First Church TULSA
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All Saints' Day
November 1, 2026
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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

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The Words of Preparation

God's gifts are to lift up our faces to His, to awaken us to love Him. Maltbie Davenport Babcock

The gospel story of abundance asserts that we originated in the magnificent, inexplicable love of a God who loved the world into generous being. Walter Bruggeman

Glory be to God for dappled things...He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change: Praise him.
Gerald Manley Hopkins, *Pied Beauty*

THE PRELUDE **Sine Nomine** arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Overtones Bell Choir; Gretchen Bashforth, director

THE WELCOME Rev. Julia Metcalf

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 **Dona Nobis Pacem** *(Grant Us Peace)* arr. Margaret R. Tucker
Gloria Women's Choir; Gretchen Bashforth, director

♦ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **(Psalm 145:9-13)**

The Lord is good to all,
and His mercy is over all that He has made.
All your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,
and all Your saints shall bless You!
They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
and tell of Your power,
to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all His words
and kind in all His works.
People of God, let us stand in honor. **And let us worship God!**

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN** 66 **This is My Father's World** TERRA BEATA

♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Rev. Cameron, Emily, Wells, Charlotte and Lewis Beaty

THE FIRST READING **Psalm 104:24-35**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Ambrose of Milan (ca. 339-397)**

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from me my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of Your Holy Spirit. Take away from the heart of stone, and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore You, a heart to delight in You, to follow and to enjoy You, for Christ's sake…*(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON **(1 Peter 2:24-25)**

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. For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. **Alleluia! Amen!**

♦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

♦ **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** **The Heidelberg Catechism**

Question and Answer 26

Q: What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth?

A: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them, and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence, is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father. In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul, and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow. He is able to do so as Almighty God, and willing also as a faithful Father.

THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION **656** **Children of the Heavenly Father** TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

♦ **THE SECOND READING** **Genesis 1:26-31**

THE SERMON **My Father's World** Rev. Julia Metcalf

THE OFFERTORY **The Heavens are Telling** Ludwig van Beethoven

The heavens are telling the Lord's endless glory, through all the earth His praise is found. The seas re-echo the marvelous story: O man, repeat that glorious sound! The starry hosts He doth order and number, He fills the morning's golden springs, He wakes the sun from his night-curtained slumber; O man, adore the King of kings! The heavens are His and the earth knows His favor, His power in all things thou dost see; the Lord of hosts who forever and ever Thy God and Father still shall be. He is thy Maker whose love shall not waver, a God of wisdom, ever kind; praise Him and love Him with all thy endeavor, in Him salvation shalt thou find! Psalm 19, adapted

THE TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE

Carley and Blake Gerow, Kert Surface, and Mariesa Worman

Gracious God, we remember before You the saints who have shared our lives: parents and caregivers, spouses and children, family and friends. For their love, for the faith they nurtured, and for the light of Christ they shared, we give You thanks. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

We remember, too, relationships marked by difficulty, wounds left unhealed, and words left unspoken. Hold these memories in Your mercy and grant us peace. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Draw near to all who mourn and all who live in fear or darkness. Comfort the brokenhearted, sustain them with Your love, and strengthen us to care for one another. **Lord, hear our prayers.**

Unite us with all Your saints in the hope of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly father, You made us creatures of earth and breath: from the dust You formed us; with Your breath You gave us life. Then sin came, and with it death, and the heavens and the earth are torn apart, and the earth, our place, and the heavens, your place, are apart. When our mortal life is ended, the earth of us returns for a time to the earth, and the breath of us returns to You who gave it. Earth and heaven parted still, groaning still under the long tyranny of sin and death. But you made us for fellowship with yourself, to be near in laughter, in love, and in labor. And what You have formed, You do not forget; what You planned You have not abandoned; what You have loved, You neither forget nor forsake; we are Your people and you are our God.

Now we praise you that what sin and death have divided, You are gathering together in Jesus Christ, Your Son. By his humble sacrifice and sacred blood, You are gathering all creation together again in Him, and, in Him, reconciling us to one another. The young and the old are turned toward one another in Jesus Christ; and so the rich and the poor; and every people and nation, every tribe and tongue are reconciling to God in Christ. For Jesus Christ has descended into death, an incorruptible seed; he has entered our fate— the sundering of spirit and soil, where our earth is bereft of breath. And while Christ has died, yet your breath fills his body still.

Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. Alleluia! (x3)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life. Today, O God, hear now as we name those who await your promise, the coming consummation of all things, even life forever more.

Amazing Grace
David Marshall, Piper

THE LORD'S PRAYER

♦ **THE CLOSING HYMN 478** **For All the Saints** SINE NOMINE

♦ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE **Improvisation on the tune** SINE NOMINE

We are deeply grateful for David Marshall, Piper.

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life

Dear Lord Jesus, we offer our gratitude for the dear ones listed below – deeply loved and much missed within this congregation. According to Your promises in baptism, they are lambs of Your own flock, sheep of Your own fold, and sinners of Your own redeeming. In hopeful confidence, we commend them to You until that day when hands will be held and hearts treasured again in that resurrection life that comes alone from You. For this we give You thanks and praise, now and forevermore! Amen

November 2025
9 – Joyce Kunkel
9 – Ed Hiserodt
17 – Carol Langenberg

December
4 – Rick Drisko
7 – Scott Lewis
8 – Vanda Simmons
27 – Joe Robson

February 2026
21 – Susan Diacon
25 – W. S. (Bill) Atherton

March
6 – Roy Cail
7 – Janet Mercer
20 – Mary B. Ruddle

April
3 – Millie Franklin
29 – Patricia Brown

May
4 Jerry Stenn
22 – Anne McCune
31 – Mickey Michelle Jednacz

June
4 – Jerry Stenn
5 – Sally McCoy
13 – Kay Robinson Blue

July
18 – Mary Carolyn Mitchell
19 – Alice Gunderson
25 – Allen Faries

August
18 – Clio Robertson
29 – Amy Fuller

September
16 – Suzanne C. Sartin
20 – Nelda Brown
28 – Glenn Leslie

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 worshiping 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, Martha English, Daphne Faries, John Favell, 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, Helen Quiring, June Shults, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Kinnee Tilly, Marcia Tromp, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: William E. Morris, a member since March 1970, died on July 8.

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. Large-print Bibles are also available.

Our *Letter of Blessing* today goes to Austin and Courtaney Stember and Helen Quiring.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Carolyn Mitchell, Earl T. Gerow and Levi King by The Parents of Young Children K Group

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

2027 Stewardship Campaign

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

"Called to make fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ – inwardly strong and outwardly focused." This is the mission of First Church. In 2026, 370 giving units pledged an average of $6,605 each. These are devoted followers who treasure the Lord's ministry here at First Church and have found their hearts in supporting this mission of calling others to come and taste and see that the Lord is good. The 370 pledges in 2026 represent just 37% of the potential 990 giving units. Our goal for 2027 is to increase the number of pledges by at least 10%. Pledging encourages us to give of our *First Fruits* as an act of faith and gratitude for all that the Lord provides. It is the act of trading earthly treasures that can be destroyed for treasures that are stored in our hearts and the hearts of others. Intentional giving strengthens our own faith and that of those we serve. It also helps the Session allocate our mission dollars for the coming year.

As an incentive, some devoted FPC members who have long discovered what it means to be inwardly strong and outwardly focused through the joyous act of giving have offered a matching donation of $100,000 to be applied to any new pledges for 2027. If pledging is not part of your spiritual journey, now is the perfect time to come and taste and see what it is all about!

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 918-301-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

Do you or a loved one need prayer? Complete the card in the pew and put it in the offering plate or the box at the Welcome Center in the Atrium. The Guild of Intercessors prays for individuals each day trusting that God hears and responds. You may also contact Grace Masaku in the pastoral care office at *gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org* or 918-301-1029.

HAPPENING TODAY

All Saints' Day Luncheon: Today immediately following the 11:00 worship service, there is 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.

Register for the Christmas Eve Nativity: If your child is 3 years old through the fourth grade they are invited to help tell the story of Jesus' birth during the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Roles include biblical characters, angels, animals, acolytes and Bethlehem stars: there's a place for every child. Rehearsals (kindergarten through fourth grade) begin on Sunday mornings in November and the 3- and 4-year-olds will rehearse during the week of Christmas Eve. You can register by November 1 by clicking the QR code.

Share a Little Sweetness: If you have leftover Halloween candy, Helping Hand Ministry would be grateful to receive it. Your small gift can bring a little joy to a child while their parent receives help with a utility bill. Please place your candy in the collection box in the atrium this Sunday.

Coat Drive: TIF is partnering with Fortify Global, a local organization serving international students, to collect adult size coats to support international students in our community. You can leave your gently used items today in the container in the atrium.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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 WNDT 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 7:30 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.

Wednesday Night Downtown
WNDT Classes
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.

Your Faith in Christ: How to Share It: Join us in room E102: led by Jerry McCoy.

The Story of God and Man: An Overview of Christian Faith and Practice: Join us in the Miller Library, led by Greg Berkhouse.

Seekers Bible Study: Join us in room E104 as Rev. Wambugu.

Seasons Evening Retreat: Join us this Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. for intergenerational relationships and spiritual formation. Rev. Jessica Moffatt will lead us in exploring *When Things Take a Turn: Do You Go Darker or Deeper?* as we consider how to live from our identity as women already known and beloved by God. Registration is $15 and includes hor d'oeuvres and dinner. Childcare is also available with advance registration. RSVP using the QR code.

You are invited: Rev. Wambugu invites you to his son Spurgeon's wedding. Spurgeon and Natalie will unite in marriage 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Luncheon: The Presbyterian Women are hosting the annual *Thank Offering* luncheon on Thursday, November 12 at noon in the Miller Library. Cost for lunch is $10; reservations can be made by contacting Grace Masaku at *gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org*/918-301-1028. You can pay at the door.

Fall Spiritual Retreat: Join us at Camp Loughridge on November 14 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for a retreat exploring how we love God with our whole selves—body, mind, and spirit.

Chancel Choir Fall Concert: The Chancel Choir invites you to their annual Fall Concert, on Sunday, November 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You will be inspired by the *Coronation Mass* by Mozart, and other shorter works that focus on Jesus, the King. A professional orchestra will join the Choir; reception to follow. Invite a friend!

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 11/1	
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 11/2	
12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
7:00 pm	Overtones Rehearsal, 309
Tuesday 11/3	
9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
Wednesday 11/4	
5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
5:45 pm	Gloria Women's Choir, 308
6:00 pm	Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
6:15 pm	Adult Classes
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Thursday 11/5	
10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
Saturday 11/7	
8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., November 8

Cornerstone	*Philippians*	E102
Covenanters	*Daniel*	E101
Faith and Family	*Book of John*	206
Families w/Young Children	*Ephesians*	Tower Room
Foundations	*The Word of God Written*	E104
Harbingers	*Jesus the King*	E202
Morning Glory	*Rebuilding Foundations of Our Christian Living*	B318
Reflections	*Genealogical Gems of Jesus*	E103
Shepherds	*Why the Reformation Still Matters*	E203
Sojourners	*Philippians*	E204
Sowers	*Gaining Wisdom Through the Arc of Life*	E205
The Vine	*Jesus the King*	E100
Westminster Forum	*The Hidden Christmas*	E200
Young Couples	*Lesson on Love*	E201