



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 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.



Stewardship

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The Words of Preparation

The sense of ownership in general is always to be encouraged. The humans are always putting up claims to ownership which sound equally funny in Heaven and in Hell and we must keep them doing so... We teach them not to notice the different senses of the possessive pronoun — the finely graded differences that run from “my boots” through “my dog”, “my servant”, “my wife”, “my father”, “my master” and “my country”, to “my God”. They can be taught to reduce all these senses to that of “my boots”, the “my” of ownership... And all the time the joke is that the word “Mine” in its fully possessive sense cannot be uttered by a human being about anything.

C. S. Lewis, *Screwtape Letters* (Senior devil Screwtape to the junior devil Wormwood)

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 CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 47:1-7

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

He chose our heritage for us,

The pride of Jacob whom He loves.

God has gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

Sing praises with a psalm!

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN 482** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Elder Brett Crane

THE FIRST READING

2 Timothy 1:3-14

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, You have saved us and called us to a holy calling in Christ, who abolished death and brought us to life. Yet, we confess that

we have not pursued You wholeheartedly. Forgive us for failing to trust You. Forgive us for being ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for lives that reflect a love for the world more than a love for Your Kingdom. For the sake of Christ, pardon and forgive all those who humbly repent and turn to You. Then, by the power of Your Spirit, work in our hearts that we might be fully Yours. 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 To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Refrain.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport. when Jesus we see. *Refrain.*

◆ 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**Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated**

Mark Hayes

Susan Reid, soloist

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

THE SECOND READING**Matthew 25:14-30****THE SERMON****Stewardship**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER♦ **THE CLOSING HYMN 100** **When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**

ROCKINGHAM

♦ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE****Improvisation on the tune TO GOD BE THE GLORY**♦ *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.

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.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: : Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, 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 Ruddell, Kathy Sengel, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Sally Stewart, Ginny Talley, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Norma Wallace, Barbara Wiedenmann, and Sarah Wright.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Judah DeSpain, son of Athena and Paul DeSpain, was baptized on August 17.

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 Pat Ford and Joe Robson.

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.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically 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.

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.

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.

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 Stephenson Hall.

Annual Ping-Pong Tournament: Join the fun today 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.

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

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.

Celebration Singers Youth Choir: Come to our Next Gen Music Kick-Off event this Wednesday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Powerhouse, and then join us on 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 EVENTS

Breakfast on Boston: Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7 at 9:15 a.m. There will be good food, fellowship, live music, pony rides, and more! You can pre-pay for breakfast at the table in the atrium today and on August 31 or by clicking the QR code. There will be no Sunday School on this day.



Upcoming Fall Classes: Beginning the week of September 8: (for more information contact Elizabeth Devore at edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org.)

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.

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 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.



Interested in joining a Sunday School class? - All classes will resume on Sunday, September 14. For more information contact Elizabeth DeVore at edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org or click the QR code.



Pastor's Study – Foundations: Sunday mornings starting September 14, 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!

Wednesday Night Downtown

Begins Sept. 10 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.

Stealing Past the Watchful Dragons: Lessons from Lewis, Miller Library - Join Rev. Dan Hutchinson as we explore the literary works of C. S. Lewis, beginning with the Chronicles of Narnia. Stories have a unique ability to shape our hearts and minds, and perhaps nowhere do we see this more profoundly than in the works of Lewis. Together, we will explore the thought and theology of Lewis and the power of stories to convey these great truths. No prior knowledge of his books required!

Seekers Bible Study: room E104, Rev. Wambugu leads us through the remarkable book of Esther, a Jewish woman who courageously saves her people from annihilation of the Persian empire by relying on God's divine providence.

Courage, Dear Heart...Stories of Heroic Sacrifice and Surrender to Jesus: room 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. Box lunches are available by clicking the QR code.

Planning for the Inevitable: room E100, Legal, Healthcare, and Pastoral Care professionals, this five-week course will guide participants through the decisions that can be made now to place less stress on family members when death occurs. Topics include: health care choices, wills, trusts, advanced directives, death benefits, memorial/funeral service planning, and eternal life with Jesus. The course will also include tips for managing the care needs of loved ones and suggestions for maintaining the health and vitality of caregivers. Speakers include Bob Farris, Dr. John Frame, Kathy Wilson, James Munuhe, Denise Rounds, and one of the pastors.

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.



Kindergarten Blessing

Every year we gift our kindergarteners with a Bible and encourage parents to read it with them. This morning each of our kindergarteners received their Bible, and we pray every blessing upon them as they come to know the love of Jesus.

Sam Barnhart
Aurora Bowman
Gwen Crowe
Janessa Ebil
Genevieve Grogan
Sage Grosso
Edmund Hutchinson
Lucy Jones
Jeremiah King
Victor Mathu
Cameron Mercer
Sophia Miller

Aaron Murage
Lelani Odingo
Benjamin O'Hara
Maren Perceful
Asher Persson
Callum Schuster
Hattie Seibert
Henry Seibert
Reid Shipley
Perrin Stahl
Samwel Usigbe
Makena Waita

Fourth Grade Bible Celebration

Every year we gift our fourth graders with a study Bible and encourage parents to read it with them. This morning each of our fourth graders received their Bible, and we pray every blessing upon them as they come to know the love of Jesus.

Brady Barnhart
Walker Black
James Case
Molly Dollahon
Merritt Franklin
Lorraine Hawkins
Brandon Kamau
Henry Madsen
William Marshall

Dominic Masaku
Colin McCracken
William Pugh
Thomas Rogers
Asher Russell
Judah Smith
Mea Smith
Neriah Wambui
Kynlee Wilberforce

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 8/24

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 8/26

9:30 a.m. Precept Summer Bible Study, E100

Wednesday 8/2

12:00 p.m. Life in the Spirit: Midweek Meetup, Kerr Chapel

Saturday 8/30

8:45 a.m. Before the Rooster Crows

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., August 31

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

