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First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa Calls Rev. J. Cameron Beaty as Senior Pastor

TULSA, Okla. — First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa has called Reverend J. Cameron Beaty as the church's next Senior Pastor and Head of Staff following a congregational vote held Sunday, May 17, 2026, and approval by the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery.

Rev. Beaty is expected to officially begin his ministry at First Church Tulsa on July 1, 2026, following the completion of his ministry responsibilities in Dallas.

Beaty currently serves as Senior Pastor of Peak Street Presbyterian Church, a center-city church plant in partnership with Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas, where he has served since 2018. Prior to his current role, he served in pastoral leadership positions at Highland Park Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church in Starkville, Mississippi.

The congregational vote followed an extensive national search process led by the church's Pastor Nominating Committee. Throughout the process, the committee emphasized prayer, discernment and submission to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they sought the church's next senior pastor.

"When we began this 'Quest for Vigorous Pastoral Leadership,' we looked to Scripture as our roadmap," said Joel Donohue, chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee. "We sought a Senior Pastor who could not only lead a large urban church, but who could serve as a unifying force — connecting us vertically to God and horizontally to one another."

The committee cited Beaty's theological depth, gospel-centered preaching, humility and relational leadership as key reasons for his selection.

"In Reverend Beaty, we have found a leader who embodies the high Biblical standards established by our Session," Donohue said. "He brings a reputable theological understanding rooted in our Reformed tradition and a practical, Gospel-centered approach to preaching that speaks directly to the complexities of modern life."

Founded in 1885, First Presbyterian Church is Tulsa's first and oldest church serving a multigenerational church family through traditional, contemporary and international worship ministries, discipleship programs, local outreach and global missions.

Beaty earned a Master of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi State University.

In a letter to the congregation, Beaty described First Church Tulsa as "a faithful, vibrant congregation bearing witness to the kingdom of God in the city of Tulsa and beyond."

Beaty also cited the congregation's "love for God and His Word," along with the church's joy, hospitality and engagement with the city, as central reasons his family felt called to First Church Tulsa.

Beaty and his wife, Emily, have three young children.

The church plans to formally welcome Rev. Beaty and his family later this summer as they transition to Tulsa.

For more information about First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa, visit FirstChurchTulsa.org.

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