



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 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.



Mark, Part 1

The Gospel of the Kingdom

The Words of Preparation

How can sins be rightly remitted unless the very One against whom one has sinned grants the pardon?
Irenaeus of Lyon

To be convinced in our hearts that we have forgiveness of sins and peace with God by grace alone is the hardest thing.
Martin Luther, *Commentary On The Galatians*

THE WELCOME

Rev. Cameron Beaty

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

Something for Thee

arr. Craig Courtney

Lucy Donohue, soloist

Savior, Thy dying love Thou gavest me, nor should I aught withhold, dear Lord, from Thee; in love my soul would bow, my heart fulfill its vow, some offering bring Thee now, something for Thee. At the blest mercy seat, pleading for me, my feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee. Help me the cross to bear, thy wondrous love declare, some song to raise, or prayer, something for Thee. All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free, in joy, in grief, through life, dear Lord, for thee! And when Thy face I see, my ransomed soul shall be through all eternity, something for Thee.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 138:1-5)

I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your Name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your Name and Your Word.

On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN 27** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder DD Blackman

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 35

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved You with our whole hearts. You constantly call us but we do not listen. You ask us to love but we walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns and desires. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer...(in silence)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Titus 3:4-7)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Alleluia! Amen.

♦ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE** The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. 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 OFFERTORY 155 Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean DIM OND JESU

THE SECOND READING Mark 2:1-12

THE SERMON A Deeper Healing Rev. Cameron Beaty

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 223** How Deep the Father's Love for Us TOWNEND

◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE Improvisation on the tune LOBE DEN HERREN

◆ *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, Judy Doyle, Larry Doyle, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Esther Harper, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, 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, Kinnee Tilly, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Bob Pielsticker on the death of his father, John Robert Pielsticker, on August 20.

The Joy of New Life! We Welcome: Poppy Sharp Poplin, daughter of Jake and Mesa Poplin, who was born on August 20.

WORSHIP NOTES

Services are broadcast on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., 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 Letters of Blessing today go to Robert Pielsticker and Jake and Mesa Poplin.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jimmie Mathews by the Gary Mathews 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: The date has been extended for another Sunday, and the pool will be open next Sunday, September 6, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Make a Joyful Noise! Registration is open for children's and youth music at First Church! All groups begin this Sunday, August 30. Through choirs and handbells, young musicians will learn the fundamentals of music, explore sacred repertoire, and have opportunities to lead in worship throughout the year. There is a musical group for everyone: First Church Choristers children's choir (Grades K - 4), Rejoice Ringers Handbells (Grades 3 and up), and the Celebration Singers youth choir (Grades 5 - 12). For more information and to register, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Lunch and Learn: We will meet on Thursday, September 3 at noon in room E104. (Notice the meeting dates are now the first Thursday of the month.) We are kicking off the fall semester with a guest speaker, Katy Hunt from LIFE Senior Services. She is giving an overview of the services they provide. Please register by September 2 by clicking the QR code. The cost for lunch is \$7. For more information, contact Grace Masaku at 918-301-1029 or gmasaku@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.)

Presbyterian Women: PW Circles begin meeting in September. The monthly Bible study lessons are from the 2026-2027 Horizons study guide, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*. You are invited to join a Circle as we nurture our faith, support monthly missions, volunteer for worthy projects, and enjoy fellowship with ladies of First Presbyterian Church. PW hosts informative luncheons throughout the year. For more information, contact Grace Masaku at gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1029.

Special Needs Awareness Sunday: Next Sunday, September 6, we celebrate Special Needs Awareness by recognizing the gifts, strengths, and contributions of individuals and families with disabilities. We invite the congregation to learn more about the Oasis Ministry.

Book Table: You can purchase Timothy Keller's book, *Jesus the King*, at the book table to follow along with the sermon series.

Wednesday Night Downtown

Beginning September 9 at 5:15 p.m. (dinner) in Stephenson Hall
 The children and youth classes start at 6:00 p.m. and adult classes at 6:15 p.m.

Getting to Know the Beatys: Cameron and Emily will share stories of their family, their faith journey, and how they have seen the Lord at work in and through their life of ministry to His church. (Stephenson Hall)

Beginning September 16

Praying the Psalms: Join us in the Sanctuary as Rev. Cameron Beaty leads us in understanding the Psalms and adopting the rich prayer practices that Christians have followed through the centuries.

Seekers Bible Study: Join us in room E104 as Rev. Wambugu Gachungi leads an in-depth Bible study, often following the week's sermon scriptures and exploring how to apply the Word to our lives today.

Grief Share: This grief recovery program for people who have lost a loved one is a 13-week series of classes held at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in Room E104, starting on September 9. This is a Christ-centered program led by First Church members Rick Priest and Kathy Wilson. Every session consists of a video presentation, a review of that week's workbook lesson, and a facilitated group discussion. The required workbook is \$20. While it's most helpful to attend every session, the videos are available online for participants who can't attend every class. To register, go to www.griefshare.org/groups/265638 or contact Grace Masaku at 918-301-1029 or gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Presbyterian Women Dedication Luncheon: All women of the church are invited to join us on Thursday, September 10, at noon in the Miller Library. The guest speaker will be from Eden Village of Tulsa, a gated tiny home community supporting chronically homeless individuals. The cost for lunch is \$10. Please make a reservation by Monday, September 7, by contacting Grace Masaku at gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1029.

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.

(Please note there will be only one worship service on September 13. We worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.)

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

Beaty Welcome Fund: One way you can support Cameron, Emily and their family as they settle into their new home and begin their life and ministry at First Church. Gifts will help with practical needs associated with the transition and relocation. To contribute, click the QR code or send a check to First Church business office.



Men's Monday Bible Study: Led by Matthew Bristow and Elliot Forsyth, this study will meet on Mondays starting on September 14 at 12:00 p.m. in room E103. This is an in-depth Bible study with other men. Each semester features a book of the Bible and discussion centered on life application. Lunch is available by reservation; the cost is \$7. For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at 918-301-1019 or emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Precept Bible Study: Led by Denise Rounds, this class will meet on Tuesdays starting on September 15 at 9:30 a.m. in room E102. Learn how to study the Bible using the inductive method — a simple process that teaches you how to study and understand the Bible. For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at 918-301-1019 or emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Hearts for the Lord: Led by Cathy Laird, this class meets at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays, beginning on September 17 in room E313. This women's class is devoted to studying God's Word and strengthening their daily walk with Him. For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at 918-301-1019 or emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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 needy Tulsans through the efforts of our Helping Hand Ministry. Scan the QR code to register yourself and/or your team.



You are invited: Rev. Wambugu would like to invite you to his son Spurgeon's wedding. Spurgeon and Natalie are getting married on Saturday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary at First Church. There will be a reception in Stephenson Hall. Click the QR code for more information and to RSVP.



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.



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.)

Associate Director of Youth Ministries: We are hiring a full-time Associate Director to mentor and encourage middle and high school students through intentional relationships, Scripture study, and prayer. This position helps develop fellowship, service, and outreach opportunities, supports Sunday School, Confirmation, and other youth programs, and encourages students to put their faith into practice. If you are passionate about walking alongside young people on their faith journey, we invite you to learn more and apply by contacting Toni Moseley at tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 8/30

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

Wednesday 9/2

11:30 am Hunger and the Golden Rule Class, E102

Saturday 9/5

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., September 6

Cornerstone	Class led study	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	Not Meeting	E104
Harbingers	Not Meeting	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	<i>Jesus—Prophet, Priest, and King</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>How (Singing) Worship Transforms Your Life, Family and Church</i>	E203
Sojourners	Old Testament	E204
Sowers	Not Meeting	E205I
The Vine	Class led Study	E100

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