



## ***Christ and His Church***

- 1 Called
- 2 Connected
- 3 Covenanted
- 4 Commissioned

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*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ:  
Inwardly Strong  
and  
Outwardly Focused.*

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
Born by grace in 1885*

# ***Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***

*Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.*

## **The Words of Preparation**

'Glory' (*doxa*) is the radiance of God, the shining forth and manifestation of his otherwise hidden being. So too the church's true nature will become apparent. On earth, she is often in rags and tatters, stained and ugly, despised and persecuted. But one day she will be seen for what she is, nothing less than the bride of Christ...*holy and without blemish*, beautiful and glorious. It is to this constructive end that Christ has been working and is continuing to work.

John Stott, *The Message of Ephesians*

## **The Welcome**

*(Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register.)*

## **The Introit**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
*Overtones Bells*

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

## **The Call to Worship**

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

**Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for his judgments are true and just;**

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying,

**Amen. Hallelujah!**

And from the throne came a voice saying,

**Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.**

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

**Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;**

So now, let us stand in honor, lift our voices in praise,

**And let us worship the Lord!**

◆ **The Hymn** 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL  
*Acolytes: Jayden Grosso, Abigail Kanyeki, and Joel Nsereko*

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Ben Harmon

**The Solo** I Will Praise Forever G. F. Handel  
*Breana McIntosh, soloist*

I will praise forever, my Lord, ever true and faithful. Guarding, guiding ever, my Lord is always near me; my strength in time of trouble, my help in time of need. I will praise forever, my Lord, my God, my friend. He is the joy of morning, He is the peace of evening, He is the hope of noonday, He is my God and friend.

**The First Reading** Hosea 6:1-7

**The Prayer of Confession**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have broken your covenant and failed to love you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Hear us now, as we pray...*(in silence)*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: that in Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ **The Response of Gratitude** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

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.

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.

◆ **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 Hymn** 366 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me ST. CATHERINE

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Second Reading** Ephesians 5:20-33

**The Sermon** Covenanted to Christ Rev. Dan Hutchinson  
*This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.*  
(Ephesians 5:32)

**The Offertory** Speak to One Another of Psalms Jean Berger  
Speak to one another, of psalms and of holy writings, of carols and anthems. Sing ye and praise ye the Lord, sing ye and praise him; sing ye and praise ye, and sing to the Lord, and praise him!

**The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

◆ **The Hymn** 442 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune HYFRYDOL

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**Welcome to First Church!** 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! For information, contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org)).

## Today

**Book Table Annual Sale:** Today, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the atrium. Visit the book table in the atrium and choose from an array of titles on sale for one to five dollars.

**Young Adult Friendsgiving (notice the time change)** today from **7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, at Dan and Hanna Hutchinson's home (4043 E. 48<sup>th</sup> St.).

Bring a dish to share.

### Letter from Dr. Miller and Diane

It's impossible to convey the deep gratitude Diane and I feel for the holy privilege of sharing life with you these past 31 years. Our hearts are full. The unfolding events on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29, included a service exalting Jesus, our Savior, followed by very special exclamation marks of grace and love. It caused the entire Miller family to both laugh and cry —out of a deep and abiding love for this dear community of believers. Thanks to each and all for your abundant grace and kindnesses over many years. We stand by, now, as spiritual cheerleaders —eager to watch this congregation grow in dedicated and joyful service to Jesus and the common good. With abiding love, Jim and Diane

### Parish Register

**Prayers for Healing:** Cathy Akin, Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Brenda Johnson, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar,

Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, David Osterholt, Bill Peacher, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Bob Pyle, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Marcia Tromp, and Susan Waldie.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Robert Clayton Holk, III, son of Jen and Clay Holk, and Mr. William Roger Martin, were baptized on November 12.

## Worship Notes

**Now Thank We All Our God!** The symbols of blessing on the Lord's Table today are given to the glory of God and in grateful memory of Richard Halliburton, and Mary Ellen and Walter Esser, by Sherye Halliburton and family.

**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*.

**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*.

**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.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God in memory of Charles Crane, Ruth Crane Ferguson, C. W. Steinsiek, Mary Ann Steinsiek Rich, by Brett and Cheryl Crane.

**Our Letter of Blessing today goes to** Carmelitti LeFlore who is celebrating her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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



## First Church Updates

**It is Stewardship Season!** The Session is already examining the 2024 FPC budget. Thank you for taking the local church seriously and giving of your very best to the Master. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

**Helping Hand Ministries** has disbursed \$389,174, which has helped 2,985 Tulsa County residents through a difficult time in their lives. If you would like to donate, go to *helpinghandministry918.com*.

**For information regarding the transition and the future of pastoral leadership,** check out the website at *firstchurchtulsa.org* and look for the highlighted word “transition”. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please don’t hesitate to reach out to any of the members of the Transition Team by sending your inquiries to *FPCTransition@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

**Pastoral Prayer:** Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. If you’re interested in receiving a weekly prayer prompt, please text *@pastorfpc* to “81010”.

**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 Facebook, Instagram at *@fpcyoungadults* or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

## Events This Week

**NO Wednesday Night Downtown this week! Classes resume on November 29.**

Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall – Class starts at 6:15 p.m.

**Seekers Bible Study,** room E104 - Rev. Wambugu

**6 Great Dates,** room E103 - Jerry and Anne McCoy, and Rev. Dan Hutchinson

**Jesus, the Light of the World,** room E100 - Duff Points

**On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23**, we gather in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. for worship, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving meal in Stephenson Hall. This event is hosted by the Deacons for First Church members who don't have family nearby. Guests are welcome. Although there is no cost for this meal, your RSVP is important to ensure there is enough food for all. Register by clicking the QR code below by Sunday, November 19.



**Thanksgiving Meal giveaway** – First Baptist Church North Tulsa (1414 N. Greenwood Ave) will be handing out free hot Thanksgiving meals to go from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. It will be a drive-up-drive-through event on the South parking lot.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Monday School** - Rev. Dan Hutchinson will teach on November 27, December 4, and 11. His topic will focus on what it means to be Orthodox, Reformed, and Evangelical. The lesson begins at 12:00 p.m. in Kirkland Library with an optional lunch at 11:30 a.m. in the Bernsen Reception Room.

**The *Sing! An Irish Christmas* concert** with Keith and Kristyn Getty is completely SOLD OUT! If you missed out on tickets but would still like to attend, we need volunteers. There are a variety of jobs available, both during the concert and as we are setting up during the day. If you are available to give a few hours of your time on Monday, December 4, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at [gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org).

#### **Mark Your Calendars with these events:**

November 23	Thanksgiving Day Service, Kerr Chapel
December 3	Sing! An Irish Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
December 15	Celebrating Christmas Together
December 25	Christmas Day Service, Kerr Chapel
Jan. 15 – Feb. 22	January Series



## COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

### TODAY 11/19

8:00 am      Worship: Kerr Chapel  
 8:30 am      Worship: Stephenson Hall  
 11:00 am     Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall  
 5:00 pm      Choir Concert, Sanctuary

### Monday 11/20

10:00 am     Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall  
 11:30 am     Monday School, Kirkland Library  
 11:45 am     Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103

### Tuesday 11/21

9:30 am      Precepts Bible Study, E100

### Thursday 11/23

11:00 am     Thanksgiving Day Worship Service, Kerr Chapel  
 12:00 pm     Thanksgiving Day Lunch, Stephenson Hall

### Adult Sunday School Classes for **NEXT** Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

<i>Cornerstone</i>	Heidelberg Catechism	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	Driving Through History – Acts to Revelation	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	Teaching Kids the Core Beliefs of Christianity	
		Prayer Room
<i>Forum</i>	Who is This Man	E200
<i>Harbingers</i>	The Life You've Always Wanted	E202
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Confronting Jesus	B318
<i>Young Parents</i>	Guest Speaker	E205
<i>Pastor's Study/Foundations</i>		
	Letters of Paul	E104
<i>Reflections</i>	1 John Bible Study	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	Jesus, The Light of Christ	E203
<i>Sojourners</i>	Exodus Study	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	I John	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	Maccabees	Tower Room
<i>Young Adults and Ukirk</i>	Discovery Bible Study	E201