

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025



11 A.M. WORSHIP, SANCTUARY



The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 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 Aaron

The Words of Preparation

However great the celebration of the Day of Atonement, the day of Calvary exceeds it by far. The annual event by which Israel secured cleansing has been replaced by a unique historic event that secured forgiveness for all who seek it. As the great preacher C. H. Spurgeon once proclaimed: "The blood of Christ, *it is all-sufficient*. There is no case which the blood of Christ cannot meet; there is no sin which it cannot wash away. There is no multiplicity of sin which it cannot cleanse, no aggravation of guilt which it cannot remove."

Derek Tidball, *The Message of Leviticus*

THE WELCOME

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Trevor Manor

Gloria Women's Choir, Gretchen Bashforth, director; Kari Caldwell, cellist

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me is the current of Thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore! How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; how He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own; how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

In love He predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

To the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved.

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

So that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory.

Therefore, let us stand in honor,

And let us worship God!

◆ THE OPENING HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

THAXTED



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship You to -
 2. The flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly
 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac - cept the love we

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 day and sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re -
 die, its frag - ile bloom sur - ren-der to You the Lord Most
 9 bring, that we who know Your fa - vor may serve You as our

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 pay; for we can on - ly won-der at ev' - ry gift You
 High; but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is
 King and wheth - er our to - mor-rows be filled with good or

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 send, at bles - sings with - out num - ber and
 sown, though small in mor - tal sta - ture, to
 ill, we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and

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 mer-cies with - out end: We lift our hearts be -
 hea-ven's gar - den grown: for Christ, your gift from
 rise to bless You still: To mar - vel at Your

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 fore You and wait up - on Your word, we
 hea-ven, from death has set us free, and
 beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways, and

hon - or and a - dore You, our great and might - y Lord.
 we through Him are gi - ven the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Jaclyn Metcalf

THE FIRST READING

Hebrews 4:14-16, 9:11-15

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we come before You this day not by our own merit, not by our own righteousness, but only through the finished work of Christ, our Great High Priest. We are keenly aware of our sin, our brokenness, the ways we have rejected Your Word, Your Love, and Your rule in our lives. Yet You have made a way.

By the blood of Christ, we stand in Your presence as those who are received and not rejected. We pray that You would continue Your work in our lives. Cleanse us of our sin and fill us with Your Spirit that we might walk in the newness of life that Christ has won. Hear us now, as we pray... *(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When Christ had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time, He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool, because by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. Therefore, hear and believe that good news of the gospel, that in Jesus Christ there is indeed forgiveness 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 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

◆ 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joel Donohue, Clerk of Session

Eloise Jean O'Neal, daughter of Lexie and Bob O'Neal

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Before the Throne of God Above

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.

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.

THE SECOND READING

Leviticus 16

THE SERMON

Christ the True and Better Aaron

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE OFFERING

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. Refrain. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

Charles Wesley

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 101**

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

HAMBURG

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

Improvisation on the tune THAXTED

◆ *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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Scottie Anne Collins, daughter of Emily and Taylor Collins, was baptized on October 12. Andrea Kay Morgan was baptized as an adult on October 12.

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 Joyce Kunkel and Neil Cluck.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Virginia R. and Thomas E. Matson, Beulah and George C. Matson, George C. Matson, Jr. and Barbara and Herbert Twaddle, by the Thomas E. Matson 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!

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.

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.

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.



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.

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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!



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 Sunday, October 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 by clicking on the QR code.



Membership Class Offering: Are you ready to take the next steps to connect and belong, by becoming a member of First Church? The classes will be held on Sundays, November 2, 9 and 16 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. You can register for the class by clicking on the QR code.



Spiritual Disciplines Retreat: Join us on Saturday, November 15 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 at Camp Loughridge Lodge for a quiet day of reflection with Rev. Julia Metcalf while studying God's word in a beautiful setting. The cost is \$10 and includes breakfast and lunch.

USE YOUR TALENTS

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.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 10/19

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 10/20

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

Tuesday 10/21

9:30 am Precept Bible Study, E100

Wednesday 10/22

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, 308
 6:00 pm Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
 6:15 pm Adult Classes
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday 10/23

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

Saturday 10/25

8:45 a.m. Before the Rooster Crows

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., October 26

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>Series by Dr. John Lennox</i>	E205
The Vine	Gospel of Mark	E100
UKirk	Women of the Bible	E201
Westminster Forum	Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200