

*The Resurrection of Jesus Messiah
The Joy of Easter!*

The Great



Before Abraham was, I Am	John 8:58
I am the Messiah	John 4:26
I am the Living Water	John 4:13-14
I am the Light of the World	John 8:12
I am the Bread of Life	John 6:35
I am the True Vine	John 15:1
I am Come from Above	John 6:51
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life	John 14:6
I am the Eternal One	John 17:24-25
<u>I am the Resurrection</u>	John 11:25
I am the Door	John 10:7
I am the Son of God	John 10:36
I am the Lord and Master	John 13:13

I Am

First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa
Sanctuary

APRIL 9, 2023
8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

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The Words of Preparation

The Good Shepherd knows His sheep and calls them by name –and His sheep know His voice. Jesus’ one word, speaking Mary’s own name, spoken by the most significant person she had ever known, changed her whole life.

F. Dale Bruner

The Prelude

Resurrection

Lloyd Larson

Overtones Bells; Gretchen Bashforth, director

The Call to Worship

Rev. Julia Metcalf, Dr. Jim Miller

Once on a darkened Friday, Jesus of Nazareth was crucified, dead and buried —his broken body sealed in a Palestinian tomb. Those who loved him, sat and wept.

But, then, once upon an early Sunday, when the enemy had done his worst, when all hope was gone, when darkness ruled, Jesus got up in that tomb, He arose victorious over sin, death and the devil!

And today, here and now, in this place, this same Jesus is present, For as He said to his disciples, so He says to us:

“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m right there with you.”

Jesus’ presence here is our call to worship! So let the good news ring out:

“The Lord is risen!”

He is risen, indeed!

“Christ is risen!”

He is risen, indeed!

Yes! We have reason to lift our hearts —and our voices! Come,
stand in honor, sing with joy,
And let us worship God!

◆ **The Hymn** 123 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

◆ **The Passing of the Peace of Christ!**

Alleluia, indeed! Let's share His peace offered in love —for us and
the whole world!

The peace of the risen Christ be with you!
And also with you!

◆ **Hymn of Celebration** Lord, We Sing Our Alleluias! ODE TO JOY

Lord, we sing our alleluias, hear us as we lift our praise: for the gift
of Resurrection, Life in Christ, abundant grace! By your great
redemptive power, you defeat our deadly foes; Jesus, you are
Resurrection, deep and wide your mercy flows!

As you spoke to those still weeping, so you say to us this day:
“I am Life and Resurrection! Why not welcome Me today?” To all
those entombed in sadness, take the stone of doubt away; call
forth joy and special gladness, grant abundant Life, we pray!

With the saints and choirs of angels and the Church in every place,
we sing of your gifts of mercy, Triune God of love and grace!
Demons routed, death now vanquished, through the One who
trumped the grave; deadly sin has lost all power, thanks to Christ
who came to save!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: God, we magnify your Name!
Yesterday, today, forever, always ever yet the same; faithful,
steadfast, is your mercy; unrelenting is your love; sing we now our
alleluias, with the saints who live above!

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Steve Metcalf (8:00)

Greg Berkhouse (11:00)

The Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

The Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we sit before an ocean of Your unending mercies and goodness: You stepped in for us –against the forces of sin, death and the devil; You stepped in for us –against powers and principalities, hatred and mockery, spears and nails. You step in for us even now –amid every challenge and circumstance. In our sadness and grief, You offer hope. In our brokenness and sin, You offer salvation. In troubles that are overwhelming, You offer redemption; in loneliness, You offer Yourself –and gather us together. Beautiful Savior, loving Redeemer, risen Lord Jesus Christ, have your own way today. Meet us in your mercy, open our hearts wide, forgive our sin, remake us by your love, grant us your beautiful, sustaining grace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

The Offered Forgiveness

The news is worthy of full acceptance!

This is love --not that we loved God but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. I John 4:10

Come, let's embrace this good news with all our hearts, for in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness – for all who call upon Him!

Indeed, the empty tomb declares:

There's victory in Jesus! Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Response**

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about His

groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory!

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing, how He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory! *Refrain*

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** (Nicene Creed, A.D. 325)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made human.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. The third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and

the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

The Anthem This Joyful Eastertide Alice Parker

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now is Christ arisen.

The Blessing of the Young Disciples *Best.Story.Ever!*

The Hymn I Love to Tell the Story HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above: of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest! And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

The New Testament Reading John 20:11-18

The Sermon From Despair to Elation: *B.C. to A.D.*

Mary Magdalene....announced to the disciples, I have seen the Lord."
John 20:18

Glory to God and Joy to the World!

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Consider the lilies!

The trumpet lilies quietly bear witness this morning to the Lord's resurrection presence and power –and the beauty of His redemptive love!

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We thank those who offered their service in love to beautify this house of prayer: Edie Allen, Judy Brill, Minnie Casteel, Sandy Curtis, Janet Drisko, Carol Graham, Mary Anne and Tom Marberry, Rosemary and Rick Priest, Amy Tate, Cynthia Wiles —and *with special thanks to Sherye Halliburton!*

Welcome to the First Church community!

Thanks for adding to the joy of worship this morning! We pray that you'll sense the presence and power of the risen Christ and the warmth of this community called Historic First Church.

Since 1885, as the first church established in Tulsa, we have sought to be faithful in service to Jesus, serving the common good in His name. We are rooted in the Reformed, orthodox, and evangelical traditions of the larger church. If you do not have a church home, step in and join the adventure of discipleship together! Patricia Hall would love to visit with you and respond to any questions: phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.

For more information on any of the ministries listed below, please contact the church office at 918-584-4701 or www.firstchurchtulsa.org.

Regular Sunday Worship Schedule

Returns a week from next Sunday:

Five worship services:

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| 8:00 a.m. Kerr Chapel | (Classical worship) |
| 8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall | (Praise and worship band) |
| 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary | (Classical worship) |
| 11:00 a.m, Stephenson Hall | (Praise and worship band) |
| 11:00 a.m, Great Hall, Bernsen | (Tulsa International Fellowship). |

The 11:00 o'clock Sanctuary Service: Broadcast, Cox Channel 3, live at 11:00 a.m., Rebroadcast, 5:00 and 10:00 p.m. Streamed on Facebook, Youtube, *FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube*, and the *FPC Website: www.firstchurchtulsa.org*

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries of First Church! Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at *firstchurchtulsa.org*, text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code below.



For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary, audio headsets are available from the ushers.

Please notify the church if there is a pastoral need, change of address/phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or *kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Rob Berry, Beth Campbell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Anita Ewing, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Linda Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Elaine

Horkey, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, Anne Nunnelee, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Cat Thompson, and Susan Waldie.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Robin Hawkins, a member since 1977, died on April 2.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Rachel Berkhouse on the death of her father, Ernest Canady, who died on March 26; and to Robert Blocker on the recent death of his daughter, MacKenzie.

Growing Your Faith!

Adult Discipleship (call for brochures with more information):

- Fifteen Sunday morning classes for adults of all ages at 9:30 a.m.
- Weekday Bible studies.
- KGroups – Home-based fellowship groups.
Wednesday Night Downtown - Optional Dinner 5:30, Stephenson Hall for all - 6:00 AWANA Clubs for children through grade 4 – 6:15 Middle School (Pathfinders), High School (Exodus) - 6:15 Adult Classes
- Quarterly spiritual retreats and other opportunities for prayer and spiritual formation

New Pastor's Study begins this Wednesday (11:30) and repeats Sundays, 9:30 a.m.: Dr. Miller teaches on *Significant Essays by CS Lewis*.

Tulsa International Fellowship – Join with others from across the world for a time of worship and fellowship each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Great Hall, Bernsen Center.

Young Adults – First Church is committed to providing a place for Young Adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook and Instagram at *Young Adult Ministries@FPC* or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

Inquirers' Class – An “No-strings-attached” opportunity to explore what it means to say “Yes” to Jesus, embracing His Church, learning about this particular family of faith. Questions are invited. Friendships are formed. Our next class begins Sunday, April 23, 9:15 a.m. (for four weeks). To register, contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028.

Presbyterian Women – Monthly fellowship and Bible study meetings.

Serving the Master!

Helping Hand Ministry – Helping to prevent evictions and keep the utilities on, Helping Hand Ministry provides funds to those in needs of a hand up. Come and see the good being done any Monday or Tuesday from 9-noon.

Guild of Intercessors – Intercessory prayer group that believes prayer is powerful and life-changing.

Faith Partners – A ministry offering compassion, resources, education and hope for those affected by addiction.

Deacons serving those in need – to the sick, the isolated and lonely, to any who may be overwhelmed or distressed – both within and beyond this community of faith.

Hope is Alive! Join the deacons in one of eight annual visits with the residents of Hope is Alive community. Come witness God’s power, quietly forging radical life transformation in those suffering from addiction.

Global Mission Trips – Serve Christ in the world through mission partnerships around the world. 2023 partner visits include a journey to Ireland in June and Kenya in July. For details, email Hannah (hdamron@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Works of HeART – Weekly art class for clients at the Day Center for the Homeless.

Masterwork Academy for Faith and Fine Arts – Training K-5th grade students, daily after school, in the joys of music, visual art, ballet, theater, fitness, and Bible study.

Anderson Elementary School – There is always a way to be a blessing at Anderson, our partner in education school: be a weekly lunch buddy, help in the classroom, read to a student, or serve at a community night.

Children’s Ministries – Serve with us in the church’s Nursery/Preschool /Elementary ministries by teaching, planning, or rocking babies!

Telecare – Help us keep in touch with homebound members and those who need encouragement.

Music Ministries!

First Church seeks to glorify God across the spectrum of musical language. From children’s worship arts and seasonal youth ensembles to the adult Chancel Choir, Contemporary Worship Team, and TIF band, plus a handbell choir, and Gloria women's choir, there is a place for you to use your musical gifts at First Church!

Next Generation Ministries! (*Cradle to College*)

Children’s Ministries - We are committed to coming alongside families as they raise their children in the faith of Jesus Christ. We focus on

Spiritual Education, Worship, Service, and Fellowship by offering Sunday morning programming, Awana, VBS, and special events throughout the year.

FPC Youth - A community of Middle School (5th - 8th) and High School (9th - 12th) students who seek to grow in their relationship with Christ; encouraging one another in the day-to-day, and living as the Church here and now!

University Ministries – Designed to reach, teach, and love college-aged students throughout Tulsa so they may be life-long followers of Jesus Christ. Find us on Instagram at [@ukirktulsa](https://www.instagram.com/ukirktulsa) for more information.

Trumpeting the Resurrection!
To the Glory of God and in Grateful Memory:

Steve Alexander

by Sue Ann Tollett and Family

Maryetta & Harry Allen

by Sue Ann Tollett and Family

Douglas Austin

by Kelle Roberts

Bill & Patty Ball

by Becky and Julie

Glennodene Barham

by Cathy Akin

Marjorie E. Berry

by Rob & Lisa Berry

R. Garvin Berry, Jr.

by Rob & Lisa Berry

Arthur Birchall

by Bob & Cathy Laird

Jack & Connie Bird

by Hank & Tamra Bird

Jack H. Bird

by Bird Family

Constance Bird

by Bird Family

Mr. & Mrs. G.E. Brumbaugh, Jr.

by Laurie Brumbaugh

Mr. & Mrs. G.E. Brumbaugh, Sr.

by Laurie Brumbaugh

Robbie Burke

by Burke/Williams Families

Amos & Lee Caldwell

by Steve & Carol Caldwell

Dr. John G. Campbell
by Linda Campbell

Russell & Jeanette Caston
by Cindy Davis

Ann Caudle
by Bret & Carolyn Goodwin

Dr. R. Phil Caudle
by Bret & Carolyn Goodwin

George & Nancy Coe
*by Dr. Tom & Mary Anne
Marberry*

George & Nancy Coe
by Curt & Janie Long

Dr. Gene Courtney
by Jim & Diane Miller

Lisa Courtney
by Jim & Diane Miller

Jim Crews
by Frank & Tricia McDonald

Walter Jackson Curtis
by Sandy & Bob Curtis

William Jackson Curtis
by Sandy & Bob Curtis

Joe & Betty Davis
by William H. Davis

Jackson & Vivian Dean
by Linda Lichty

Rachell & Tom Deane
by Sandy & Bob Curtis

Helen Lewis Deupree
by Steve & Carol Caldwell

Terry Diacon
by Mary & Jim Diacon

Crystal Ann Kerr Dillard
by April Dericks

**Clarence, Marie, and Dean
Dillsaver**
by Dr. Joe & Jackie Dillsaver

George & Betty Dutton
by Jim & Sally Dutton

Robert Emery
by Burke/Williams Families

Wayne Emery
by Burke/Williams Families

LT A.J. Erbert
by Terry Erbert

Virginia Erbert
by Terry Erbert

Bill Farris
by Monte Prater

Bob & Fern Farris
by Bob & Pam Farris

John Abbott Frame
by John & Kitty Frame

Lucile H. Frame
by John & Kitty Frame

Charles E. Frame
by John & Kitty Frame

Margaret Stanley Glenn
by Her Family

Helen Gregg
by Laurie Brumbaugh

Richard Halliburton
*by Dr. Tom & Mary Anne
Marberry*

Rex Hargraves
by Bird Family

Katherine Hargraves
by Bird Family

Curtis J. Holdridge II
by Margaret P. Holdridge

Curt Holdridge
by Monte Prater

Curt Holdridge
by Sandy & Bob Curtis

Eric Patzer Holdridge
by Margaret P. Holdridge

W.R. (Dick) Horkey
by Elaine Horkey

Jody Huffstettler
by Gary Mathews

Harvey Hunt
by Curt & Janie Long

Beverly Baine Jacobs
by Ted Jacobs

Marcy Johnson
by Hank & Tamra Bird

Jack Johnson
by Dr. Joe & Jackie Dillsaver

Paula Johnson
by Bird Family

Kathy Johnson
by Gary & Cindy Johnson

Jarl Johnson
by Gary & Cindy Johnson

Virgil & Betty Katterhenry
by Jim & Sally Dutton

Edward Vere Keller
by Ed & Marilyn Keller

Ruby Keller
by Ed & Marilyn Keller

Raymond Kenney
by Robert Shipman

Mary Anne Knapp
by The Kuehn Family

Paul & Mildred Lichty
by Linda Lichty

Paul C. Long
by Curt & Janie Long

Charlie Lyddon
by Bill & Mariesa Worman

Betsy Marberry
*by Dr. Tom & Mary Anne
Marberry*

Harry & Betty Marberry
*by Dr. Tom & Mary Anne
Marberry*

Jimmie Mathews
by Gary Mathews

Woody & Shirley Matney
by Claudia King

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by Jim & Diane Miller

Emily Harrison Miller
by Jim & Diane Miller

Lynn Swander Miller
by Mary & Jim Diacon

Garry Munger

by Ed & Marilyn Keller

Jane Munger

by Ed & Marilyn Keller

Jackson & Lena Nafe

*by Carol, Griffin, and
Stephanie Elrod*

Katherine Woolverton Nelson

by Sally Stewart

Patti Perryman Orbison

*by Dr. Tom & Mary Anne
Marberry*

Our Grandparents

by Bill & Cynthia Wiles

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by Bill & Cynthia Wiles

Jack & Lanette Owens

by Cathy Akin

Wade Vincent Porter

by Porter Family

Bob Prater

by Monte Prater

Bob Prater

*by Mary & Martha's Bible
Study*

Bob Prater

by Sandy & Bob Curtis

Roy & Connie Radke

by Andy & Kerri Gingerich

V. Alan Ratliff

by Jo Ratliff

Kathleen Reynolds

by Julianne Hand

Kathleen Ann Reynolds

*by The Hand and Reynolds
Family*

Kathleen Reynolds

by Tom Reynolds

John F. "Jeff" & Jeri J. Rhodes

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

H. F. "Dusty" & Georgia Rhodes

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Paul Todd Rhodes

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Suzanne Richmond

by Dan Richmond Family

Linda Richmond

by Dan Richmond Family

Frank Scheiper

by Jim Scheiper

Peggy Scheiper

by Jim Scheiper

Steve Scheiper

by Jim Scheiper

L. K. Smith

*by Paul E. (Trip) & Linda
Swain*

Lila Smith

by Jerry Smith

Bill Stewart

by Sally Stewart

Todd Stewart

by Sally Stewart

Paul & Priscilla Swain

*by Paul E. (Trip) & Linda
Swain*

Thomas David Swan

by Bob & Pam Farris

Logan Swearingin

by Anita Ewing

Howard M. & Alene Tippin

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Steve Tollett

*by Sue Ann and Stephenie
Tollett*

Steve Tollett

*by Sarah, Erik, Aly, and
Kendall Grohmann*

Annette Vickery

by Monte Prater

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*by Dr. Tom & Mary Anne
Marberry*

Nadine Wilson

by Kathy Wilson

Nat Wilson

by Kathy Wilson

Brad Wilson

by Kathy Wilson

Teddy Woolman

by Jerry Smith

Betsy Worman

by Bill & Mariesa Worman

John Worman

by Bill & Mariesa Worman

Marc Wright

by Cynthia Wright

Anthony Neal Wyckoff

by Porter Family

To the Glory of God and in Honor of:

Joyce & Wayne Alger

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Gretchen Bashforth

by The Handbell Choir

Gretchen Bashforth

by Carol Elrod

Bob, Judy, and Robert

Bastemeyer

by Dr. Joe & Jackie Dillsaver

Jacki Crews

by Frank & Tricia McDonald

Judi & Fred Crowe

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

**Dr. Matt Dillsaver, Michelle,
Savannah, and Knox**

by Dr. Joe & Jackie Dillsaver

Lucy Donohue

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Family and Friends

by Jason Stockbridge

First Church Pastors and Staff

by Steve & Carol Caldwell

FPC Chancel Choir

by John & Kitty Frame

Zoe and Lucy Gingerich

by Andy & Kerri Gingerich

Glenda Goodwin
by Bret & Carolyn Goodwin

Sherye Halliburton
by Anonymous

Harber's Small Group
by Bob & Leslie Pritchard

Joan Hoar
by Anonymous

Nelson & Linda Johnson
by Hank & Tamra Bird

Irma Johnson
by Dr. Joe & Jackie Dillsaver

Don & Brenda Johnson
Anonymous

Julie & Royce Kelly
by Cynthia Wright

Janie Long
by Anonymous

Ann J. Long
by Curt & Janie Long

Mary & Martha's Bible Study
by Monte Prater

Gary Mathews
by Anonymous

**Dr. Ryan McCracken, Carrie,
Molly, Colin, and Luke**
by Dr. Joe & Jackie Dillsaver

**Frank, Joy, and Patrick
McDonald**
by Frank & Tricia McDonald

Eileen & Drew McFadden
by Carol Graham

Dr. J.D. Miller
by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Dr. Jim and Diane Miller
by Anonymous

Susan & John Minor
by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Cathy & Steve Mitchell
by Carol Elrod

Brad Morgan
by Kinnee Tilly

Our Children and Grandchildren
*by Paul E. (Trip) & Linda
Swain*

**Our Grandchildren Frank,
Gibson, and Annie**
by Frank & Tricia McDonald

The Pastors at First Church
by Frank & Tricia McDonald

Ron Pearson
by John & Kitty Frame

Ron Pearson
by Frank & Tricia McDonald

Ron Pearson
by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Ron Pearson
by Anonymous

Ron Pearson
by Carol Elrod

Monte Prater
*by Mary & Martha's Bible
Study*

Monte Prater

by Anonymous

**David, Amanda, Jacob,
Nathaniel, and Lydia Rhodes**

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

**Barbara J. Smith, our mother
and Nana**

*by Paul E. (Trip) & Linda
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Frank R. (Buddy) Spencer

by Rob & Lisa Berry

Doris Harper Spencer

by Rob & Lisa Berry

Sally Stewart

by Kathy Wilson

Sally Stewart

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Capt Terry L. (USN, Ret.) and

Carol Ann Tippin

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Westminster Class

by Tom & Rita Rhodes

Kathy Wilson

by Tom & Rita Rhodes