



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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



Christ the True and Better Moses

The Words of Preparation

He calls Himself the God of their fathers ... thus that they may learn to repose upon it [the covenant promise].
John Calvin

THE WELCOME

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register. Visitors, please fill out a welcome guest card from the pew back and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates, and fellowship opportunities.

THE INTROIT

Andante Maestoso

arr. Kevin McChesney

Overtones, Gretchen Bashforth, director

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.

We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, full of grace and truth.

From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son has made Him known.

In Christ, we see God's heart revealed — love made visible, grace made real.

In God's divine and excelling love, let us stand together,

And let us worship God!

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Josie Whitley

THE FIRST READING

John 1:14-18

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, as long as I am apart from You, I am self-satisfied, because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature. But when I come near to You, there for the first time I see myself. In Your light I behold my darkness. In Your purity I behold my corruption. My very confession of sin is the fruit of holiness. Oh! Divine Man, let me gaze on You and in the vision of Your brightness, receive now my confession of sin....(in silence)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love. He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace that He freely bestowed on us. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. (Ephesians 1:4-7).

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

◆ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

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

Heidelberg Catechism, Q 15-18

Q. What kind of mediator and deliverer must we seek?

A. One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is at the same time true God.

Q. Why must He be a true and righteous man?

A. He must be a true man because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should pay for sin. He must be a righteous man because one who himself is a sinner cannot pay for others.

Q. Why must He at the same time be true God?

A. He must be true God so that by the power of His divine nature He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath, and might obtain for us and restore to us righteousness and life.

Q. But who is that Mediator who at the same time is true God and a true and righteous man?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who has become for us wisdom from God that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joel Donohue, Clerk of Session

Scottie Anne Collins, daughter of Emily and Taylor Collins

Andrea Morgan

THE RESPONSE

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Craig Courtney

Lucy Donohue, soloist

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, all who dwell in darkest sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.* I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will

set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain.*

THE SECOND READING**Exodus 3:1-14****THE SERMON****Christ the True and Better Moses**

Rev. Julia Metcalf

THE OFFERING**The Glory of the Father**

Egil Hovland

The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth. In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. He came to his own, and his own received him not.

*John 1, adapted.***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER****◆ THE CLOSING HYMN****This Is My Father's World**

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me not forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet! This is my Father's world: the battle is not done: Jesus Who died shall be satisfied, and earth and Heaven be one.

◆ 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.

Fall Sermons Series: Our Fall series, *Christ the True and Better*, will look at the lives of Old Testament figures, the events and action of God in their lives, and how each of these individuals point us to Christ and find fulfillment in His life and work.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Neil Cluck, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Debi Foster, Jim Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Patricia Hall, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Joyce Kunkel, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, David Osterholt, David Perkins, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Carolyn Perryman, Joe Robson, Mary Ruddle, Kathy Sengel, Bob Shipman, Vanda Simmons, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Sally Stewart, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Norma Wallace, and Margo Williams.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Debbie Favell on the death of her father, Tex Bayouth, on October 1; and to Jake and Lydia King on the death of their infant son, Levi, on October 3.

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](https://www.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 Debbie Favell, and Lydia and Jake King.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of James R. Eagleton, Sr., by his family.

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](https://www.firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.

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

Interested in joining a Sunday School class? For more information, contact Elizabeth DeVore at edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org or click the QR code.



First Friends in the Pews: Meet at the Atrium coffee bar 15 minutes before each worship service.

Pastor's Study (Foundations): Sunday mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in room E104. We will discuss the historical, theological, and literary nature of Genesis and how this first book of the Bible sets the stage for everything to come. All are welcome!

Fall Newcomer Gatherings: If you are a First Church Newcomer, or you are a member coming to meet the newcomers, join us in Miller Library on Sundays, October 12 and 26 at 9:30 a.m. for coffee, light breakfast, and fellowship as we get to know one another and learn more about First Church! Be sure to register so that we have enough breakfast!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

The Building Tells the Story: Tomorrow, Monday, October 13, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Josie Whitley and Mary Anne Marberry will share how the church building reflects our faith and our FPC history. For those who can stay a little later, they will lead a tour of the building after the presentation. Please RSVP for the \$7.00 lunch using the QR code or by contacting Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org. You may pre-pay online or pay at the door.

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: Tomorrow from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Miller Library we welcome women of all ages to come 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. Whether you are a first-time visitor, or long-time member, we hope to see you there!

Precept Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., E100, led by Denise Rounds; what does it mean to be holy and to know and love God deeply? They will study 1, 2 and 3 John and explore answers to these questions as they consider the fundamentals of Christian beliefs.

Wednesday Night Downtown

Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. (dinner) in Stephenson Hall
Children and Youth Classes start at 6:00 p.m. and Adults at 6:15 p.m.

C. S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia* (and other fictional works), Miller Library - Join Rev. Dan Hutchinson as we explore the literary works of C. S. Lewis, beginning with the *Chronicles of Narnia*. Together, we will explore the thought and theology of Lewis and the power of stories to convey these great truths. No prior knowledge of his books is required!

Seekers Bible Study: room E104, *Where is God in Esther?* Rev. Wambugu leads us through the remarkable book of Esther, a Jewish woman who courageously saves her people from annihilation by the Persian empire by relying on God's divine providence.

Courage, Dear Heart...Stories of Heroic Sacrifice and Surrender to Jesus: room E102, led by James Estes, this class will journey through the stories of men and women who cried out to God – and followed Him when He answered. Their lives, drawn from the *Christian Heroes Then and Now* series, are testimonies of contagious courage and sacred surrender.

Planning for the Inevitable: room E100, Legal, Healthcare, and Pastoral Care professionals lead this five-week course that will guide participants through the decisions that can be made now to place less stress on family members when death occurs. This week's class will be led by Cassandra Carter from Stanley's Funeral Home and Cremation Services, and Kathy Wilson, funeral/memorial service coordinator for the church

Courage, Dear Heart...Stories of Heroic Sacrifice and Surrender to Jesus: Class led by Rev. James Estes on Wednesdays, at 11:30 a.m. in room E102. In this inspiring class, we'll journey through the stories of men and women who cried out to God—and followed Him when He answered. Their lives, drawn from the *Christian Heroes Then and Now* series, are testimonies of contagious courage and sacred surrender. Click the QR code to reserve your box lunch.



Hearts for the Lord: Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., E313, this class will be studying *None Like Him: 10 Ways We are Different From God* by Jen Wilkins. The study teaches how to become articulate and committed followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall Festival: Join us on Sunday, October 26 at 3:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge to celebrate friends and family with fun activities for all ages. The First Church Pitmasters are preparing barbeque and there will be inflatables, hayrides, and trunk or treat. We need you to help make it happen. Scan the QR code below to get connected and volunteer!



USE YOUR TALENTS

Join our TV Ministry Team: Gain valuable video and broadcast experience while helping us reach thousands of TV and internet viewers each week. We're looking for students and adults to volunteer in this ministry. For more information, contact Alex Pennell, TV/Video Manager, at 314-607-1032.

The Presbyterian Women's September Mission is the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. Please consider donating hats, mittens, scarves, coats, sweaters, new underwear, women's hygiene products or adult-sized socks. Donations of funds are also welcomed to support Hudson Villas. Items may be placed in the PW mission container or the acrylic donation box located in the atrium on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings throughout the month of October.

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.



SERMON NOTES

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 10/12

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 10/13

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

Tuesday 10/14

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E100
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Wednesday 10/15

11:30 am	Courage, Dear Heart, E102
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
6:00 pm	Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
6:15 pm	Adult Classes
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday 10/16

10:00 a.m.	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 10/18

8:45 a.m.	Before the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., October 19

Cornerstone	<i>Gospel of John</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Simply Christian</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Book of John</i>	206
Foundations	<i>Genesis</i>	E104
Harbingers	<i>Heidelberg Catechism</i>	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	<i>Gospel of Mark</i>	E103
Shepherds	Study on Prayer	E203
Sojourners	<i>Daniel</i>	E204
Sowers	<i>Mere Christianity</i>	E205
The Vine	Gospel of Mark	E100
UKirk	Women of the Bible	E201
Westminster Forum	Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200