



**Second Sunday of Eastertide**

**April 12, 2026**

11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

**First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa**

Called to make fully devoted followers of Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused.



# Rejoice in the Lord!

## The Words of Preparation

Neither Paul's difficult circumstance nor the frightening dangers faced by the Philippians can be allowed to eclipse Christian joy as the mark of faith. Clearly Paul does not have in mind the kind of superficial happiness that manifests itself only when things go well. No, it is a rejoicing that can be had [always], because it depends not on changing circumstances but on the one who does not change: "Rejoice *in the Lord*."

Moises Silva, *Philippians*

### THE WELCOME

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

*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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Dan Forrest

*Gloria Women's Choir; Gretchen Bashforth, director*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light. Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won; may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all. Be my Vision, Lord.

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1-5, 9-10

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.**

He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

**The Lord is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear Him;

**He remembers His covenant forever.**

He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

**Holy and awesome is His name!**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

**His praise endures forever!**

Therefore let us stand in honor,

**And let us worship God!**

- ◆ THE OPENING HYMN 455      All Creatures of Our God and King      LASST UNS ERFREUEN
- ◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION      Jake King

THE FIRST READING      John 20:11-18

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God Almighty, in the resurrection of Christ our Lord, the heavens and earth rejoice. You have defeated death and sin and the grave, and You meet us in our darkness and despair. Yet, we confess that we are slow to respond to the Joy of Easter. We confess that we continue to walk in the patterns of our old life marked by fear and self-absorption. We do not love You as we ought, and we fail to love our neighbor. We are slow to share the good news of the Gospel that alone can bring life and peace. For all that we have done and left undone, we ask Your forgiveness. Pardon us and cleanse us by the Power of Your Spirit, that we might walk as Your resurrection people ... (*in silence*)

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that in Christ Jesus there is full forgiveness of sins 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 RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 113      Christ the Lord is Risen Today!      LLANFAIR
- ◆ THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Eastertide Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and that He appeared to the women, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

## THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Joel Donohue, Clerk of Session

Louis Lawrence McAfee, son of Matthew and Kelsey McAfee

## THE HYMN OF PREPARATION 118

The Day of Resurrection!

LANCASHIRE

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

## THE SERMON

Rejoice in the Lord.. Always

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

## THE OFFERING

This is the Day the Risen Lord Has Made

Walter Ehret

This is the day the risen Lord has made, we shall rejoice and sing our thankful praise to God, who from the tomb the Son did raise, *Alleluia*. Descended from the cross, entombed in stone, embraced by death and hell the strife He bore; out of the gloom His standard goes before, *Alleluia*. In fear the trembling followers remained, yet when they heard these words, their terror fled; the Lord indeed is risen from the dead, *Alleluia*. This is the day, this is our feast of joy, this is the triumph, this our victory: the Christ bestows on us eternity, *Alleluia*.

## THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

## ◆ THE CLOSING HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

## ◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on the tune LANCASHIRE

◆ 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 Christ's presence 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 Get Connected Card or contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652 or [emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

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**PARISH REGISTER**

**Prayers for Healing:** Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Nelda Brown, Pat Brown, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Larry Doyle, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Sally McCoy, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, David Osterholt, David Perkins, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Carolyn Perryman, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Sally Stewart, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, and Rhonda Wilson.

**The Celebration of Christian Marriage:** Jeffrey Metcalf and Audrey Jones were married on March 21.

**Sympathy and Prayers to:** Kert Surface on the death of his mother last weekend.

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## WORSHIP NOTES

**Services are broadcast** on Cox channel 13 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or [FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube](http://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 *Letter of Blessing*** today goes to Steve and Judy Brill.

**Please notify the church** if you have a pastoral need, a change of address, phone number, or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto: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](http://firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141, or by using the QR code.



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## FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

**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 you know is in the hospital or needs a pastoral visit, please contact Kathy Wilson at [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

**First Friends in the Pews:** As a church, we are called to show hospitality. You may be someone's very first Friend in the Pew. Please be attentive and welcoming to those around you, as we all seek to be "First Friends in the Pews." Share your stories of joyful hospitality with Jerry McCoy at [jerome-mccoy@tulsa.edu](mailto:jerome-mccoy@tulsa.edu).

**New Hymnals:** After 35 years of faithful use, and after much research by the Worship and Music Committee, with approval of Session, our current hymnal will soon be replaced by the newly published *Sing! Hymnal*. In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to invest in this new hymnal project and dedicate them in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Watch for more details.

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## HAPPENING TODAY

**Prayer Room:** Open now during church hours through Pentecost Sunday, May 24, the Prayer Room has been prepared as a place to encounter stillness and draw near to the Lord. Come inside, take time to reflect, and share in this sacred space with others who are seeking God. Follow the signs to the Prayer Room located on the Sanctuary level near Kerr Chapel.

**Hospitality: Yes, You!** As a member of First Church, you play a role in welcoming others. We are renewing our commitment to hospitality, helping people feel seen, known, and welcome. This Sunday's step is simple: notice and greet someone new—one small moment can make a lasting difference.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Presbyterian Women's April Mission:** PW will be in the atrium selling greeting cards on Sunday, April 12 and 19 for \$5 (individual card) or \$10 (bundle of 5), featuring original artwork by Harriet Derrevere, an accomplished artist and member of First Church. Proceeds benefit Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS). Please make checks payable to PW of First Presbyterian Church.

**Lunch and Learn:** On Monday, April 13, at noon in room E104, Hollie Thompson, a health professional, will share her insights on mobility and balance issues as well as overall healthy practices. The cost for the class and lunch is \$7. Please register by April 10. To register, click the QR code or contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).



**Congregational Conversations:** We will meet on Wednesdays, April 15, 22, and 29 at 6:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall for a special series of conversational evenings focused on this season of transition. Rev. Dan Hutchinson will share reflections and a personal message, the Pastor Nominating Committee will provide an update, and Tom Philp will guide a conversation on navigating change as we prepare for Dan's departure from First Church. These evenings will offer a meaningful opportunity for our congregation to learn, reflect, and share together.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Chancel Choir** invites you to their Spring Concert on Sunday, April 19, at 5:00 p.m., featuring festive music for Eastertide. You will enjoy hearing *Gloria* by Mark Hayes, an exciting three-movement concert piece featuring guest soloists Lydia Gray and Taylor Conley. They will also be featured in solos from Handel's immortal oratorio, *Messiah*. Invite your friends to this musical feast!

**Celebrating the Hutchinson Family:** We will be celebrating Rev. Dan Hutchinson and his family on the weekend of April 25 - 26. On Saturday, April 25, there will be a fun-filled afternoon at Camp Loughridge, dinner at 5:30, and ending with a Vesper service at 6:30. Wear your favorite sports jersey! On Sunday, April 26, we will have one worship service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a First Family dinner. If you would like to send the Hutchinsons a card, letter, or monetary gift, please send it to the church, attention Dionna Schooley.



**We need your photos!** As we prepare to celebrate Rev. Dan Hutchinson, click the QR code to send in memories with him over the years.

**Membership Classes:** Does First Church feel like your church home? We would love to welcome you as a covenant member of our church family. Our next series of classes is on Sundays, April 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library. The classes are led by facilitators and pastors. These classes 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. For more information, contact Emma Myatt at 918-301-1028 or [emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Spring Tea:** Presbyterian Women are hosting a Spring Tea on Saturday, May 9, at 2:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. Women of all ages are welcome to join us for a delightful luncheon and tea-themed Spring gathering. Debbie Vinyard will be the guest speaker, sharing her life's journey through art therapy. If you are interested in joining a PW Circle, this is the opportune time to meet the ladies of PW. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 30 by contacting Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 / [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org) or clicking on the QR code. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Families will receive a group discount. Bring your mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, neighbor, and/or lots of friends!



**Witu Gala:** Celebrate with us on May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. To commemorate Pastor Wambugu's 60th birthday, TIF, with the support of the mission committee, is hosting a gala celebration to raise funds to expand the church-building work in Witu, Kenya. Money raised from this special event will help provide land for classrooms, a small office for ministry and solar power to sustain worship. Scan the QR code to RSVP and be part of this meaningful work.



**VBS 2026:** Children age 4 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, along with Hi-Helpers (7<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), join us for a fun week of games, crafts, songs, and Bible lessons. Registration is now open for the 2026 VBS, which will be held on June 1 – 5, from 9:00 a.m. – noon, at Camp Loughridge. We need adult leaders! The deadline to register is Friday, May 8. To register or for more information, click the QR code.



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## USE YOUR TALENTS

**The Presbyterian Women's March Mission** is the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Items needed for the hygiene kits are hand towels, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, individually wrapped bars of soap, individually wrapped single toothbrushes, and boxed Band-Aids or other adhesive bandage strips. Please place donations in the box at the welcome center.

**Internship Opportunity:** Are you a college student who loves God and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. You can go to the employment tab on the First Church website for more information and an application.

**FPC Scholarship Program:** First Presbyterian Church is now accepting scholarship program applications. You can pick up a copy of the application along with three reference forms from the church Business Office or you can download the forms from the First Church website. Applications must be completed, and all required materials need to be submitted to Toni Moseley at [tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org) by April 1, 2026, for the upcoming school year. Applications are not renewed and must be submitted each year.

**First Church Cancer List:** Do you or a loved one have cancer? Members of the Guild of Intercessors pray every day for those on the Guild's Cancer List. If you would like to add yourself, a loved one, a friend or a colleague to this confidential list, please contact Paula Peterson at 918-688-2163 / [mandppeterson@msn.com](mailto:mandppeterson@msn.com) or Monte Prater at 918-605-9719 / [monteprater@aol.com](mailto:monteprater@aol.com).

**Job Opportunity:** Ministry Assistant for Mission, Outreach, and TIF. This position provides administrative and logistical support for FPC mission and outreach ministries, the Tulsa International Fellowship, and new member integration. If you are interested, please go to the First Church website.

## Come, Grow Your Faith!

**TODAY 4/12**

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 4/13**

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

**Tuesday 4/14**

9:30 am      Precept Bible Study, E102

**Wednesday 4/15**

5:15 pm      Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall  
 5:00 pm      Youth Praise Band, and Celebration Singers, Powerhouse  
 6:00 pm      Awana, POW, Amass Exodus  
 6:15 pm      Adult Classes  
 6:30 pm      Chancel Choir, Choir Room

**Thursday 4/16**

10:00 am     Hearts for the Lord, E313

**Saturday 4/18**

8:45 am      Before the Rooster Crows, E103

### Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., April 19

Cornerstone	The Lord's Supper	E102
Covenanters	Screwtape Letters	E101
Faith and Family	Book of John	206
Families w/Young		
Children	Foundations of Christian Marriage	Tower Room
Foundations	Genesis	E104
Harbingers	Epiphanies and the Sacred Ordinary	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Romans Study	E103
Shepherds	Book of Revelation	E203
Sojourners	Mere Christianity	E204
Sowers	Pray Big	E205
The Vine	Fruitful Affliction	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	Psalms	E200