



Christ and His Church

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

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

Christ the King

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

11:00 AM

SANCTUARY

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

Christ the King

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

An ambassador is at once a messenger and a representative. He does not speak in his own name. He does not act on his own authority. What he communicates is not his own opinions or demands, but simply what he has been told or commanded to say. But at the same time he speaks with authority, in this case the authority of Christ Himself.

Charles Hodge, *Commentary on 1 & 2 Corinthians*

The Welcome

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

The Introit

Thanks Be To God

Stanley Dickson

Brad Morgan, soloist

Thanks be to God for roses rare, for skies of blue and sunshine fair, for every gift I raise a prayer, thanks be to God! Thanks be to God for lovely night, for mystic fields with stars so bright, for hours of dream and deep delight, thanks be to God! Thanks be to God for love divine, the hopes that round my heart entwine; for all the joy that now is mine, thanks be to God!

◆ The Call to Worship

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church.

He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,

That in everything he might be preeminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

And through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

So come, let us join together,

And let us sing our praises!

◆ **The Hymn** 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA
Acolytes: Jacob Case, Lucy Gingerich, and Sammy Hand

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

The First Reading Psalm 32

The Prayer of Confession Rev. James Estes

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we come before you this day acknowledging our sin. We have strayed from your way, following the pattern and passions of this world. We have failed to love you fully. Forgive us, we pray. For the sake of Christ, blot out our iniquity and renew us in your image and likeness. Hear us now, as we offer our prayers to you...*(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** 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 Blessing of the Young Disciples

The Hymn 554 Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

The Prayer of Illumination

The Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Sermon Commissioned for Christ Rev. Dan Hutchinson
All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18)

The Offertory A Mighty King is Coming Jon Paige

A mighty King is coming, the true anointed one. The brightest star in heaven, God's own beloved Son. Prepare the way before Him, a highway now make clear. *A mighty King is coming. Rejoice! The time is near.* A Prince of Peace is coming and peace will fill the earth. His love will bring salvation and hope will have new birth. His love will bear our sorrows, His grace will dry our tears. A Prince of Peace is coming and soon He will appear. A mighty King is coming and Jesus is His name. All knees will bow before Him, his glory to proclaim. Now put away your sadness, your sorrow, and your fear. *Refrain.*

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn** 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

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

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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).

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.

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.

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 Jim and Edith Favell and Carrie Bayouth, by John and Debbie Favell.

Our Letter of Blessing today goes to Steve Brill.

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! 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.

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](https://www.instagram.com/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](https://www.instagram.com/fpcyoungadults) or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

Events This Week

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

Children’s Ministry Family Advent workshop on Sunday December 3 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. Families with children birth through fourth grade join us for crafts, sleigh rides and Christmas treats. The cost is \$10 per family and you can register at *Advent Workshop 2023 - First Church Tulsa*.

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.

Celebrating Christmas Together – Share the love of Christ and the love of First Church by adopting an Anderson elementary student for Christmas. Your donation of \$50 will be used to fill a gift bag. Each sponsored student will receive a Christmas story book, game, socks, and a sweatshirt. The Celebrating Christmas Together sign-up table will be available starting November 26. Mark your calendar for Friday, December 15, as our congregation travels to Anderson Elementary to celebrate together. If you would like to volunteer, please scan the QR code in the atrium.



Mark Your Calendars with these events:

December 3	Advent Workshop, Camp Loughridge
December 4	Sing! An Irish Christmas Concert, Sanctuary
December 15	Celebrating Christmas Together
December 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve Services at 5pm, 7:30pm, and 11pm

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY 11/26

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall

Monday 11/27

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

Tuesday 11/28

- 9:30 am Precepts Bible Study, E100

Wednesday 11/29

- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
- 6:00 pm Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
- 6:15 pm Adult Classes
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 12/2

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

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

<i>Cornerstone</i>	Advent Series	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	Driving Through History – Acts to Revelation	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	Advent Series	Prayer Room
<i>Forum</i>	Advent Series	E200
<i>Harbingers</i>	The Life You've Always Wanted	E202
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Advent Series	B318
<i>Young Parents</i>	Parenting with Love and Logic	E205
<i>Pastor's Study/Foundations</i>		
	Advent Series	E104
<i>Reflections</i>	Advent Series	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	Advent Series	E203
<i>Sojourners</i>	Advent Series	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	Advent Series	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	Maccabees	Tower Room
<i>Young Adults and Ukirk</i>		
	Advent Series	E201