



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 11, 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

Dear Sir, regarding your question, "What is wrong with world?" I am. Yours truly, G. K. Chesterton  
G. K. Chesterton, *Orthodoxy*

#### 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

#### Create in Me a Clean Heart

Jeff Reeves

Susan Reid, soloist

Create in me a clean heart, make my spirit right and true. Guide me with Your wisdom, Lord, as I seek to follow You. *God of creation and Lord of my life, show me how I can be more like You in all that I do, in word and thought and deed.* Create in me a clean heart, give me strength to trust and obey. Call me with Your voice of love to the light of Your perfect way. *Refrain.* Restore in me Your joy, the gift of life anew; and then shall my mouth sing songs of praise, for all that comes from You. *Refrain.* *Psalms 51:10-12*

#### ♦ THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Revelation 19:5-7)

Praise our God, all you His servants, you who fear Him, both small and great!

**Hallelujah! For our Lord God almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory!**

#### ♦ THE OPENING HYMN 67 All Creatures of Our God and King

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#### ♦ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Josie Whitley

#### ♦ THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 139:104)

**O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether...(in silence)**

#### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (1 Peter 2:24)

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.  
**Hallelujah! 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**

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 231**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BLAENWERN

**THE SECOND READING**

Mark 7:1-23

**THE SERMON**

Clean Inside and Out

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 858**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL

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

Improvisation on the tune DARWALL

◆ *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](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

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## PARISH REGISTER

**Prayers for Healing:** Lisa Angleton, Nifemi Aruna, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, Judy Doyle, Larry Doyle, Martha English, 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, Kinnee Tilly, Marcia Tromp, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

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## 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. Large-print hymnals and Bibles are also available.

**Our Letter of Blessing** today goes to Brandon and Katie Evans.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God in memory of James R. Eagleton, Sr., by his family.

**Please notify the church** of any pastoral need, a change of address, phone number, or other important family news. Contact Grace Masaku at 918-301-1029 or [gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto: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](mailto:gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

**Do you, a loved one, or a friend have cancer?** The Guild of Intercessors consists of over 50 First Church members who pray for those on our confidential *Cancer Prayer List*. If you have a name to add to this list, please contact Monte Prater at 918-605-9719/[monteprater@aol.com](mailto:monteprater@aol.com) or Paula Peterson at 918-688-2163/[mandppeterson@msn.com](mailto:mandppeterson@msn.com).

**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](mailto:jerome-mccoy@tulsa.edu).

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## HAPPENING TODAY

**Organ Concert:** Today, October 11, you are invited to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Organ Concert presented by Ron Pearson at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The University of Tulsa Chamber Orchestra will add their musical gifts to the program, and a reception will follow in the Miller Atrium. Invite a friend!

**Matson Cup Golf Tournament Update:** Many thanks to those who contributed to the Matson Golf Tournament by sponsorships, donations, golfing and volunteering. Thanks to your generosity, Joanne Pearson, President of Helping Hand Ministry was given a check in the amount of \$54,191 which will supports the Helping Hand Ministries. This will assist our neighbors with food and utility bills. This was a tournament record, and we are grateful to all our sponsors and community partners for supporting the tournament this year. THANK YOU!

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




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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Book Table:** You can purchase C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters* at the book table for Rev. Beaty's Monday lunch class.

**Lunch with C. S. Lewis:** On Monday, at 11:45 in Stephenson Hall, Rev. Beaty will lead us in conversations exploring C. S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*. To reserve lunch (\$7), please click the QR code.



**Men's Monday Bible Study:** Led by Matthew Bristow and Elliot Forsyth, this study meets on Mondays 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](mailto:emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Precept Bible Study:** Led by Denise Rounds, this class meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in room E313. 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](mailto:emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Young Adults Downtown:** Each Wednesday evening. We begin at 5:15 p.m. with an open table, which is a designated young adult table during WNDDT dinner, to meet new people and get connected. At 6:15 p.m., you can participate by choosing a church-wide class or volunteering with our children or youth. 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.

**Hearts for the Lord:** Led by Cathy Laird, this class meets at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays, 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](mailto:emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Forge Fellowship:** Young Adults 18-26 are invited to join us for a relaxed evening at Nothing's Left Brewery to catch up with friends and meet other young adults on Thursday, October 15 at 6:30p.m. Those under 21 are welcome, and food is available for purchase. Bring a friend—we'd love to see you there.

**Sunday School Classes:** We have a variety of classes offering in-depth Bible study, Christian history and doctrine, prayer, and fellowship on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at 918-301-1019 or [emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org). Scan to view class descriptions.




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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Presbyterian Women Groups:** Esther Circle meets on the third Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in room 202; the Priscilla Circle meets the first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in room 206; the Soup Group meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon in the Miller Library; the Project Day group meets on the first and last Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in room 405.

**Wednesday Night Downtown**  
**There will be no WNDT this Wednesday.**  
**We will resume WNDT on October 21**

5:15 p.m. (dinner) in Stephenson Hall

Children and youth classes start at 6:00 p.m. and adult classes at 6:15 p.m.

**Courage, Dear Heart – Stories of Heroic Sacrifice and Surrender to Jesus** — Pt. 2: Join us in room E100, led by Rev. James Estes, we will explore the lives of men and women who cried out to God—and followed Him when He answered. Drawn from the Christian Heroes Then and Now series, their stories reflect deep courage and sacred surrender. From privilege to poverty, each reached a point of deep dependence on God, where true bravery was born and faith became contagious.

**Your Faith in Christ: How to Share It:** Join us in room E102, led by Jerry McCoy, learn to share your faith through testimony and biblical motivation. This eleven-week practicum includes strategies you can use to help new believers grow in Christ.

**The Story of God and Man: An Overview of Christian Faith and Practice:** Join us in the Miller Library, led by Greg Berkhouse; whether you are new to the Christian faith or you are a long-time disciple who still has questions, this course will put together the foundational pieces of theology (the study of God) for you. This eleven-week overview of the Christian faith and practice will increase your knowledge and strengthen your confidence regarding what we believe as devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**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.

**Men's Monthly:** Join us on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Miller Library, for *Men's Monthly*, a new discipleship opportunity for Young Adult Men ages 18 – 35. Each gathering offers a chance to build relationships shoulder to shoulder and explore how following Jesus shapes work, leadership, and everyday life. Join us with Larry Kindbom (former Head Football Coach at Washington University), featuring dinner and conversation. Our November's event will be led by Charlie Stephenson. Scan the QR code to RSVP.



**Kindred Fellowship:** Young Adults ages 27–35 are invited to join us for a backyard movie on Saturday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Andrew and Courtney Baumann-Gill. We will have snacks and pumpkin carving! New faces and friends are welcome—we cannot wait to see you there.

**Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 25, immediately following the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee to elect church officers. The Nominating Committee will present a new slate of officers (elders, deacons, trustees and Nominating Committee) and the congregation will vote upon it.

**Membership Classes:** Explore what it means to be a member of First Church, make First Church your home church, get to know our pastors, elders, staff and other new members as we grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ. The classes start next Sunday, October 18 and will be held on October 25 and November 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library; the Covenant Service is on Sunday, November 8 in the Kerr Chapel. For more information contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652. Scan the QR code to register for the class.



**Fall Festival:** Join us on Sunday, October 25 at 3:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge for a celebration of friends and family with activities for all ages. Enjoy delicious barbecue from the First Church Pitmasters and take part in the fun, complete with inflatables, hayrides, and trunk-or-treat. Visit the table this Sunday in the atrium for more info.

**Every Moment Holy Live:** Join us on Thursday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall (Bernsen Building) for an evening of artistry, prayer, and worship that serves as a reminder of our true nature. It will reorient our hearts and minds to the truer story and invite us to experience the holy presence of God in every moment. Tickets are \$10 each. Scan the QR code to purchase a ticket.



**All Saints' Day Luncheon:** On Sunday, November 1, immediately following the 11:00 worship service in the Miller Library the Deacons will host a luncheon for those who have lost a loved one this past year. This is a meaningful time to celebrate the lives of those we lost. There is no cost for the lunch but please RSVP by using the QR code or contacting Grace Masaku at 918-301-1029/[gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org).



**Seasons Evening Retreat:** Our first gathering will be on Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Miller Library. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, dinner and table conversation, teaching, breakout discussions, and closing worship. We will explore the theme, *When Things Take a Turn: Do You Go Darker or Deeper?*. Together, we will reflect on what it means to live from our identity as women who are already known and beloved by God. Childcare will be available with advance registration. Registration is \$15. RSVP through the QR code.



**You are invited:** Rev. Wambugu invites 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. A reception will be held in Stephenson Hall. Click the QR code for more information and to RSVP.




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## USE YOUR TALENTS

**Presbyterian Women's October Mission:** We are supporting two worthy local missions for the month of October. For the Helping Hands Ministry we are collecting toiletry items. Clients who visit HHM are grateful for the many ways First Church members contribute and bless them with much needed supplies. And for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless we are collecting winter weather clothing such as hats, mittens, warm scarves, coats, sweaters, new socks and new underwear. Donations may be placed in the PW collection bin located in the Atrium on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

**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. Scan the QR code for daily prayer prompts for unreached people groups.



## Come, Grow Your Faith!

### TODAY 10/11

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| 8:00 am  | Worship: Kerr Chapel              |
| 8:45 am  | Rejoice Ringers, 309              |
| 8:30 am  | Worship: Stephenson Hall          |
| 9:15 am  | First Church Choristers, 308      |
| 11:00 am | Worship: Sanctuary and Great Hall |

### Monday 10/12

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| 11:45 am | Lunch with C. S. Lewis, Miller Library |
| 12:00 pm | Men's Monday Bible Study, E103         |
| 7:00 pm  | Overtone Rehearsal, 309                |

### Tuesday 10/13

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| 9:30 am | Precept Bible Study, E102 |
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### Thursday 10/15

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| 10:00 am | Hearts for the Lord, E313 |
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### Saturday 10/17

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| 8:45 am | Before the Rooster Crows, E103 |
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## Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., October 18

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| Cornerstone               | Philippians                                                                         | 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               | The Word of God Written                                                             | E104       |
| Harbingers                | Jesus the King                                                                      | E202       |
| Morning Glory             | Rebuilding Foundations Of Our Christian Living                                      | B318       |
| Reflections               | <i>Genealogical Gems of Jesus</i>                                                   | E103       |
| Shepherds                 | Insights into FPC's Mission Partners<br>(Kenya, Ireland and the Asian Subcontinent) | E203       |
| Sojourners                | Grassroots Spirituality                                                             | E204       |
| Sowers                    | <i>Book of Haggai</i>                                                               | E205       |
| The Vine                  | Class-led Study                                                                     | E100       |
| Westminster Forum         | <i>The Case for Miracles</i>                                                        | E200       |
| Young Couples             | <i>Lesson on Love</i>                                                               | E201       |

### 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, M.M., *Music Director and Organist*