



Reformation Sunday
October 26, 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 Joshua

The Words of Preparation

In my heart reigns this one article, faith in my dear Lord Christ, the beginning, middle and end of whatever spiritual and divine thoughts I may have, whether by day or by night.

The world bears the Gospel a grudge because the Gospel condemns the religious wisdom of the world. Jealous for its own religious views, the world in turn charges the Gospel with being a subversive and licentious doctrine, offensive to God and man, a doctrine to be persecuted as the worst plague on earth. As a result we have this paradoxical situation: The Gospel supplies the world with the salvation of Jesus Christ, peace of conscience, and every blessing. Just for that the world abhors the Gospel.

Martin Luther, *Commentary on Galatians*

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

Festival Piece on the Tune NICAEA

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Overtones, Gretchen Bashforth, director

THE HYMN OF CELEBRATION The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune

Congregation join on stanzas 1, 2 and 4

All people that on Earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forthtell; come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; without our aid He did us make; we are His folk, He doth us feed, and for His sheep He doth us take.

Choir Only

O enter then His gates with praise, approach with joy His courts unto; praise, laud, and bless His name always, for it is seemly so to do.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to God whom heaven and earth adore, from men and from the angel host be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
 For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
And His faithfulness to all generations.
 He is a Mighty Fortress!
A bulwark never failing!

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN 260**
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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION****THE FIRST READING**

Hebrews 4:1-13

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Almighty and Everlasting Father, You have created us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You. Yet, we confess that we have hardened our hearts against You. We have resisted Your rule and wandered from Your way. We have done evil and set our hearts on the delights of this world instead of Your life-giving Word. Forgive us, we pray. Pardon those who truly repent, and so work in our hearts by Your Spirit that we might rest in You, our Savior, and our God...*(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **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 Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 70. What is justification?

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace unto sinners, in which He pardoneth all their sins, accepteth and accounteth their persons righteous in His sight; not for any thing wrought in them, or done by them, but only for the perfect obedience and full satisfaction of Christ, by God imputed to them, and received by faith alone.

Q. 74. What is adoption?

A. Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of His children, have His name put upon them, the Spirit of His Son given to them, are under His fatherly care and

dispensations, admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory.

Q. 75. What is sanctification?

A. Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath before the foundation of the world chosen to be holy, are in time through the powerful operation of His Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin and rise unto newness of life.

THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Boswell, Getty,

Papa

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death!

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good. Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain.*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!" And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed, and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore. *Refrain.*

THE SECOND READING

Joshua 1:1-9

THE SERMON

Christ the True and Better Joshua

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE OFFERING

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Benjamin

Harlan

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing. Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not His equal. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right Man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle. And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God's truth abideth still! His kingdom is forever.

THE TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Amazing Grace
David Marshall, piper

THE SOLO**We Shall Rise Again**

Jeremy Young

Emily Willard, soloist

Come to me, all you weary, with your burdens and pain. Take my yoke on your shoulders and learn from me: I am gentle and humble, and your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. *We shall rise again on the last day with the faithful, rich and poor. Coming to the house of Lord Jesus, we will find an open door there.* We depend on God's mercy which never fades. We remember our covenant and the promise Jesus made: If we die with Christ Jesus, we shall live with Him, and if we are faithful, we shall reign with Him! *Refrain.* At the door to greet us, martyrs, angels, and saints, and our family and loved ones, everyone freed from their chains. We shall feel their acceptance, and the joy of new life. We shall join in the gathering, reunited in God's love! *Refrain.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**◆ THE CLOSING HYMN****To God Be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done, so loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev'ry believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain.*

◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**THE POSTLUDE**Overture from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel

◆ *Please stand*

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We welcome brass quartet members Steve Haefner, Tim McFadden, Rod Clark, and Andrew Carillo and thank them for their musical contribution to our service today. We also are deeply grateful for David Marshall, Piper.

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 Sermon 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.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life . . ."

Dear Lord Jesus, we offer our gratitude for the loved ones listed below. According to Your promises in baptism, they are lambs of Your own flock, sheep of Your own fold, and sinners of Your own redeeming. In a sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we commend them to You until that day when every tear will be wiped from every eye, and You make all things new. For this we give You thanks and praise, now and forevermore! Amen.

November, 2024

1 – Larry Tromp
18 – Beverly Parschauer

December

7 – Tom Reynolds
11 – Marian Bovaird
29 – Roger Mobley
29 – Mike Schnake

January, 2025

14 – Marilyn Davis
18 – Cecil Drummond

March

3 – Tom Marsh
6 – Tom Marberry
6 – Lyle Proffitt
8 – Michael Kauskey
22 – Kay Inhofe

April

22 – Mike Hopkins

May

19 – Don Pray
26 – Nelson Johnson
29 – Sarah Minden

June

4 – Dwight Creveling

September

8 – Anne Rupe
11 – Barbara Wiedenmann
17 – Ginny Talley

October

3 – Levi King
19 – Jan Keene

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: Eloise Jean O'Neal, daughter of Lexie and Bob O'Neal, was baptized on October 19.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Cindy Weierbach on the death of her mother, Charlotte Broadwater, on October 20.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Jan Keene, a member since 1966, died on October 19.

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 Duff Points and Joanne Pearson.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Annette Vickery, by Gene Vickery and 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, 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

The Guild of Intercessors is updating its Armed Forces Prayer List. If you would like the Guild to pray for a loved one or friend who is on active duty, please contact either of these Guild members by November 6: Paula Peterson at 918-296-5548/mandppeterson@msn.com or Monte Prater at 918-605-9719/monteprater@aol.com.

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

Fall Newcomer Gatherings: If you are a First Church Newcomer, or you are a member coming to meet the newcomers, join us today at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library for coffee, light breakfast, and fellowship as we get to know one another and learn more about First Church!

Fall Festival: Join us today at 3:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge to celebrate with 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.

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.

Wednesday Night Downtown

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*.

Seekers Bible Study: room E104, *Where is God in Esther?* Rev. Wambugu leads us through the remarkable book of Esther.

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.

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.

All Saints' Day Service will be held this Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Kerr Chapel. This is a service of music and communion which celebrates the lives of those we lost and offers us a chance to state the names of our loved ones. A brunch (hosted by the Deacons) and a time of fellowship will follow the service. There is no cost for the lunch but please RSVP by using the QR code or contacting Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029/kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



Camp Loughridge Fundraiser, Boots and BBQ: Help support Camp Loughridge by attending the Boots and BBQ on Saturday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. There will be a live auction, raffles and a silent desert auction. To purchase your ticket go to weblink.donorperfect.com/BootsandBBQ.

Grief Share: The holiday season can be a very difficult time for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. On Saturday, November 8, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in room E104, the *GriefShare* team will be offering a one-time session that focuses on how to negotiate this difficult time of year. The cost for the class is \$12 which will be collected at the session. A booklet, coffee, water and snacks will be provided. Please register by going to griefshare.org and clicking on "Find a Group" or contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029.

Book Table Sale: Visit the book table in the atrium on Sundays, November 9 and 16 at 8:00 a.m. to choose from an array of titles on sale.

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.

Music Lovers! Don't miss the annual Fall Concert presented by the Chancel Choir and orchestra, including the much-loved *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi, Sunday, November 16, 5:00 p.m., reception following.

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.

