



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 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 Adam's Family: Grace Revealed

The Words of Preparation

There is some little truth in what Cain says. Generally, some amount of truth clings to every lie; and even in the greatest possible profanity there is, usually, something or other of truth, though it is dangerously twisted and distorted.

C. H. Spurgeon 1834-1892

THE PRELUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

arr. Dan R. Edwards

Overtones; Gretchen Bashforth, director

THE WELCOME

Rev. Wambugu and Ron Pearson

Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register. Visitors, please fill out a Get Connected card from the pew back and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates, and fellowship opportunities.

THE INTROIT

Laudamus Te, from Gloria

Antonio Vivaldi

Abrianna DeLeon and Emily Willard, soloists

Laudamus te, benedicimus te. Adoramus te, glorificamus te.

We praise you, we bless you. We worship you, we glorify you.

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! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His. We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. AMEN!

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 478

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rev. Julia Metcalf

THE FIRST READING

Hebrews 11:1-10

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

◆ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

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 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news with all of your hearts: 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 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 OFFERING**

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone; chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One. One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

THE SECOND READING

Genesis 4:1-26

THE SERMON

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Rev. Wambugu

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**◆ THE CLOSING HYMN 155**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH

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

Improvisation on the tune LAUDA ANIMA

◆ *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.

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, and Norma Wallace.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Carolyn Woodard, a member since 2000, died on October 27.

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 C. R. Talley and Arthur Pearson.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of the faithful service by the pastoral, choir and support staff of First Church, by Jim and Mary Diacon

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

HAPPENING TODAY

2026 Stewardship Campaign - Live Gratefully. Give Intentionally: For 140 years, First Church has been blessed by the faithful gifts of those who came before us—laying a foundation of ministry, mission, and worship that continues to shape lives today. As we look ahead, we embrace the call to grateful living and intentional giving, recognizing that every gift is an expression of gratitude to God and a commitment to His work. This year, our goal is to welcome 40 new givers who will join in building upon this legacy, ensuring that the next generation experiences the same grace and generosity that have sustained us for more than a century. Every gift counts, no matter the amount. Together, we honor the past and invest in the future. Will you join us? Make your pledge today at FirstChurchTulsa.org/Stewardship26 or scan the QR code provided. Your intentional gift helps us continue this story of faith and generosity.



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

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.

Interested in joining a Sunday School class? For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey 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

Lunch and Learn: a series of programs focusing on issues for retirement-agers, this month's program will feature nutritionist Patty Lawson. She will be sharing ideas on how to stay healthy through good nutrition. Join us on Monday, November 10 at noon in Room E104. To register for the class and sign up for lunch (\$7), please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1029. Payment will also be taken at the door.



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.

Seasons Women's Gathering: Join us tomorrow, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. Women of all ages are welcome to join us in this new semester as we explore the profound practice of prayer. Through monthly teachings and conversations, we will uncover the beauty and essential role of prayer in our faith journeys.

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)* led by Rev. Dan Hutchinson

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.

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Presbyterian Women Circles are hosting a Thank Offering Lunch on Thursday, November 13 at noon in room E104. The guest speaker will be Meg Garver-Hamilton, Moderator for the Synod of the Sun. All ladies (even if you aren't in a Circle) of the church are welcome to attend. To make your reservation, please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org. Payment for lunch is \$10 and can be made at the door.

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service: First Church members and friends who find themselves without family nearby during the holidays are invited to the 11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day worship service in the Chapel and a Thanksgiving meal following the service, hosted by the Deacons, in Stephenson Hall. There is no cost, but an RSVP is needed to allow the kitchen to plan for the meal. To register, please use the QR link below or you may contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029/kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org. Registration deadline is November 10.



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 November Mission is the Coffee Bunker, non-profit organization founded in Tulsa. Please consider donating funds which will be used to prepare holiday meals for veterans, active duty, National Guard, Reservists and their families who rely on support from the Coffee Bunker. Cash or check donations may be placed in the PW mission acrylic donation box located in the atrium on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings throughout the month of November.

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.



Sing with the Choir for Christmas! You are invited to add your voice to the Chancel Choir for the worship services on Christmas Music Sunday, December 21, and Christmas Eve. Join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on November 19, December 3, 10, and 17. For details contact Ron Pearson at rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1013.

Christmas Eve Nativity: Children and youth ages 3 and up are invited to take part in this beloved tradition, presented during the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. There are many ways to participate, from Biblical characters and animals to angels, acolytes, and liturgists. Every child can find their place in the story. Rehearsal schedules vary by role and age. The children's and youth choirs will begin learning Nativity songs and carols in mid-November during their regular rehearsals, and all who wish to sing are encouraged to attend. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. Registration closes on November 16.



SERMON NOTES

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 11/9

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, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

Monday 11/10

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

Tuesday 11/11

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E100
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Wednesday 11/12

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 11/13

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 11/15

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., November 16

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	Difficult Scriptures in the Old Testament	E103
Shepherds	<i>Book of Joshua</i>	E203
Sojourners	<i>Attributes of God</i>	E204
Sowers	Series by Dr. John Lennox	E205
The Vine	Gospel of Mark	E100
UKirk	Women of the Bible	E201
Westminster Forum	Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200