



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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.



Jars of Clay

The Words of Preparation

The gospel's power is seen not in the strength of the messenger but in the weakness through whom God works. John Stott

The gospel makes us both humble and confident—humble because we are jars of clay, confident because we carry an infinite treasure. Tim Keller

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

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. Dale Wood

Hannah Johnson, soloist

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; share with me, O share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

We worship the God whose steadfast love is from everlasting to everlasting.

God's compassion surrounds us, and God's faithfulness sustains us through every generation.

God has shone in our hearts, revealing divine glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

We come not trusting in our own strength, but in the grace of God.

In our weakness, God sustains us; amid change, God renews us.

Therefore, we come with courage, gratitude, and hope.

People of God, let us stand together

And let us worship God!

◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 45** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder Dan Richmond

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 103:13-18

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, You know how we were made; You remember that we are dust. Yet we forget that we belong to You. We seek our joy and security apart from You, trust in our own strength, and fail to extend to others the compassion You have shown to us. Forgive our sinful actions and heal our wandering hearts. By Your everlasting mercy, cleanse us from sin and restore us to covenant faithfulness; through Jesus Christ, our only Savior...*(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love for us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **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 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 454 What Grace is Mine LONDONDERRY AIR

THE SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4:5-8, 16-18

THE SERMON The Treasure and The Vessel Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes

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 449**

Have Thine Own Way

ADELAIDE

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

Improvisation on the tune HYMN TO JOY

◆ *Please stand***Introducing Rev. Dr. Peter B. Barnes**

Peter was born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia, and briefly worked in television in Atlanta before attending seminary at Gordon-Conwell on the north shore of Boston. Since graduating from seminary, he has been a Presbyterian pastor for the last 46 years and has served churches in northern Virginia, Texas, Colorado, and North Carolina. He retired at the end of 2021 after serving as the senior pastor for 9 years at First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, but he was called out of retirement in early 2023 to be the interim pastor at Carmel Presbyterian Church in Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. He and his wife Cyndy returned to Winston-Salem in August 2024 after Carmel Presbyterian Church called their new pastor, and he re-retired.

Peter lost his late wife Lorie in 2016 after her 2-year battle with cancer, and he and Cyndy were married in 2020. Cyndy lost her husband seven months after Lorie died, and between them they have six sons and nine grandchildren.

Peter worked closely with the Pastoral Nominating Committee during their search and call phase. We gratefully welcome him to preach the word and lead us in worship today!

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 worshiping 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,.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Adrienne Elder on the passing of her brother, Dale Elder. Blake Gerow on the passing of his father, Earl Gerow.

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](https://www.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 Letters of Blessing today go to Blake Gerow and Adrienne Elder.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of mother and grandmother, MaryJo Pauls, by Carol, Mark, and Jacob Tipton.

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 gmasaki@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at [firstchurchtulsa.org](https://www.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 gmasaki@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

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.

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: The Camp pool will be open every Sunday through August 30 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Summer Backyard Bible Study: Join us for our final summer evening Bible study on Wednesday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Charity Nyingi at 6203 E. 112 Pl, Tulsa. We will read through the *Gospel of Luke*. For more information, contact Athena DeSpain at 918-301-1039 or adespain@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.)

Membership Classes: Sundays, August 16, 23, and 30 at 9:30 a.m. Learn 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 next Sunday, August 16, in Stephenson Hall following the 11:00 a.m. services for the *Annual Ping Pong Tournament* and cookout. To register, 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. 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.

Wednesday Night Downtown: Mark your calendars, WNDT kickoff will be on Wednesday, September 9.

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.



Welcome the Beatys: As we welcome Rev. Cameron Beaty and his family to First Church, we invite you to celebrate with us at three special events on two separate days.

Sunday, August 23, join us in the atrium and Stephenson Hall for the *Welcome Beaty Breakfast*, with fellowship from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. and a welcome program from 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. We will have a Festival Sunday worship in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. That afternoon, continue the celebration at the Beaty Beachball Bash from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge, featuring Josh's Sno Cones, pool games, and plenty of shaded areas.

Sunday, September 13, join us for *Breakfast on Boston* at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Festival Sunday worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. During the service, the Presbytery of Eastern Oklahoma will officially install Rev. Beaty as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa.

To contribute to the Beaty Welcome Fund, which will help purchase items to welcome the family to Tulsa, you may:

- Send a check to the First Church Business Office, or
- Give online at firstchurchtulsa.org/give (Find the "Give Online" button and then select the "Beaty Welcome Fund".)

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 the ministry we provide to 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 8/9

8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Great Hall

Wednesday 8/12

6:30 pm Summer Backyard Bible Study, Charity Nyingi's Home

Saturday 8/15

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., August 16

Cornerstone	Not Meeting	E102
Covenanters	<i>Daniel</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Book of John</i>	206
Families w/Young Children	<i>Ephesians</i>	Tower Room
Foundations	<i>Not Meeting</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