



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Called to make fully devoted followers of Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused.



The Gospel of the Kingdom

The Words of Preparation

Christianity is the Story of how the rightful King has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us to take part in a Great Campaign of sabotage. C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

To be human, we could say, is to desire the kingdom—some kingdom.
James K. A. Smith, *You Are What You Love*

THE PRELUDE

The Worship Team

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 rack and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates and fellowship opportunities.

THE INTROIT

Come, People of the Risen King
Chancel Choir and Worship Team

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Come, people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise. Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice, O church of Christ rejoice!* Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night; come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace. *Refrain.* Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith; come, those with full or empty hands, find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call, the truth that cries through every age, “Our God is all in all!” *Refrain.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 95:1-7)

Rev. Wambugu

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN 29**

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Elder Charity Nyingi

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in Jesus, You have provided fully for our redemption, securing peace with You. And yet, at times we assume we're on our own. Forgive us when we try to earn our own salvation. Forgive us when we try to change ourselves without Your help. Forgive us when we try to live apart from the Holy Spirit's power and presence. Deepen our trust in Your ability to put sin to death in us. Renew our hope in Your resurrection power. As sons and daughters of the King, equip us to walk in a newness of life we have in Christ whose Name we pray...(in silence) Amen.

THE CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE 121 Before The Throne of God Above
Worship Team

BEFORE THE THRONE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **Alleluia! Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE♦ **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 BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**THE SONG OF PREPARATION**

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light, 'til from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word. From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one. God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost, to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Refrain*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath, 'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free, for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *Refrain*

THE SECOND READING

Mark 1:14-15

THE SERMON

The Rightful King Has Landed

Rev. Cameron Beaty

THE OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 900**

Hallelujah Chorus

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

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

The Rejoicing, from Royal Fireworks Music

G. F. Handel

◆ *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.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Alice Gunderson, a member since October 1993, died on July 19.
Dr. Clio Robertson, a member since February 2013, died on August 18.

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 Letter of Blessings today goes to Linda Robertson.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Beverly Parschauer, by Dr. John Parschauer 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

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.

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 today and September 13. We worship at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.)

TODAY - 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. Then come to hear Rev. Beaty preach at the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary! The celebration continues 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. During 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.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

Hunger and the Golden Rule: What does it mean for Christians to feed the hungry in ways that are faithful, just, and life-giving? Rev. James Estes will lead this lunch class on Wednesdays, August 26 and September 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in room E102. Please click the QR code to order lunch.



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.)

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)

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 gmazaku@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.



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.)

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.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 8/23

9:30 am

Beaty Breakfast and Program, Atrium and Stephenson Hall

11:00 am

Worship: Sanctuary

Wednesday 8/26

11:30 am

Hunger and the Golden Rule Class, E102

Saturday 8/29

8:45 am

Before the Rooster Crows, E103

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

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