



**The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 17, 2025**  
8 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel

**First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa**

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



# Simplicity

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

### The Words of Preparation

If you want to have a spiritual life you must unify your life. A life is either all spiritual or not spiritual at all. No man can serve two masters. Your life is shaped by the end you live for. You are made in the image of what you desire.

Thomas Merton

**What is the chief end of man?** Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever.

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

### THE WELCOME

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

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

### THE INTROIT

#### The Quiet Heart

John Ness Beck

*Hannah Johnson, soloist*

The quiet heart, the quiet heart knows the pace of kindness. The quiet heart, the quiet heart measures love in gentleness. The quiet heart, the quiet heart sees beauty in reality. The quiet heart, the quiet heart survives in understanding. The quiet heart, the quiet heart waits in yearning patience to find the mind of God, to find the mind of God.

### ◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 148)

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!

**Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!**

Praise Him, sun and moon, praise Him, all you shining stars!

**Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord!

**For He commanded and they were created. And He established them forever and ever;**

**He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling His word!

**Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

**Young men and maidens together, old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

**He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him.**

Praise the Lord!

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◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 455**

**All Creatures of Our God and King**  
(Stanzas 1-2, 5-6)

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◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Elder John Harper

**THE FIRST READING**

Colossians 3:1-6

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, full of grace and steadfast love, we confess before you our sin and our shortcomings. We confess our failure to set our minds on the things that are above, on Your Kingdom, Your desires, Your righteousness. We confess that we have not put to death the sin in our lives. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Pardon and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, and so work in our lives by Your Holy Spirit that we might love you fully, and live as those who have been raised from death to life; and from darkness to light. 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

◆ **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 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 SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS****THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****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 hath 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 READINGS

Ecclesiastes 5:10, Matthew 6:22-24 & 33

## THE SERMON

Simplicity

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

## THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### ◆ THE CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

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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.

### ◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

## THE POSTLUDE

Chorale Improvisation on LOBE DEN HERREN

Paul Manz

*We welcome and thank guest organist Bruce Wilkin for his musical contribution to our service this morning.*

◆ *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](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

## Summer sermon series: Life in the Spirit

This summer, we're exploring what it means to truly live Life in the Spirit. We'll walk through the power, presence, and purpose of the Holy Spirit—and learn how everyday practices known as spiritual disciplines can help us grow as disciples of Jesus. Each week highlights a different practice: Study and Meditation, Prayer, Silence and Solitude, Fasting, Worship, Submission and Service, Confession, Simplicity, Stewardship, and Celebration. Join us on Sundays for teaching, practice the disciplines personally through weekly videos, gather on Wednesdays at noon in Kerr Chapel for Midweek Meetups, and connect in prayer on Zoom Mondays at 8 a.m. or Thursdays at 8 p.m. Watch for details in E-News and on our Facebook page.

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## PARISH REGISTER

**Prayers for Healing:** Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Nelda Brown, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Debi Foster, Jim Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, 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, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Ginny Talley, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Norma Wallace, Barbara Wiedenmann, and Sarah Wright.

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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](https://www.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 Tom Freeman and Andrea Smith.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Jo Pauls by Carol, Mark and Jacob Tipton.

**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](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Thank you for your faithful support:** Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at [firstchurchtulsa.org](https://www.firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.




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## FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

**Pastoral Prayer:** Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. To receive a weekly prayer prompt, please text @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.

**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 or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

**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](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

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## HAPPENING TODAY

**First Friends in the Pews:** Meet at the Atrium coffee bar 15 minutes before each worship service.

**The Chosen Series:** Join us as we dive into Season 3 of *The Chosen* and review how scripture is messaged and depicted through this series. Pastors and lay teachers will lead our conversations at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library.

**First Family Summer Swim** Sunday through summer from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. Children must always be accompanied by parents.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Life in the Spirit:** *Midweek Meetup* meets on Wednesdays through August 31 at noon in the Kerr Chapel. Come for a midweek meetup as pastors and various lay leaders lead group practices of spiritual disciplines. All ages are welcome and invited to bring their own lunch and gather on the playground afterwards.

**Presbyterian Women's Fall Workshop:** On Saturday, August 23 at John Knox Presbyterian Church, registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the event ending at 2:00 p.m. The cost for registration and lunch is \$15. For more information contact Cathy Akin at 918-742-8286 by August 10.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Bible Blessings and Celebration for Kindergartens and Fourth Graders:** Next Sunday, August 24 at 9:30 a.m. in the Kerr Chapel we celebrate the kindergartners and 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Each child will receive a Bible and will complete keepsake activities with their parents. There will be a light breakfast for those who attend. Siblings will attend Sunday school as normal. To RSVP contact Erin Barnhart at [ebarnhart@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ebarnhart@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Annual Ping-Pong Tournament:** Join the fun next Sunday, August 24 in Stephenson Hall following the 11:00 a.m. services for our annual Ping-Pong tournament (all ages) and cookout. You will learn about volunteer opportunities with the Anderson Elementary School community.

**Celebration Singers Youth Choir:** Come to our Next Gen Music Kick-Off event on Wednesday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Powerhouse, and then join us at our new day, time and location beginning September 10. We will meet every Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., for dinner and rehearsals in the Powerhouse. The choir is open to all middle and high school students who have a heart for singing praise to God! We will collaborate with the Youth Praise Band and will sing in worship several times throughout the school year, including presenting the Christmas Eve Nativity. Register by clicking on the QR code by September 30; please register before attending your first rehearsal.



### Upcoming Fall Classes: Beginning the week of September 8:

**Men's Monday Bible Study:** 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. Over lunch they will read a book of the Bible and follow with a Bible study.

**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:** Wednesdays, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m., E103, led by James Estes, this class will 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.

**Hearts for the Lord:** Thursdays, 9:30 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 omitted followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God.



**Awana 2025 -2026: Wednesdays beginning September 10, dinner at 5:15 and Awana at 6:00 p.m.** - Kids ages 2 years old through 4th grade are invited to be part of AWANA — a fun, Bible-centered program where children learn God's Word, build lasting friendships, and enjoy games and activities each week. AWANA helps kids hide God's truth in their hearts while growing in faith and love for Jesus. For more information contact Sarah Savage at [ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Pastor's Study – Foundations:** Sunday mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in room E104 -The Bible is a unified whole drawing us to Jesus Christ, and Genesis is where the story begins. This fall, Rev. Dan Hutchinson will lead an in-depth study on Genesis, walking through the text and drawing out the central themes that weave through Scripture and that ultimately find their fulfillment in Christ. 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!

**First Church Choristers children's choir:** Beginning September 14, we will meet every Sunday from 9:15 – 9:45 a.m., in the children's choir room of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor music suite. The choir is open to children in kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. We sing in worship several times throughout the school year, including presenting the Christmas Eve Nativity. (Participation in choir is required to be in the nativity.) Register by clicking on the QR code by September 30; please register before attending your first rehearsal.



**Rejoice Ringers Junior Bell Choir:** Beginning September 14, we will meet every Sunday from 8:45 – 9:15 a.m., in the bell room of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor music suite. The bell choir is open to students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We ring in worship periodically throughout the school year, including ringing alongside the Overtones adult bell choir! Register by clicking the QR code through September 30; please register before attending your first rehearsal.



**Matson Cup Golf Tournament:** Monday, September 15, 7:30 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Monies raised from this tournament are devoted to the most impoverished of Tulsans – through the efforts of our *Helping Hand Ministry*. Scan the QR code to register yourself and/or your team.




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## 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.

**Greeters:** Do you have the gift of hospitality, or enjoy meeting new people? Whether you are able to dedicate one Sunday per month, or every Sunday, we need you. To sign up to be a Greeter or for more information, please contact Emma Myatt at [emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Become a Mentor to First Church Members:** Would you like to make a big impact on our newest members, help them feel welcomed and connect to First Church? We are launching a mentorship program, pairing each member with someone to walk alongside them for six months. Scan the QR code for more information.



**Book Table:** Check out the new books related to our sermon series on spiritual disciplines at our book table at the north side of the atrium.

## Come, Grow Your Faith!

### TODAY 8/17

8:00 a.m.	Worship: Kerr Chapel
8:30 a.m.	Worship: Stephenson Hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
11:00 a.m.	Worship: Sanctuary and Great Hall
1:30 p.m.	First Family Swim, Camp Loughridge

### Tuesday 8/19

9:30 a.m.	Precept Summer Bible Study, E100
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### Wednesday 8/20

12:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit: Midweek Meetup, Kerr Chapel
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### Saturday 8/23

8:45 a.m.	Before the Rooster Crows
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## Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., August 24

<i>Cornerstone</i>	<i>Gospel of John</i>	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	<i>Simply Christian</i>	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	Book of John	206
<i>Forum</i>	Jesus' Words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200
<i>Foundations</i>	The Chosen Series	Stephenson Hall
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
<i>Reflections</i>	Spiritual Formation Essays	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	The Chosen Series	Stephenson Hall
<i>Sojourners</i>	The Lord's Prayer	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	Gospel of Mark	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	Jesus' Words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200
<i>Young Adults/Ukirk</i>	The Chosen Series	Stephenson Hall



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