



Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

May 3, 2026

8 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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



The Story of Jesus

The Words of Preparation

Importantly, Paul does not speak of any need for mutual reconciliation. “The world” is estranged from God and needs to be brought back into relationship with God. God, however, is not estranged from “the world.” For this reason, Paul has no need to show how God can be appeased, how God might be empowered to love again, how God might overcome having been so often scorned and so on. “God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself” –this affirmation demonstrates that God’s love has the upper hand in divine-human relations and that the work of Christ had as its effect the bringing of “the world” back to God (and not vice versa).

Recovering the Scandal of the Cross, Joel B. Green and Mark D. Baker

THE WELCOME

Rev. James Estes

Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register. Visitors, please fill out a Get Connected card from the pew back and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates, and fellowship opportunities.

THE INTROIT

Still, My Soul, Be Still

arr. Mary McDonald

Gloria Women’s Choir; Gretchen Bashforth, director

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow. God is at your side; no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow. *God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shaken. Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.* Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows. Hold onto His ways, with shield of faith against temptation’s fleeting arrows. *Refrain.* Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake the truth you learned in the beginning. Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming. *Refrain.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(from 1 Chronicles 16)

O give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

We will sing to the LORD and tell of all His wondrous works!

Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

We will seek the LORD and His strength; we will seek His presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He has spoken.

We remember His faithfulness, and we trust Him in this present hour.

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day.

We will declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

For the LORD made the heavens; splendor and majesty are before Him!

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

We ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; we come before Him in worship and praise!

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice! Let them say among the nations,

“The LORD reigns!”

The LORD reigns! The world is established; it shall never be moved!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

All creation rejoices before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth!

O give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

We will stand and rejoice; we will give thanks and sing of the LORD’s faithful love!

◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 122** Thine is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder Becca Kibui

THE FIRST READING Deuteronomy 5:1-22a

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord...(silence)

◆ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 97** Go to Dark Gethsemane REDHEAD 76

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the World, but that those who believe in Him might be saved. In Jesus Christ there is forgiveness of sins for everyone who calls upon His name! **Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ **THE GLORIA PATRI**

◆ **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Eastertide Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and that He appeared to the women, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Joel Donohue, Clerk of Session

THE OFFERING Rise Up, My Heart, With Gladness J. S. Bach
Lezleigh Holloway, soloist

Rise up, my heart, with gladness, and hear the news today. Now let all gloom and sadness be gone without delay. Lifeless our Savior lay; so too shall we one day, but we shall know God’s love and rise to heaven above. With joy the foe had shouted when Christ was laid in the tomb. But now the foe is routed, his joy is

turned to gloom. Christ gains the victory; through Him we all are free. He who was born to save has triumphed over the grave! This is a sight that gladdens: what peace it does impart! Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart. No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.

THE SECOND READING

Luke 5:1-11

THE SERMON

Into the Deep

Rev. James Estes

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 482**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE**

Paraphrase on the tune JUDAS MACCABEUS

Alexandre Guilmant

◆ *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 Christ's presence 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 Get Connected Card or contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652 or emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Nelda Brown, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Judy Doyle, Larry Doyle, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Sally McCoy, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, David Osterholt, Carolyn Perryman, June Shults, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Sally Stewart, Nancy Strimel, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, and Rhonda Wilson.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Pat Brown, a member since 1989, died on April 29.

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 Letter of Blessing today goes to Melissa Wilson.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Terry Diacon, by Carolyn and Charlie Tobin and Mary and Jim Diacon.

Please notify the church if you have a pastoral need, a change of address, phone number, or other important family news. Contact Grace Masaku at 918-301-1029 or gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at firstchurchtulsa.org, by texting 405-276-4141, or using the QR code.



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FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Congregational Meeting: The Pastor Nominating Committee reports that it has fulfilled its search process and identified a nominee. Having received the concurrence of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, the PNC requests, and the Session has approved a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 17, 2026, immediately following the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of hearing the final report of the PNC and voting on the call of the approved candidate as Pastor.

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 you know is in the hospital or needs a pastoral visit, please contact Grace Masaku at gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

First Friends in the Pews: As a church, we are called to show hospitality. You may be someone's very first Friend in the Pew. Please be attentive and welcoming to those around you, as we all seek to be "First Friends in the Pews." Share your stories of joyful hospitality with Jerry McCoy at jerome-mccoy@utulsa.edu.

New Hymnals: After 35 years of faithful use, and after much research by the Worship and Music Committee, with approval of Session, our current hymnal will soon be replaced by the newly published *Sing! Hymnal*. In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to invest in this new hymnal project and dedicate them in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Watch for more details.

HAPPENING TODAY

Hospitality: Yes, You! Is not ending — it's continuing. Scan the QR code to watch member videos with practical encouragement for showing hospitality. As a congregation, we are called to notice one another and reflect the love of Christ. Let's keep noticing, inviting and making room. Yes, You!



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Presbyterian Women's May Mission: is collecting bags of beans, rice, and canned vegetables for the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Items may be placed in the PW donation bins in the Atrium on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings through May.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Worship Schedule

Our Summer Worship Schedule is as follows

8:00 a.m. Kerr Chapel

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Great Hall (Our 11:00 a.m. Stephenson Hall and Great Hall will combine each Sunday through the summer months.)

Sunday, May 17, we will all meet at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a congregational meeting.

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, will be a Festival Sunday with one service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a First Family dinner.

VBS 2026: Children age 4 years to 6th grade, along with Hi-Helpers (7th grade – 12th grade), join us for a fun week of games, crafts, songs, and Bible lessons. Registration is now open for the 2026 VBS, which will be held on June 1 – 5, from 9:00 a.m. – noon, at Camp Loughridge. We need adult leaders! The deadline to register is Friday, May 8. To register or for more information, click the QR code.



USE YOUR TALENTS

New Member Mentors Needed: Help a new member feel welcomed and connected to First Church. As a mentor you will greet new members on Sundays and connect once a month by inviting them to an event, calling them or having coffee with them. If you are interested, click the QR code.



First Church Cancer List: Do you or a loved one have cancer? Members of the Guild of Intercessors pray every day for those on the Guild's Cancer List. If you would like to add yourself, a loved one, a friend or a colleague to this confidential list, please contact Paula Peterson at 918-688-2163/mandppeterson@msn.com or Monte Prater at 918-605-9719/monteprater@aol.com.

Job Opportunities:

(If you are interested in any of the positions below, please visit the First Church website or send your cover letter and resume to tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org.)

Ministry Assistant for Mission, Outreach, and TIF. This position provides administrative and logistical support for FPC mission and outreach ministries, the Tulsa International Fellowship, and new member integration.

Associate Director of Children's Ministries (Elementary). This 30-hour role partners with our Director of Children's Ministries to nurture and guide children in kindergarten through 4th grade, helping them come to know Christ, love Christ, and serve Christ. The Associate Director will help create a safe, welcoming environment, share God's Word in engaging ways, and recruit and support a strong team of volunteers.

Director of Middle School Ministries. This full-time role provides leadership, vision, and care for students in 5th through 8th grade, as well as their families and volunteer leaders. The Director will oversee and grow Middle School programming, invest in the faith formation of students and their friends, and collaborate with our Next Generation Session Committee.

With gratitude for those whom the Lord has added to our number, we offer a warm and heartfelt welcome!

Certificate of Transfer

Bob and Blair Williams

Reaffirmation of Faith

Andrea Craddock

Trinity Crain

Don and Jennifer Ford

Susan Grant

Sarah Littrell

Angel Melendez

Patrick Ndungu

Redempta Oburu

Natalie Sullivan

Profession of Faith

*Grace Littrell

*Pending Baptism

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 5/3

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, Great Hall

Tuesday 5/6

9:30 pm	Precept Bible Study, E102
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Wednesday 5/7

5:00 pm	Youth Praise Band, and Celebration Singers, Powerhouse
6:00 pm	Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
6:15 pm	Congregational Conversations, Stephenson Hall
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday 5/9

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., May 10

Cornerstone	The Practice of Communion	E102
Covenanters	Screwtape Letters	E101
Faith and Family	Book of John	206
Families w/Young Children	Foundations of Christian Marriage	Tower Room
Foundations	Genesis	E104
Harbingers	Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible.	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Romans Study	E103
Shepherds	Psalms	E203
Sojourners	Mere Christianity	E204
Sowers	Pray Big	E205
The Vine	Fruitful Affliction	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	John, the Gospel of Light and Life	E200