4/1

5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
5:00 pm	Youth Praise Band, and Celebration Singers, Powerhouse
6:00 pm	Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
6:15 pm	Adult Classes
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday 4/2

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
5:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Family Service, Kerr Chapel
7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary

Friday 4/3

Noon	Good Friday Service, Kerr Chapel
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Saturday 4/4

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., April 5

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