



**Third Sunday of Eastertide**

**April 19, 2026**

8 a.m. worship, Kerr chapel

**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

Yet, even here, there is an element of danger. The presence of God can become a credal formula rather than a living reality. Theoretically we know that He is with us; experimentally we forget Him and, lacking a vivid sense of His presence, we fall into sin and slackness which would surely not mar our lives if we were sharply conscious of the Lord alongside us. Hence we have a real need to know that *the God of peace is with us.*

J. A. Motyer, *The Message of Philipians*

### 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

#### His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Charles Gabriel, arr. Mark Hayes

*Susan Reid, soloist*

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely and long for Heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. *I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free, for His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.* "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear; and resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear. Though by the path He leadeth but one step I may see; His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. *Refrain.*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

#### Colossians 1:15-20

He 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.**

And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

**And 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,



**THE OFFERING**

**It is Well With My Soul**

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul. Refrain

My sin— O the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul. Refrain

**THE SECOND READING**

**Philippians 4:4-9**

**THE SERMON**

**Prayer, Praise and Peace**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

**THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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

◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 376**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

**THE POSTLUDE**

**Improvisation on the tune** DIADEMATA

◆ *Please stand*

**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, Judy Doyle, 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 Sacrament of Baptism:** Louis Lawrence McAfee, son of Kelsey and Matthew McAfee, was baptized on April 12.

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## 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](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 Jackson Seibert.

**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@utulsa.edu](mailto:jerome-mccoy@utulsa.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

**The Chancel Choir** invites you to their Spring Concert today, 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!

**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 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.

**Congregational Conversations:** We will meet on Wednesdays, April 22, and 29 at 6:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall for a special series of conversational evenings focused on this season of transition. This week, the Pastor Nominating Committee will provide an update, and on the 29<sup>th</sup>, 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

**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.



**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 are on Sundays, April 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

**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.

**New Member Mentors Needed:** Help a new member feel welcomed and connected to First Church. As a mentor you will greet new members on Sundays and connect once a month by inviting them to an event, calling them or having coffee with them. If you are interested, click the QR code.



**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 4/19**

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 4/20**

7:00 pm	Overtone Rehearsal, 309
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**Wednesday 4/22**

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	Congregational Conversations, Stephenson Hall
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

**Saturday 4/25**

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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### Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., April 26

Cornerstone	The Practice of Communion	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	Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible.	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