



## ***Called by Christ***

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*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ:  
Inwardly Strong  
and  
Outwardly Focused.*

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NOVEMBER 5, 2023  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
Born by grace in 1885*

# ***Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost***

*Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.*

## **The Words of Preparation**

What you need to drive out an old passion, is a new passion, a greater passion. What you need is an over-mastering positive passion...To the degree, that you see Jesus on the cross, loosing absolutely everything for you, He will become a beauty to you, He will become so beautiful in your eyes that you'll be able to change these things that control you now, they'll lose their power. Do you know how to work on your heart like that? It's only by rejoicing in and resting in what Jesus Christ has done for you. Then you can replace your idols. And if you really want to change and want to pound the Gospel more deeply into your heart - Jesus Christ must become your over-mastering positive passion.

Rev. Tim Keller

## **The Welcome**

*(Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register)*

## **The Introit**

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Craig Courtney

*Emily Willard, soloist*

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry, all who dwell in darkest sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? *Here I am, Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.* I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain.*

## **The Call to Worship**      Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,**

Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world,

**That we should be holy and blameless before him.**

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ,

**According to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace,  
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined  
according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the  
counsel of his will,

**So that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of  
his glory.**

So let us stand,

**And let us worship God!**

- ◆ **The Hymn** 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION  
*Acolytes: Zuwena Bundi, Hudson Graitias, and Sophie Kariuki*

- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Matt Bristow

**The Old Testament Reading** Deuteronomy 7:6-11

### **The Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in love you chose us and called us to  
be your people. Through Christ, you brought us near and adopted us into  
your family. All of this is a gift. Yet we confess that all too often, in our  
thoughts, our words, our actions, we reject your love. We break your word,  
we ignore your commandments, and we live as if all we have is of our own  
making. Lord, have mercy upon us. Pardon and forgive us for the sake of  
Christ. Create in us clean hearts and fill us with your Spirit that we might  
readily live as those who belong to you. Hear us now, as we pray...

*(in silence)*

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: that in Jesus Christ,  
there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

- ◆ **The Passing of the Peace**

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

◆ **The Response of Gratitude**    The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 Hymn**    306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

## **The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Gospel Reading**

Luke 5:1-11

**The Sermon**

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*And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."*

*Luke 5:10b*

**The Offertory**

Christ For the World We Sing

Craig Courtney

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the very end of the age! Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal; the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal. Christ for the world we sing, the world to

Christ we bring, with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed, redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with one accord; with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord. Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song; the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways, inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

*Matthew 28:19,20*

## **The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

### **The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

#### **◆ The Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best Thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine Inheritance, now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

#### **◆ The Charge and Benediction**

#### **◆ The Postlude**

Overture to *Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

## **The Congregational Meeting**

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**Welcome to First Church!** 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 the presence of Christ and the warmth of this congregation. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you! For information, contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org)).

## Today

**The Session has called for a Congregational meeting** to be held today, following the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to dissolve Dr. Miller's terms of call as Pastor/Head of Staff here at First Church.

## Parish Register

**Prayers for Healing:** Cathy Akin, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Brenda Johnson, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, David Osterholt, Bill Peacher, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, and Susan Waldie.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Teddi Anne Field, daughter of Kara and Andrew Field, and Keith A. Jones were baptized on October 22.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Mary Ann Elliott, a member since 1993, died on October 23. A service will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

**With gratitude and joy we welcome our newest members! May the Lord bless each of these –and make them a blessing!**

**Joining by:**

**Confession of Faith**

Hannah Damron

**Letter of Transfer**

Adam Austin

**Reaffirmation of Faith**

Carly Austin	Margene McKenzie
Paul Bradford	Elaine Meek
Sophy Garrett	Moses Mwangi
Benedicter Jepkemei	Veronica Ndirangu
Sheila Jeruto	Rion Rogers
Kenneth Kisitu	Doug Smith
Gladwell Kisitu	Monica Smith
Simon Maina	

**Worship Notes**

**Services are broadcast** on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or *FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube*.

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

**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.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dick and Barbara Horkey, by Elaine Horkey.

**Our *Letter of Blessing* today goes to Highland Park Presbyterian Church.**

**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](http://firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code below.



## **First Church Updates**

**It is Stewardship Season!** The Session is already examining the 2024 FPC budget. Thank you for taking the local church seriously and giving of your very best to the Master. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

**First Church's Online Directory** (Realm) will be activated soon. This secure directory will only be accessible to other First Church members. If you have any questions about accessing, setting up your account, privacy settings, etc., please contact Kathy Wilson at [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**For information regarding the transition and the future of pastoral leadership,** check out the website at [firstchurchtulsa.org](http://firstchurchtulsa.org) and look for the highlighted word "transition". If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the members of the Transition Team by sending your inquiries to [FPCTransition@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:FPCTransition@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Pastoral Prayer:** Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. If you're interested in receiving a weekly prayer prompt, please text [@pastorfpcc](https://www.instagram.com/pastorfpcc) to "81010". You will receive a prayer prompt delivered via text message each Tuesday at 7:09 a.m. that will encourage you to pray in a specific way for the week. Each week will follow the path of pastoral transition, as we walk it together as a congregation at First Church.



**Presbyterian Women's November mission** is the Coffee Bunker, which supports service members and veterans toward successful reintegration with their families and communities. An acrylic box will be on the reception desk in the atrium to collect funds that will purchase food for holiday meals at the Coffee Bunker.

**Young Adults:** First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at *@fpcyoungadults* or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

### **Events This Week**

**The Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists** presents Dr. Brenda Portman in recital on Tuesday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For more information on this free program, visit *tulsaago.org*.

#### **Wednesday Night Downtown**

Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall – Class starts at 6:15 p.m.

**Seekers Bible Study** in room E104 - Rev. Wambugu leads an in-depth study of the Sunday morning sermon scriptures.

**Praying for the Transition** in room 206 (Prayer Room) - Rev. James Estes will lead us in a time of prayer for the ongoing mission of First Church, looking to the Lord for comfort, guidance, and direction during this time of pastoral transition.

**6 Great Dates** in room E103 - Couples will spend intentional time growing closer to Christ and to one another. Led by Jerry and Anne McCoy, and Rev. Dan Hutchinson.

**Jesus, the Light of the World** in room E100 - Duff Points leads this study from the book of John and other scriptures that point to the Light that will never be overcome by darkness.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Thank-Offering Luncheon**, Thursday, November 9 at noon in the Miller Library. For reservations: contact Norma Wallace at 918-508-4257 or Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029. The speaker will be Darrell Moses, Commissioned Pastor in Cleveland, Oklahoma, on *Native American Churches in the Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery: Now and in the Future*.

**Young Adult Bonfire** on Thursday, November 9 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the home of Brandon and Katie Evans (18857 W. Highway 20, Claremore); bring a lawn chair.

**Join us for a Spiritual Retreat:** Saturday, November 11, from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. Led by Rev. Julia Metcalf, we will focus on various methods of offering our prayers to God. For more details or to register, use the QR code.



### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Book Table Annual Sale:** Sundays, November 12 and 19, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the atrium. Visit the book table in the atrium and choose from an array of titles on sale for one to five dollars.

**Seasons Women's Gathering:** November 13, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Miller Library. Join us for our next session, *We Saved You a Seat: Finding and Keeping Lasting Friendship: Friendship takes Encouragement*. Bring a friend!

**Music Lovers! The Chancel Choir** invites you to their annual Fall concert on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a program of favorite seasonal anthems, featuring the modern masterpiece, *Te Deum*, by Mark Hayes, which uses an ancient Christian text set to an exciting new musical language. Other titles include the Bach favorite, *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, the much-loved *God So Loved the World*, by John Stainer; a beautiful John Rutter arrangement of *Be Thou My Vision*, for choir and harp, and the famous Mack Wilberg arrangement of *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, which has become a favorite of audiences everywhere.

The Choir will be joined by a professional orchestra; a reception will follow in the Atrium.

Please join us for an hour of inspiring choral classics that will please your ears and lift your soul!

**On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23**, we gather in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. for worship, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving meal in Stephenson Hall. This event is hosted by the Deacons for First Church members who don't have family nearby. Guests are welcome. Although there is no cost for this meal, your RSVP is important to ensure there is enough food for all. Register by clicking the QR code below by Sunday, November 19.



**Keith and Kristyn Getty** and their band return to First Church on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. for their *Sing! An Irish Christmas* concert tour!! Tickets are on sale now at [www.firstchurchtulsa.org/Getty23](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org/Getty23). **Our choir has been invited to sing for this event and we want to fill the loft!** There will be two rehearsals during the week prior to the concert. To add your voice to the choir, scan the QR code below and register by Sunday, November 19.



## COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

### TODAY 11/5

8:00 am	Worship: Kerr Chapel		
8:30 am	Worship: Stephenson Hall		
9:30 am	Adult Sunday School Hour		
	<i>Cornerstone</i>	Heidelberg Catechism	E102
	<i>Covenanters</i>	Driving Through History – Acts to Revelation	E101
	<i>Faith and Family</i>	Teaching Kids the Core Beliefs of Christianity	
			Prayer Room
	<i>Forum</i>	Who is This Man	E200
	<i>Harbingers</i>	The Life You've Always Wanted	E202
	<i>Morning Glory</i>	Confronting Jesus	B318
	<i>Young Parents</i>	Guest Speaker	E205
	<i>Foundations</i>	Letters of Paul	E104
	<i>Reflections</i>	1 John Bible Study	E103
	<i>Shepherds</i>	Jesus, The Light of Christ	E203
	<i>Sojourners</i>	Exodus Study	E204
	<i>The Vine</i>	I John	E100
	<i>Westminster</i>	Maccabees	Tower Room
	<i>Young Adults and Ukirk</i> Discovery Bible Study		E201
11:00 am	Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall		

### Monday 11/6

10:00 am	Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall
11:30 am	Monday School, Kirkland Library
11:45 am	Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103
7:00 pm	Overtones Rehearsal, Bell Choir

### Tuesday 11/7

9:30 am	Precepts Bible Study, E100
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### Wednesday 11/8

5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
6:00 pm	Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
6:15 pm	Adult Classes
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Saturday 11/11

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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