



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 28, 2025
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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

Christ the True and Better Isaac

The Words of Preparation

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!

Charles Wesley, *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

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

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Randie Tacker, soloist

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:6-8

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-23

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

For He who promised is faithful.

Therefore let us stand in honor!

And let us worship God!

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE FIRST READING

Romans 8:31-39

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to humanity in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy Name. Hear us now, as we pray....*(in silence)*

THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

arr. Craig Courtney

Gina Davis, violinist

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. *O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.* For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain.* This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done; nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain.*

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 466 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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◆ 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 BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

Christ the True and Better

Boswell, Getty, and Papa

Gloria Women's Choir

Christ the true and better Adam; Son of God and Son of Man. Who, when tempted in the garden, never yielded, never sinned. He, who makes the many righteous brings us back to life again. Dying, He reversed the curse; then rising, crushed the serpent's head. *Amen, amen, from beginning to end. Christ the story, His the glory; Alleluia, amen!* Christ, the true and better Isaac; humble son of sacrifice, who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life. Laid with faith upon the altar, father's joy and only son; there salvation was provided, O what full and boundless love. *Refrain.*

THE SECOND READING

Genesis 22

THE SERMON

Christ the True and Better Isaac

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

THE OFFERING

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Stuart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us; how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold, the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom, but I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

◆ THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on the tune NICAEA

◆ 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 Fall 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, Vanda Simmons, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Sally Stewart, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Norma Wallace, and Margo Williams.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Jeff Waldie on the death of his mother, Flora Louisa Waldie, on September 14.

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 Joe Land, Bob Bastemeyer and Dylan Seibert.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alma and Nick Robson and Fred N. and Marilyn I. Davis, by Hannah and Joe Robson and family.

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 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.

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.

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.

HAPPENING TODAY

Interested in joining a Sunday School class? 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, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in room E104. 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 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

Men's Monday Bible Study: starting tomorrow, 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.

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*. 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 is 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. This week's class will be led by Cassandra Carter from Stanley's Funeral Home and Cremation Services, and Kathy Wilson, funeral/memorial service coordinator for the church

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

140 Years of First Church Next Saturday and Sunday Bring a friend!

Community Open House to Celebrate 140 Years: On Saturday, October 4, First Church will be open to the community for docent tours and Bell Tower tours, 10:00 a.m. – noon. There will also be a Scavenger Hunt for the children from 10:00 a.m. – noon, this will be parent driven.

World Communion Sunday and First Family Dinner: Sunday, October 5, we join together at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary as one family in Christ for worship and communion. After the service, join us in Stephenson Hall and the Courtyard for a First Family Dinner and a chance to celebrate 140 years of God's faithfulness to First Church!

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. A lovely reception will follow in the atrium.

The Building Tells the Story: On Monday, October 13, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Josie Whitley and Mary Anne Marberry will share how the church building reflects our faith and our FPC history. For those who can stay a little later, they will lead a tour of the building after the presentation. Please RSVP for the \$7.00 lunch using the QR code or by contacting Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org. You may pre-pay online or pay at the door.



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!

SERMON NOTES

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 9/28

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 and Great Hall
12:15 p.m.	Serve-a-Palooza, Atrium

Monday 9/29

12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
7:00 pm	Overtones Rehearsal, 309

Tuesday 9/30

9:30 am	Precept Summer Bible Study, E100
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Wednesday 10/1

11:30 am	Courage, Dear Heart, E102
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 10/2

10:00 a.m.	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 10/4

8:45 a.m.	Before the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., October 5

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	Study on Prayer	E203
Sojourners	<i>Daniel</i>	E204
Sowers	<i>Mere Christianity</i>	E205
The Vine	Gospel of Mark	E100
UKirk	Women of the Bible	E201
Westminster Forum	Jesus' Words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200

