



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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

You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.
St. Augustine, *Confessions*.

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

O Rest in the Lord (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn

Emily Willard, soloist

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires. Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him, and fret not thyself because of evil doers. *Psalm 37:3-7*

◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing.

For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting; and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 78

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Jenni Dollahon

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-3

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that even though we have been united with Christ, our thoughts and words are divisive. We have been comforted by Your love, but have withheld our love from others. We have fellowship with the Spirit of God, yet we still seek our own way. Forsaking unity, we have acted out of selfish ambition. Exalting ourselves, we have sought to be praised. Neglecting our neighbor, we have looked to our own interests above all else. But You, O Lord, have not withheld Your love from us. You became nothing so that we might gain everything. Have mercy upon us, according to Your great compassion through Jesus Christ, our Lord...(in silence)

THE RESPONSE OF CONFESSION 85 All the Way My Savior Leads

ALL THE WAY

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Corinthians 5:17–21)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

Alleluia! Amen.

◆ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 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 (Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1)

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

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, 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 the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

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

THE OFFERTORY 362	Jesus, Strong and Kind	JESUS STRONG AND KIND
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THE SECOND READING	Mark 3:1-6
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THE SERMON	The Lord of Rest	Rev. Cameron Beaty
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THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

◆ THE CLOSING HYMN 189	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say	KINGSFOLD
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◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE	Improvisation on the tune ELLACOMBE
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◆ *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, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, Judy Doyle, Larry Doyle, Daphne Faries, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Esther Harper, John Harris, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Amy Lesh, 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, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Amy Fuller, a member since June 1992, died on August 29.

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](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 Glenn Leslie and the Wendell Berry Family.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Robson and Marilyn I. Davis by Hannah Robson 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](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 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

Special Needs Awareness Sunday: Today 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.

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: Today is the last Sunday to enjoy the pool at Camp Loughridge. The pool will be open from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. We want to thank the Camp Loughridge staff!

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Make a Joyful Noise! Registration is open for children's and youth music at First Church! All groups. 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.

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.

Beginning this week, September 9

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 this Wednesday, 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 this 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.



Young Adults Downtown: Young adults are invited to connect, grow, and serve each Wednesday evening starting Wednesday, September 9. We begin at 5:15 p.m. with an open table, which is a designated young adult table during dinner WNDT, to meet new people and get connected. Then at 6:15 p.m., you can participate by choosing a church-wide class or volunteering with our children or youth. And at 7:15 p.m., we will reflect by gathering for the Young Adult Debrief—a conversation that connects the evening’s learning and service to faith in everyday life. Join us for one part or the whole evening beginning this week, September 9!

Watercolor the Word: Mary Lee Weaver will be leading a watercolor class on Thursdays, September 10 – October 15, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in the Tower Room. The class focuses on Advent through Epiphany. A Bible reflection will be shared each week. The fee for the class is \$20. Class size is limited, so register soon by clicking the QR code.



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.)

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.)

Next Sunday, September 13, join us at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, for an historical time in our church as 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.



Breakfast on Boston: Join us next Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m. There will be food, fellowship, live music, pony rides, and more! You can pre-pay for breakfast at the table in the atrium today or by QR code.



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.

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

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

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.

Associate Director of Early Childhood Ministries: We are seeking an Associate Director of Early Childhood Ministries to work alongside our Director of Children's Ministries in serving children from birth through Pre-K and their families. This person will help children know, love, and serve Christ by presenting God's Word in a safe and nurturing environment, selecting and developing age-appropriate curriculum, and recruiting, training, and coordinating volunteers. If you feel called to this important ministry, please contact Toni Moseley at tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 9/6

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

Wednesday 9/9

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
 5:45 pm Gloria Women's Choir, 308
 6:30 pm Getty To Know the Beatys, Stephenson Hall
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Saturday 9/12

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., September 13

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	Grassroots Spirituality	E204
Sowers	Not Meeting	E205
The Vine	Class-led Study	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Not Meeting	E104
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