



Trinity Sunday
May 31, 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.

Simple Faith

The Words of Preparation

God speaks in a soft voice I can hear better when I resolve to listen and stop putting words in His mouth.
Elaine Orabona Foster, *In Movement There Is Peace*

THE WELCOME

Rev. Robert Biederman

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

Song of Penitence

Ludwig Van Beethoven

Brad Morgan, soloist

And now, O Lord, I early seek Your favor and seek, O Father, Your great compassion! And always will I rejoice in Your name, for You are a God who does gladly rejoice. O take Your way of always bringing joy, and teach me, Lord, Your holy laws, that I may daily do Your will, for Your own good pleasure. You are my God, Your servant am I. O hasten, Lord, I long for Your protection, and lead me in the way of peace. He heard my cry, the Lord has heard my pleading and takes unto Himself my soul.

◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and the dry land, which His hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Therefore, let us lift up our voices,

And let us worship God!

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Buddy Neal

THE FIRST READING

Micah 6:6-8; Jer. 9:23-24

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation, Jesus Redeemer, Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, hear our prayers this day. We know the many ways in which we have failed to do the tasks which You have set before us. We have often chosen our comfort over service to You. Our fears and doubts lay

claim to our lives and we shrink from the opportunities You give to us. Forgive us for the many failings. Lift and restore us to Your grace. Put our feet on the pathways of service, offering justice and peace to all people. Heal us, O gracious One, for we ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Hear us now, as we pray... *(in silence)*

THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION Dear Lord and Father of Mankind REST

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 103 gives us assurance in these words: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children. Bless the LORD, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

◆ **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**– Heidelberg Catechism Q1

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING 339	Be Thou My Vision	SLANE
THE SECOND READING	John 17:1-11	
THE SERMON	Simple Faith	Rev. Wally Johnson

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**

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

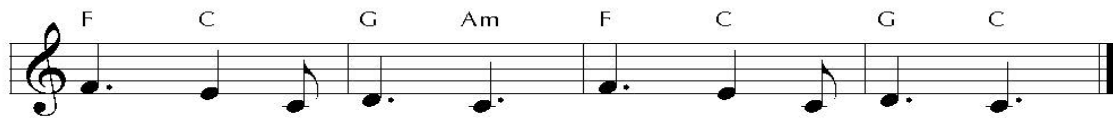
GREEN TYLER



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,
4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

◆ **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, Allan Kanyeki, 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.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Anne McCune, a member since 1970, died on May 22.

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 Allan Kanyeki Waita.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Bill Peacher, by Bob and Jackie Shipman.

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

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@tulsa.edu.

New Hymnals: After 35 years of 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*. These new hymnals may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one for \$20 per copy. Monetary gifts supporting the hymnal replacement project may also be given without a dedication. To support the hymnal project, scan this QR code and fill out the dedication form online.



HAPPENING TODAY

First Family Summer Swim: Let Summer begin! The Camp pool will be open every Sunday through summer from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. (The pool will not be available on July 19 and August 2.)

Book Table: If you would like to follow the sermon series, you can purchase the *Jesus Storybook Bible* at the book table in the atrium.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Precepts Summer Study: Beginning June 2, on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., in room E102, the study is *Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days* by Kay Arthur. This is a hands-on, learn-by-doing book, so bring a pen, colored markers, or pencils.

Glimpses of Grace: Members of First Church will share personal testimonies on Sundays in June. We will hear from Ron Pearson next Sunday, June 7; Larry Kindbom on June 14; Michael Grogan on June 21; and Faith Wambugu on June 28.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Worship Schedule

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.)

The Summer Choir Welcomes You! You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service during the summer months. The only time requirement is a brief rehearsal on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012 or gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Faith, Israel and God’s Plan: Join us on June 10, at 6:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall for an evening to hear Ran Silberman, who guided several of the Israel Pilgrimage trips, share his unique perspective as an Israeli Jewish believer in Jesus Christ.

Membership Classes: Our next membership classes begin on Sunday, August 16, and every Sunday in August at 9:30 a.m., in the Miller Library. There will be a Covenant Service on Sunday, September 13. To register, click on the QR code.



USE YOUR TALENTS

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 5/31

8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
 9:30 am Glimpses of Grace, Sanctuary
 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Great Hall

Monday 6/1

8:45 am VBS, Camp Loughridge

Tuesday 6/2

8:45 am VBS, Camp Loughridge
 9:30 am Precepts Bible Study, E102

Wednesday 6/3

8:45 am VBS, Camp Loughridge

Thursday 6/4

8:45 am VBS, Camp Loughridge

Friday 6/5

8:45 am VBS, Camp Loughridge

Saturday 6/6

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., June 7

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	Who Was the Angel of the Lord in the Old Testament?	E204
Sowers	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
The Vine	Fruitful Affliction	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	John, the Gospel of Light and Life	E200