



Vespers Service
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First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
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Welcome & Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light, that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife, with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad! All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Jesus.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard; may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name, to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim. *Refrain*

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious Name. *Refrain*

New Wine

In the crushing, in the pressing, You are making new wine. In the soil I now surrender, You are breaking new ground. So, I yield to You and to Your careful hand. When I trust You I don't need to understand.

Make me Your vessel. Make me an offering. Make me whatever You want me to be. God, I came here with nothing but all You have given me; Jesus, bring new wine out of me.

'Cause where there is new wine, there is new power, there is new freedom, and the kingdom is here. I lay down my old flames to carry Your new fire today. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

Response

Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea; a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me; to look on Him and pardon me!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One risen Son of God!

Behold Him there the risen Lamb; my perfect spotless righteousness; the great unchangeable I Am; the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God! *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon

NT Reading Acts 1:15-26

Message The Evidence of the 12 – Witnesses to the Resurrection
Rev. Wally Johnson

The Song of Preparation

God be the Love to Search and Keep Me

God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to
move my voice; God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Bind to myself the name of Holy; Great cloud of witnesses
enfold; Prophets, apostles, angels witness: O Christ, surround
me; O Christ, surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight; Flashing of lightning,
strength of wind; Depth of the sea to soil of planet: O Christ,
surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey; Going ahead to light my
way; And from beneath, above, and all ways: O Christ,
surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me; Christ in the ears who hear
my voice; Christ in the hearts of all who know me: O Christ,
surround me; O Christ, surround me.

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 sits at 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Songs of Response Resurrecting

The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now. The Savior knelt to wash our feet, now at his feet we bow.

The one who wore our sin and shame, now robed in majesty; the radiance of perfect love now shines for all to see.

Your name; Your name is victory! All praise will rise to Christ, our king!

The fear that held us now gives way to Him, who is our peace. His final breath upon the cross is now alive in me. *Refrain*

By your spirit I will rise from the ashes of defeat; the resurrected king is resurrecting me. In your name I come alive to declare your victory; the resurrected king is resurrecting me.

The tomb where soldiers watched in vain, was borrowed for three days. His body there would not remain; our God has robbed the grave. Our God has robbed the grave! *Refrain*

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you to the First Church community! We gather to exalt Jesus and serve in His name. Currently, our Sunday worship schedule includes four worship services:

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Also broadcast on ***Livestream.com***, our ***Facebook*** page,
and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa

Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa

11:00 a.m. – Tulsa International Fellowship Worship - Great Hall
(See above for Livestream and Facebook links.)

5:00 p.m. –Vespers - Courtyard

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe and Katie Jewell, given by Joe, Judith and Jillie Land.

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries of First Church! Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at firstchurchtulsa.org or text 405-276-4141.

For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary, audio headsets are available from the ushers.

Please notify the church if there is a pastoral need, change of address/phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Challa Ashlock, Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Caroline Fravel Jones, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, Rosemary Priest, Janie Quint, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

The Sacrament of Baptism: *Miles Eric Wasson*, son of Meredith and Daniel Wasson, and *Annabelle Claire Mueller*, daughter of Chris and Karly Mueller, were baptized on May 9.

First Church Updates

Today we give thanks for those who serve behind cameras and in our TV broadcast control room. It's a story of "legacy" ministry, faithfulness, hard work and multiple blessings. We thank the Lord today for: Doug Crain and every member of his TV crew: Adam Crain, Noah Hand, Scott Roney, Tiffany Pickeral, Caleb Waldie, Jeff Waldie. We are grateful for each of you –and pray that the Lord might bless you as your work has blessed so many!

Mark the date: next Sunday (May 23) is Pentecost --*the joyous celebration of the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence!* He comes to awaken and equip us to be faithful disciples who exalt Jesus and serve His purposes. Please add "red" to your wardrobe! A festive luncheon follows for all...

Next week's Pentecost worship: 8:30 in the sanctuary; 11:00 – Tulsa International Fellowship joins us for one service in the sanctuary.

Two weeks from today, Sunday, May 30, the eyes of the world will be on our city as we commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of what many call Tulsa's Race Riot Massacre. We'll all gather together at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary: only one worship service. The Rev. Anthony Scott, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of

North Tulsa will bring the gospel message. The Pastor's Class, held at 9:30 in the Stephenson Hall, will be devoted to the events that happened ---and the Church's holy obligation as we seek to be faithful in the days ahead.

Today's Pastor's Study –Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Dr. Miller guides us through C. S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity* (repeats on Wednesdays, 11:30).

"The Lab": First Baptist, North Tulsa, and FPC: Telling our Stories! If you'd like to find your place, please call the church office and let us know. This pilot project is necessarily a smaller group of 30 to 35. We'd love to welcome you if the numbers allow. Other "Labs" like this are planned for the fall. Rev. Anthony Scott, Professor Jerry McCoy, and Dr. Miller lead the discussions. Call Dionna Schooley at 918-301-1015, if you'd like to participate.

How about sharing the gift of hospitality? As they say, "the Gospel comes with a 'housekey'": we open our homes --welcoming friends and strangers alike to our dinner tables or patios. If you'd be willing to host a small dinner/cookout in July or August, welcoming new members and others, please contact Ginny Drummond at 918-497-0665 or ginny1@cox.net (staff liaison- Patricia Hall)

Praying the Psalms in Color - Thursdays through May 20 at 9:30 a.m. in E100 - Join us for Praying the Psalms in Color. This class will dive into Bible art journaling as an artistic way for you to connect with scriptures through drawing, coloring, meditation and prayer. To register, please contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Zooming in on FPC mission! Meet our global mission partners! Our Zoom calls occur every 3rd Monday at 12:00pm and will include updates, Q&A, and a time of prayer. Our next session, tomorrow, Monday, May 17 at noon will feature **Dr. James Kigamwa of Literacy & Evangelism (LEI)**. Registration is required. Please visit the church website to register. Contact Betty Price - bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1039 with any questions.

The Children's Ministry remains grateful for the ways in which this congregation is wrapping Jesus' arms around His lambs! Many leaders have returned to serve from 9:30 to 10:45 Sunday mornings. If you'd like to add your arms to this ministry, please call Courtney Miller, 918-301-1009. There are many rotational models into which you could fit.

Presbyterian Women invite you to bring your canned goods for the Community Food Bank throughout May. Please leave your items in the box in the atrium on Sunday.

Presbyterian Women Circles gather for their annual Birthday Offering Luncheon this Thursday, May 20, at noon in the Miller Library.

FPC University Ministries: Check out our Gather, Grow, and Serve gatherings this week. (Follow us at *@ukirtulsa* for updates)

Deacons continue to host our "Days of Care" Saturday mornings throughout the month of May. Contact Elizabeth DeVore (*eldevore7@gmail.com*, 918-728-5327) or Joe Land (*dogfaceboy@aol.com*, 918-232-1306) for more information.



Make a hands-on impact on John 3:16 Mission's farm where stories of healing and redemption grow alongside tomato and pepper plants. On the 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. we will gather to do some simple weeding and planting. This farm is part of John 3:16 mission to share the Gospel while meeting the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the homeless and at-risk of Tulsa. Our first gathering will be on Tuesday, May 25. Register on our website at www.firstchurchtulsa.org/events or contact Betty Price for more information at bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1039.

Vacation Bible School from June 21 – 25 from 9:00 to noon at Camp Loughridge, welcomes children ages Kindergarten through sixth grade. New this year: WeeBS (Wee-VBS!) for 3 and 4-year-olds (who are potty-trained)! Registration closes on Tuesday, June 1. To register, click on QR code below.

<https://onrealm.org/firstchurchtulsa/PublicRegistrations/Event>



Pathfinder and Exodus Mission Trips – This year we’re staying in Tulsa to serve others locally. We hope to have an overnight component (spending the night each night) for the week. This is a week-long commitment and not a drop-in and out week of service. Registration is now open online; the deadline is Tuesday, June 1. The dates are June 21-26, and the cost is \$100. Join us next Sunday, May 16, at 12:15 in the Powerhouse for an informational meeting. To register, click on the QR code below.

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Glimpses of Grace (previously known as Autobiographies of Grace) – June 20, 27, July 4, 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. Please join us as members of the First Church community share their personal testimonies of how Jesus Christ has been at work in and through their lives.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Classes for NEXT Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Covenanters	<i>The Hole in Our Holiness</i>	E205
Faith and Family	<i>Symbol or Substance?, Eric and Lydia Olson</i>	Prayer Room
Pastor's Study	<i>Mere Christianity</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Stephenson Hall
Reflections	<i>II Corinthians</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	Sermon on the Mount and Parables, Cam Campbell	E204

On Site and Zoom:

Front Porch	<i>Imago Dei</i> , Rev. Wally Johnson	E201
The Vine (<i>Singles/couples</i>)	<i>The Hole in Our Holiness</i>	E100
Young Adults (<i>20's and 30's</i>)	<i>I Corinthians</i> , Rev. Dan Hutchinson	E202

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 5/16/21

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Stephenson
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary and Great Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers, Courtyard

Monday 5/17/21

- Little Lambs 10:00 a.m., Bernsen Gym
- Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., E103

Tuesday 5/18/21

- Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m., E100

Wednesday 5/19/21

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., E104
- WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- POW, Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
- "The Lab": *Telling our Stories* 6:15 p.m., E104
- Choir Ensemble Rehearsal 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 5/20/21

- Praying the Psalms in Color 9:30 a.m., E100
- Hearts for the Lord 10:00 a.m., Zoom

Saturday 5/22/21

- Before the Rooster Crows 8:45 a.m., E103

SEEKING GOD'S SERVANT LEADERS

After the pattern of the One "who came not to be served, but to serve."

-Matthew 20:28

One of the most important privileges we share is to encourage gifted and committed men and women to serve the Lord in leadership positions. Thank you for taking time to offer suggestions to the FPC Nominating Committee.

ELDERS (THE SESSION):

Responsible for the governance of the church.

They provide leadership in all areas, including: Worship, Administration, Programs, Mission, and Ministry.

DEACONS:

The "heartbeat" of the church, ordained for the purpose of "ministering to those in special need."

TRUSTEES:

Stewards of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation.

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Identifies leaders God has called and prepared to serve our congregation.

Currently Serving:

Elders

Class of 2021

*Tamra Bird
Jim Diacon
Joe Dillsaver
Angela Garrett
Mary Anne Marberry
Vic Morgan
William Paiva
Cynthia Stewart
Allan Kanyeki Waita
Mariesa Worman*

Class of 2022

*Dr. Jim Bailey
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Joel Donohue
Adam Doverspike
Dr. Patrick Grogan
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Class of 2023

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Janine Burlin
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Ryan McCracken
David Osterholt
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Katy Swan
Spurgeon Wambugu*

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Cheryl Arthur
Jim Inhofe
Julie Kelly
Becca Kibui
Steve Krohn
John McCormack
David Raybourn
Carol Rowland
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Cindy Johnson
Lucy Kamande
Clint McQueen
Dylan Seibert
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Trustees

Class of 2021

*Catherine Anderson
Matthew Bristow
Michelle Hassell*

Class of 2022

*Holbrook Lawson
Mike Neal
Jason Pugh*

Class of 2023

*Todd Schuster
Robert Pielsticker
Amy Tingleaf*

Please fill out the form below by **tomorrow, May 3 at noon:**

- Place it in the offering plate, or
- E-mail nominees to: dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org, or
- Go to website and fill out electronic form at:
firstchurchtulsa.org/nominations21.

FPC LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

Ephesians 4:11

Full name of nominee: _____

Nominated by (optional): _____

I nominate this person for service as an (circle one):

Elder Deacon Trustee Not sure

A. What specific strengths/gifts will this person bring to this position?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. How has this person given service to FPC or the larger church?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Nominating Committee 2021: Dru McQueen, Chair, Dacia Bird, Vice-Chair, Linda Campbell, Taylor Conley, Sam DeVore, Juddy Kanyeki, Holbrook Lawson, Mike Miller, Jennifer Morgan, Jennifer Philp, Jason Pugh, David Raybourn and Carol Rowland; Julianne Hand and Jan Creveling, alternates

Please help us with contact tracing and attendance by:

going the to link: bit.ly/fpcregister;

or

using the QR code below.



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