



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 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.

Christ the True and Better Noah

The Words of Preparation

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Francis of Assisi

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 Lord is My Light

Frances Allitsen

Brad Morgan, soloist

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom, then, shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid? Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him. For, in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle, yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Psalm 27

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1-5

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

Therefore, let us stand in honor!

And let us worship God!

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Petra Mangesho

THE FIRST READING

1 Peter 3:14-22

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, by Your suffering and death, You have brought us to the Father and rescued us from sin and death. Yet we confess that we are hesitant to follow where You lead. We prefer comfort and ease to the demands of righteousness, and all too often, we abandon our first love out of a love for the delights and pleasures of this world. Forgive us, we pray. Seal us by the Holy Spirit and so work in our hearts that we might be fully Yours. May You receive all the glory and honor and power in our lives. 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

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

◆ 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 OFFERTORY

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; for Thee all the follies of sin I resign; my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, and praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath, and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow: if ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

THE SECOND READING

Genesis 6:1-8

THE SERMON

Christ the True and Better Noah

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 379

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on the tune SOLID ROCK

◆ 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.

Fall Sermons Series: Our new series, *Christ the True and Better*, will look at the lives of Old Testament figures, the events and action of God in their lives, and how each of these individuals point us to Christ and find fulfillment in His life and work.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Neil Cluck, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Debi Foster, Jim Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Patricia Hall, 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, Sally Stewart, Ginny Talley, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Norma Wallace, Barbara Wiedenmann, and Margo Williams.

The Sacrament of Baptism: AnneMarie Claire Holk, daughter of Jennifer and Clay Holk; and Kennedy Lane Powers, daughter of Carly and Barrett Powers, were baptized on September 7.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Anne Rupe, a member since 2014, died on September 8.

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 Sally Stewart and Patricia Hall.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold E. Kunkel, Sr. and in honor of Harold Kunkel, Darry Kunkel and Cheryl Kunkel Moore by Joyce Kunkel.

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 @pastorfp to "81010".

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

A Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for today, immediately following the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. The Nominating Committee will present a new slate of officers (elders, deacons, trustees) for congregational approval.

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.



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

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!

Serve-A-Palooza: Today and Sundays, September 21, and 28, before and after worship. Explore what it means to serve the Lord with gladness and discover where you can get grounded in our church community. Spin the wheel for inspiration and uncover how your gifts, skills, and interests can shape your walk as a disciple of Christ.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Seasons Women's Gathering: Tomorrow from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Miller Library we welcome women of all ages to come explore the profound practice of prayer. Through monthly teachings and conversations, we will uncover the beauty and essential role of prayer in our faith journeys. Whether you are a first-time visitor, or long-time member, we hope to see you there!

Men's Monday Bible Study: starting on September 22, 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 committed followers of Christ, with a clear understanding of why they believe what they believe, grounded in the Word of God.

Wednesday Night Downtown

Wednesdays 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.

C.S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia* (and other fictional works), 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, *Where is God in Esther?* Rev. Wambugu leads us through the remarkable book of Esther, a Jewish woman who courageously saves her people from annihilation by the Persian empire by relying on God's divine providence.

Courage, Dear Heart...Stories of Heroic Sacrifice and Surrender to Jesus: room E102, 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.

Planning for the Inevitable: room E100, Legal, Healthcare, and Pastoral Care professionals lead this five-week course that will guide participants through the decisions that can be made now to place less stress on family members when death occurs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date! Ron Pearson's 52nd Annual Organ Concert; Sunday, October 5, 4:00 p.m. The program includes Symphony no. 1 for Organ and Orchestra by French composer Alexandre Guilmant; The University of Tulsa Orchestra will be our guest musicians.

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.

The Presbyterian Women's September Mission is the Helping Hand Ministry. They are collecting full-sized toiletries, small bottles of laundry detergent, toilet paper and canned goods. Items may be placed in the PW mission container located in the atrium on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings throughout the month of September.

The Chancel Choir is back to full strength! You're always welcome to attend a rehearsal on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room, to watch us in action. Better yet, please consider singing with us!

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 9/14

8:00 a.m. Worship: Kerr Chapel
 8:30 a.m. Worship: Stephenson Hall
 11:00 a.m. Worship: Sanctuary and Great Hall
 12:15 p.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m. Serve-a-Palooza, Atrium
 12:30 p.m. Your Hope in Jesus: How to Share It! Practicum, E313

Monday 9/15

12:00 p.m. Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
 6:30 p.m. Seasons Women's Gathering, Miller Library
 7:00 p.m. Overtones Rehearsal, 309

Tuesday 9/16

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

Wednesday 9/17

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
 5:00 pm Youth Praise Band, and Celebration Singers, Powerhouse
 5:45 pm Gloria Women's Choir
 6:00 pm Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
 6:15 pm Adult Classes
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday 9/18

10:00 a.m. Hearts for the Lord, E313

Saturday 9/20

8:45 a.m. Before the Rooster Crows

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., September 21

Cornerstone	<i>Gospel of John</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Simply Christian</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Book of John</i>	206
Foundations	<i>Genesis</i>	E104
Harbingers	<i>Heidelberg Catechism</i>	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	<i>Gospel of Mark</i>	E103
Shepherds	Personal Testimonies	E203
Sojourners	Salvation	E204
Sowers	<i>Mere Christianity</i>	E205
The Vine	Gospel of Mark	E100
UKirk	Women of the Bible	E201
Westminster	Jesus' Words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200

Congregational Meeting

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Election of Officers

Each year the congregation is charged with identifying leadership within this family of faith. A nominating team gathers to wait upon the Lord, consider the needs of the Church, and present to the congregation their sense of the Lord's leading. It is hard to overemphasize the importance of this task. It is one of the most significant responsibilities delegated to any committee.

We are grateful for the special and prayerful consideration that the 2025 Nominating Committee brought to this task and we offer to the congregation the following persons whom we believe God is calling into specific leadership positions within First Church:

Elders – Class of 2028

Dana Grogan
Patricia Hall
Eric Janzen
Gary Johnson
Charity Nyingi
Tom Philp
Rick Priest
Dan Richmond
Dylan Seibert
Laura Stevens

Deacons – Class of 2028

Anita Ewing
Bill Gent, III (2025)
Ron Hart (2025)
Marsha Kimbrel Rose
Kate Kindbom
Ann Kiragu
Gladwell Kisitu
Patrick Kuehn
Sara Kunihiro
Matt McAfee
Katie Ormond

Trustees – Class of 2028

Joan Hoar
Don Seidel
Laurie Winslow

2026 Nominating Committee

Cam Campbell
Kim Jones
Shadrack Koech
Dennis Lee, Sr.
Jacob McIntosh
Jill Metcalf
Emily Willard
Dianne Dericks (alternate)
Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins (alternate)

With gratitude to the 2025 Nominating Committee:

Paul McEntire, Chair, Bob Farris, Vice-Chair, David Grigg, Susan Huffman, Jim Inhofe, Patrick Kuehn, Bill Lawson, Stephanie Madsen, Grace Masaku, John McCormack, Ken McQueen, and Jason Stockbridge