



Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

May 10, 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

Great fear kept her from facing Him: great faith led her to believe that a touch of His robe behind Him would cure her.

Charles Spurgeon

THE WELCOME

Rev. Julia Metcalf

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

A Mother's Prayer

Keith and Kristyn Getty

Gretchen Bashforth, soloist

Before you close your eyes to sleep, I have a promise still to keep as I hold you in my arms. I pray your little frame grows strong, and that faith takes hold while you are young. This is my prayer for you. *Hold my hand; I'll teach you the way to go. Through the joys, through the tears, the journey of these years, may you trust Him 'til the end.* You'll travel where my arms won't reach, as the road will rise to lead your feet on a journey of your own. May my mistakes not hinder you, but His grace remain and guide you through; this is my prayer for you. Take His hand, and go where He calls you to; and whatever comes, seek Him with all your heart. This will be my prayer for you. Father, hear my ceaseless prayer; O keep this child in your care.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord draws near to those who call upon Him.

We come seeking Christ, who restores and makes us whole.

To the weary and the waiting,

Christ speaks peace.

To the fearful and the grieving,

Christ brings life.

Come, let us sing praises to the God who meets us in our need.

Let us stand together,

And let us worship God.

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Dennis Koori

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:12-14

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you call us to trust You, yet we live in fear. You offer us wholeness, yet we cling to what is broken. We confess that we do not always bring our whole selves to You. We hide our pain, our doubt, and our longing. We try to manage what only You can heal. On this day, we also confess the ways we fall short in love: in our world, in our relationships, in the care we give and the care we withhold. Forgive us, O God. Restore us by Your grace. Make us whole in Christ, that we may live in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ sees you. Christ calls you. Christ restores you. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and given new life. Thanks be to God. **Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE** The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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

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 MINUTE FOR MISSION

Foundation Sunday

Trustee Ricky Jones

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE OFFERING**

Pass Me Not

PASS ME NOT

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at a throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief. *Refrain*

Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace. *Refrain*

Thou, the Spring of all my comfort, more than life to me; whom have I on earth beside Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee? *Refrain*

THE SECOND READING

Luke 8:41-56

THE SERMON

Reach Out in Faith

Rev. Julia Metcalf

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 376** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE Improvisation on the tune FAITHFULNESS

◆ 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, Dennis Powon, June Shults, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Sally Stewart, Nancy Strimel, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, and Rhonda Wilson.

Sympathy and Prayers: Bryan Harrington on the death of his father, Thomas Harrington, on May 3; and to Todd Schuster on the recent death of his mother.

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 Kathy Wilson.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our loving mothers, Regina Smith Dickson and Phoebe Merrill Schermerhorn, by Ed and Kay Schermerhorn, Stacy Schermerhorn, Robbie Alexander, Amy, Colin, Winn, Beckett, and Merrill Bertsch.

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.

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 project and dedicate a new hymnal 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.

Ascension Day Worship: In commemoration of Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, there will be a special Ascension worship service led by Rev. James Estes in the Courtyard at 11:30 a.m. on May 14. A light lunch will be served after this service for \$8 per person.

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.)

Ascension Day Service, Thursday, May 14, we will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Courtyard, followed by a light lunch.

Sunday, May 17, we will gather for a Festival Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary, followed by a congregational meeting and a reception.

Pentecost Sunday, May 24, worship service time updated! There will be four services: 8:00 Kerr Chapel, 8:30 Stephenson Hall, 11:00 Sanctuary, and Great Hall.

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.



The First Presbyterian Tulsa Foundation was established in 1962 with 88 shares of stock and has grown over the last 60 years to an endowment of more than \$27 million. Every gift to the Foundation by a member of our church is invested and managed by the Foundation Trustees and is in perpetuity. In the last 25 years, the Foundation has distributed more than \$14 million to our church. The foundation supported the areas of Music and Worship, Scholarship and Education, Mission, Nurture and Care of Families, and Long-term Maintenance and Repair. Basically, from crib to home-bound, the foundation supports programs for everyone. Thank you to everyone who is a part of the foundation.

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.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 5/10

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 5/12

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
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Wednesday 5/13

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

Thursday 5/14

11:30 am	Ascension Day Service, Courtyard
12:30 pm	Lunch, Courtyard

Saturday 5/16

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., May 17

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