



The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 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 Joseph

The Words of Preparation

Q. 27 What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Q. 28 What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love; for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.

Heidelberg Catechism

THE PRELUDE

House of the Lord and Our God
Stephenson Hall and TIF Worship Teams

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

Praise His Holy Name!

Keith Hampton

Celebration Singers, Breana McIntosh and Hannah Johnson, directors

Sing till the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Refrain. Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone and there's a cross for me. Jesus, Jesus, how I love Thee! Shout Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Holy Jesus, praise His name. Oh! Hallelujah! Praise His Holy name! Let us praise His name, Hallelujah, Lord! Praise His name! Praise His Holy name! Praise Him!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 133 and 134

Elder Patrick Kirunda

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord!

May the Lord bless you from Zion,

He who made heaven and earth!

So come, let us stand together

And let us worship God!

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

◆ **THE SONG OF PRAISE**

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendour outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only. Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. *Refrain*

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. *Refrain*

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. James Estes

Almighty God, creator of all, You marvelously made us in Your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged Your likeness by rejecting Your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of Your Son; remake us and lead us by Your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen...(in silence)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. Therefore, hear and believe the Good News: that in Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon His name!

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION**

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. With every tribe and every 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 with splendor. On that day who will not tremble? When You stand, Christ the Victor who was, and is, and is forever.

Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power, for the battle you have won. Hallelujah. With every tribe and every tongue, we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son. Hallelujah! 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 SONG OF PREPARATION

Keep the Feast

Skye Peterson and Ben Shive

First Church Choristers, Gretchen Bashforth and Carol Tipton, directors

Joyfully we join You at your table, pleading not our righteousness. By your wealth of mercy, we are able now to feast in confidence. *Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink. Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.* Who is fit to feast with such a Savior? Who His sandals could untie? Who are we that He would show us favor? Granting us this gift of life. *Refrain*

(Congregations joins)

Happy sign of friendship and reunion with the blessed Three in One. Foretaste of that glorious communion, vision of the world to come. *Take this bread and eat. Take this cup and drink. Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.*

Remember how He loved us; rejoice and keep the feast.

THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Julia Metcalf

THE OFFERTORY

Sifuni Bwana (Praise the Lord)

Sifuni, Sifuni, (Praise ye, praise ye,) Sifuni Bwana. (Praise ye The Lord.)

Nikitazama matendo yako, Baba. (When I look at all You've done, O Lord.) Umenitoa kwenye mavumbi, Ukanivika heshima. (You have lifted me from dust, and clothed me in dignity.) Machozi yote yaumatima, ukayafuta eh Baba. (The tears from my orphanhood, Lord you have wiped them all away.) Wewe ni Baba wayatima, Yesu nakupenda. (You are a Father to the orphans, Jesus I love You.) *Refrain*

Nikikumbuka aliponitoza, (When I think about my charges,) nikikumbuka nilipokuwa, (when I think of where I used to be,) Nililia usiku mchana, (I cried night and day,) nikisubiri neema Yako, (waiting for Your Grace,) Ulikuja alfajiri mapema (You came at break of dawn) Ukanijaza furaha Yako. (and filled me with Your Joy.) *Refrain*

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

THE SERMON

Christ the True and Better Joseph

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM

Now to Praise the Name of Jesus

Michael Bedford

Chancel Choir

Now to praise the name of Jesus, now to bow before his throne; in this blessed hour of sharing we are one in him alone; Alleluia, blessed Savior, make us evermore your own. Now to come before the Table, now the Spirit from above; bread and wine in fullest measure, prayers ascending as a dove; Alleluia, gracious Savior, we are sanctified in love. Now the voice of every Christian soars to heaven with the song; heavenly hosts and choirs of angels now make haste to join the throng: Alleluia, living Savior, we will serve you all along. Amen.

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy and right it is and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord, our Creator, almighty and everlasting God! You created the heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being, and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in sending into the world your Son, Jesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us men and for our salvation. For the precious gift of this mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you we praise and bless you, O God.

With your whole Church on earth and with all the company of heaven we worship and adore your glorious name.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Most righteous God, we remember in this Supper the perfect sacrifice offered once on the cross by our Lord Jesus Christ for the sin of the world. In the joy of his resurrection and in expectation of his coming again, we offer ourselves to you as holy and living sacrifices. Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died!

Christ has risen!

Christ will come again!

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Nothing But the Blood/O the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see; nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea; nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done. Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

O the blood of Jesus. O the blood of Jesus. O the blood of Jesus, it washes white as snow.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

◆ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (sung by congregation)

Our Father, which 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, for ever. Amen.

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE

The Rejoicing, from Royal Fireworks Music

G. F. Handel

◆ 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, Joy Brewer, 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 Joy of Christian Marriage: Jordan Chimento and Alex Field were married on September 25.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Nancy Blocker on the death of her sister, Julie Huntington, on September 25.

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 Jason Bashforth, and Tina and Nifemi Aruna.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of J. M. Hall by the J. M. Hall Foundation.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at firstchurchtulsa.org, text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.

HAPPENING TODAY

140 Years of First Church Today

World Communion Sunday and First Family Dinner: After the service, join us in Stephenson Hall and the Courtyard for a First Family Dinner and a chance to celebrate 140 years of God's faithfulness to First Church!

Ron Pearson's 52nd Annual Organ Concert; Today at 4:00 p.m. The program includes Symphony no. 1 for Organ and Orchestra by French composer Alexandre Guilmant; The University of Tulsa Orchestra will be our guest musicians. A lovely reception will follow in the atrium.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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 – Led by Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Seekers Bible Study: room E104, *Where is God in Esther?* Led by Rev. Wambugu

Courage, Dear Heart...Stories of Heroic Sacrifice and Surrender to Jesus: room E102, led by James Estes.

Planning for the Inevitable: room E100, this week's class will be led by Rev. Wally Johnson and Eileen Bradshaw, CEO of Life Senior Services of Tulsa.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Building Tells the Story: On 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.

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!



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!



Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 10/5

8:45 am	Rejoice Ringers, 309
9:15 am	First Church Choristers, 308
11:00 am	Worship: Sanctuary
12:15 pm	First Family Dinner, Stephenson Hall and Courtyard
4:00 pm	Ron Pearson's 52 nd Annual Organ Concert, Sanctuary

Monday 10/6

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

Tuesday 10/7

9:30 am	Precept Summer Bible Study, E100
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Wednesday 10/8

11:30 am	Courage, Dear Heart, E102
5:15 pm	Wednesday Night (Dinner & Programming)

Thursday 10/9

10:00 a.m.	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 10/11

8:45 a.m.	Before the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., October 12

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

