



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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

Give me, O Lord, a soul that knows You, a heart that loves You, a mind that thinks about Your works, eyes that see You, a tongue that proclaims You.

Book of Cerne (9th c.)

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 HYMN OF PREPARATION 406 Softly and Tenderly

THOMPSON

◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:3-8

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt His name together!

I sought the Lord, and He answered me

And delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant,

And their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard Him

And saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps

Around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Let us stand together

And let us worship God!

- ◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 396** **And Can It Be?** **SAGINA**
- ◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** **Elder Rick Priest**

THE FIRST READING **Philippians 3:7-9**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but rich in Jesus Christ who came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us, and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord...(in silence)

- ◆ **THE HYMN OF RESPONSE 410** **I Surrender All** **SURRENDER**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news: "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Galatians 5:24-25

In Jesus, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

- ◆ **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 SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- THE OFFERING** **I See, I Hear, I Know** **Craig Courtney**
Jewell Pierson, soloist

Now I see, O Lord, I see the light inside eternity, the tree, the bloom, the feast inside the upper room. A whippoorwill, a mourning dove, the song of wind, the hymn of love have called my soul to see the light inside eternity, now I see, O Lord. Now I hear, O Lord, I hear one tune to drive away all fear. I hear the sound of life in sea and air and ground; I hear a river running through the sky, while choirs of angels sing on high. Be glad, my soul, and hear one tune to drive away all fear. Now I hear, O Lord. Now I know, O Lord, I know why every seed must die to grow. I know the tree of life inside eternity. I know the throne, I know the Lamb, the Christ, the Lord, the One, the great I AM. I know, O Lord, I know why every seed must die to grow. Now I know, O Lord. Now I see, now I hear, I know.

THE SECOND READING

Acts 9:1-11, 17-19

THE SERMON

A New Way to See

Rev. Julia Metcalf

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 487**

Lift High the Name of Jesus

LIFT HIGH THE NAME

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

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

◆ *Please stand***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 this is your first time worshipping with us, please come to the Miller Library after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for First Connections. You will be welcomed by our staff and receive a gift. For more information, 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, Nifemi Aruna, 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, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, David Osterholt, Carolyn Perryman, Dennis Powon, June Shults, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Sally Stewart, Nancy Strimel, Kinnee Tilly, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Allen Faries, a member since November 2025, died on July 25.

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 Blessings today goes to Daphne Fairies.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. John Campbell by Linda Campbell and family.

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@utulsa.edu.

HAPPENING TODAY

New Hymnals: You will notice that our new *Sing!* hymnals are now in use. 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.



First Family Summer Swim: Let Summer begin! The Camp pool will be open every Sunday through the summer from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. (**Today's pool hours will be 12:30 – 3:30.**)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Summer Backyard Bible Study: Join us for a casual summer evening Bible study on Wednesdays through August 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Charity Nyingi's home at 6203 E 112th Pl, Tulsa. We will go through the *Gospel of Luke*. For more information, contact Athena DeSpain at 918-301-1039 or adespain@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Camp Sunshine: This Saturday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m. at Camp Loughridge, the Deacons will sponsor a memorable day camp for children with special needs and serious illnesses. Sign up to help at the table in the atrium.

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.

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.)

Visitor Breakfast for Newcomers: Visitors and members, join us for breakfast on Sunday, August 9, at 9:30 a.m., in the Miller Library. This is a great time to welcome others and make new connections in the life of the church. To register, please click the QR code.



Membership Classes: Sundays, August 16, 23, and 30 at 9:30 a.m. Learn about what it means to be a First Church member, get connected with others in the church, get to know the pastors and elders, and find a sense of belonging at First Church. To register, scan the QR code.



Ping Pong for a Purpose: Join the fun on August 16th in Stephenson Hall following the 11:00 a.m. services for the *Annual Ping Pong Tournament* and cookout. To register and for information on volunteer opportunities at Anderson Elementary, stop by the table in the atrium.

Presbyterian Women: First Church PW are hosting the Presbyterian Women of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Fall Workshop on Saturday, August 22, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at First Church. The 2026-2027 Horizons Bible study, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*, will be introduced. This is the study First Church PW Circles will use in their Bible studies starting in September. If you are interested in the workshop, please contact Barbara Mugge at 918-491-6495/bmugge@gmail.com to register by August 7. The cost is \$15, which covers a continental breakfast, a buffet lunch, and other activities. For more information, contact Grace Masaku at gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org/ 918-301-1029.

Matson Cup Golf Tournament: Dust off those golf clubs and get ready for the annual Matson Golf Tournament on Monday, September 21, at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Monies raised from this tournament are devoted to the most impoverished of Tulsans through the efforts of our Helping Hand Ministry. Scan the QR code to register yourself and/or your team.



USE YOUR TALENTS

Did you know? Flower Ministry: Every Sunday, flowers adorn the Sanctuary and Chapel, given in memory of or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers, please email your information to Dionna Schooley at dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Praying for the Unreached: The Mission Committee encourages our church family to pray for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Join us by praying for one unreached people group each day through the Joshua Project's daily prayer focus. Visit joshuaproject.net/pray to receive a new people group each day or scan the QR code.



Please be in prayer for Rev. Wambugu Gachungi and the Baird family, who are serving with our international mission partners in Witu, Kenya, and Ireland.

Job Opportunities:

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

Director of Children's Ministries: We are hiring a full-time director to lead our ministry with children from birth through 4th grade and their families. This position provides spiritual leadership, supports parents in Christian discipleship, oversees children's programs and events, and equips staff and volunteers to help children come to know, love, and serve Christ. If you are passionate about walking alongside children and parents in their faith journey, we invite you to learn more and apply.

Bible Instructor at Masterwork Academy: We are hiring a Bible Instructor to help students in kindergarten through 5th grade discover God's love through engaging, age-appropriate Bible teaching. This part-time position (approximately 20 hours per week during the school year, plus two weeks in the summer) plays a vital role in helping students understand Scripture, grow in their faith, and recognize their identity as God's masterpiece.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 8/2

8:00 am	Worship: Kerr Chapel
8:30 am	Worship: Stephenson Hall
9:30 am	Experience Jesus: All-church Sunday School, Stephenson Hall
11:00 am	Worship: Sanctuary, Great Hall

Wednesday 8/5

5:00 pm	UKirk Bible Study, Camp Loughridge
6:00 pm	TINA and Exodus Night, Camp Loughridge
6:30 pm	Summer Backyard Bible Study, Charity Nyingi's House

Saturday 8/8

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

Cornerstone	Not Meeting	E102
Covenanters	<i>Daniel</i>	E101
Faith and Family	Not Meeting	Stephenson Hall
Families w/Young Children	<i>Ephesians</i>	Stephenson Hall
Foundations	<i>Experiencing the Story of Jesus</i>	Stephenson Hall
Harbingers	Not Meeting	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	<i>Jesus—Prophet, Priest, and King</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Attributes of God</i>	E203
Sojourners	Old Testament	E204
Sowers	Not Meeting	Stephenson Hall
The Vine	Class led Study	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Not Meeting	Stephenson Hall
Westminster Forum	<i>The Case for Miracles</i>	E200

The First Church Pastors

Cameron Beaty, M. Div., Senior Pastor

James Estes, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*

Wambugu Gachungi, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*

Julia Metcalf, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*

Ron Pearson, *Music Director and Organist*