First Church TULSA
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Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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

Generosity of God

The Words of Preparation

For where your pleasure is, there is your treasure: where your treasure, there your heart; where your heart, there your happiness. St. Augustine (c. 354-430)

THE WELCOME AND THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Cameron Beaty and Emma Myatt, Director of New Member Outreach

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 **I Surrender All** Nancy Walters

Hannah Johnson, soloist

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give, I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live. All to Jesus I surrender, humbly at His feet I bow, worldly pleasures all forsaken, take me, Jesus, take me now. *I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.* All to Jesus I surrender, make me, Savior, wholly Thine. Let me feel the Holy Spirit, truly know that Thou art mine. *Refrain.*

◆ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** **I Chronicles 29:10-13**

Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all. In Your hand are power and might, and in Your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious Name.

◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 58** **Holy God, We Praise Your Name** GROSSER GOTT

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder Gary Johnson

THE FIRST READING **Luke 21:1-4**

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord Jesus Christ, Word and Revelation of the Eternal Father, come, we pray, take possession of our hearts, and reign where You have the right to reign. Fill our minds with the thought, and our imagination with the picture of Your love, that there may be in us no room for any desire that is discordant with Your holy will. Cleanse us, we pray, from all that may make us deaf to Your call or slow to obey it. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy…*(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON **Psalm 103:8-13**

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him. **Hallelujah! 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**

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Joel Donohue, Clerk of Session

Poppy Sharp Poplin, daughter of Jake and Mesa Poplin

For Poppy this precious child of the convent, the patriarchs and prophets were sent. For you, Poppy, the covenants and the promises were given. For Poppy our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, came into this world, lived a perfect life, died upon a cross and was raised again for our salvation. Poppy, you may not know these things now but we, your church, promise to tell them to you until the day you make these promises your own. French Huguenot Blessing (c. 1555)

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION **285 My Worth Is Not in What I Own** GREATEST TREASURE

◆ **THE SECOND READING** **Malachi 3:6-12**

THE SERMON **Because He Cares For You** Rev. Cameron Beaty

THE OFFERTORY **Treasures in Heaven** Allen Pote

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret. But give from within, from within your heart. Matthew 6:19; II Cor. 9:7

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

♦ **THE CLOSING HYMN** 10 **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** NETTLETON

♦ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE **Improvisation on the tune** NETTLETON

♦ *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 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, Daphne Faries, John Favell, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Esther Harper, 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, Jane Sneed, Kinnee Tilly, Marcia Tromp, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Patrick Grogan on the death of his mother, Janis Grogan, on October 29.

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 Patrick Grogan and family.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Crane, Ruth Crane Ferguson, C. W. Steinsiek, and Mary Ann Steinsiek Rich, by Brett and Cheryl Crane.

Please notify the church of any pastoral need, a change of address, phone number, or other important family news. Contact Grace Masaku at *gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org* or 918-301-1029.

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

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.

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.*

Congregational Calls: The Session has approved an effort for elders, deacons, and staff members to call every member of FPC in the coming weeks. The purpose of these calls is to ask how the church can better support members' life in Christ. General responses from these calls will be reported back to Session to ensure that the church is meeting the needs of our members. Confidential requests will be forwarded to the appropriate people.

Follow Your Treasure; Find Your Heart – Stewardship 2027

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.

Our 2026 budget was $4,721,385 for our 1,500-member church. That is $3,148 per member. Investment and rental income equal $1,100 per member, making the net expense $2,055 per member. In 2026, a generous and faithful 37% of members pledged. Our goal for 2027 is to increase pledges by at least 10% through new pledges. A $100,000 matching gift is available for any new pledges for 2027.

If pledging isn't part of your spiritual journey, now is the perfect time to join this group of faithful givers, follow your treasure, and find your heart!

HAPPENING TODAY

Book Table: You can purchase C. S Lewis', *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* for Rev. Cameron Beaty's Monday classes which will begin on November 30.

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.

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

YA Service Project: Join us on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. with *Night Light (Under the Bridge Tulsa*). Every Thursday night, volunteers and neighbors experiencing homelessness gather under the bridge to share a meal, conversation, and community. Beyond providing material means, our volunteers and sponsors also provide for emotional and spiritual needs as well.

Presbyterian Women Groups: Esther Circle meets on the third Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in room 202; the Priscilla Circle meets on 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
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, 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, you will learn how 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.

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. All women of the church are welcome to attend and bring a friend. The guest speaker will be Rondalyn Abode, director of development for Crossover Community Impact and executive director of Crossover Scholarship Fund which benefits students at Crossover Preparatory Academy. Cost for lunch is $10; reservations can be made by contacting Grace Masaku at *gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org*/918-301-1029. 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. Through guided reflection, prayer, embodied spiritual practices, and opportunities to spend time in nature, we'll slow down, attend to God's presence, and discover how our everyday lives can become expressions of worship. The cost is $10, which includes breakfast and lunch.

Weekday Classes: If you are interested in a weekday class, please scan the QR code or contact Elizabeth Massey at *emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org/* 918-301-1019 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chancel Choir Fall Concert: The Chancel Choir invites you to their annual Fall Concert, next 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!

Book Table Sale: Visit the book table in the atrium Sunday, November 15 and November 22 to choose from an array of titles on sale.

USE YOUR TALENTS

Presbyterian Women's November Mission: PW are collecting funds to donate to the Coffee Bunker, a local non-profit organization dedicated to supporting veterans, active-duty members, National Guard Reservists and their families. Collected funds will be used to purchase holiday meals and to provide scholarships. Donations may be placed in the acrylic collection box located at the welcome desk in the Atrium on Sunday mornings during the month of November.

Sing with the Choir for Christmas: You are invited to add your voice to the Chancel Choir for the 4th Sunday of Advent, known as Christmas Music Sunday, on December 20 at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. You are also invited to sing with us for Christmas Eve worship at the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. services. To prepare, it only requires that you attend our Wednesday night rehearsals on the following dates: December 2, 9, and 16. We meet from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor choir room. We have a robe that will fit you! Click the link (or scan the QR code) by Sunday, Nov. 29 to let us know you're coming!

With gratitude for those whom the Lord has added to our number, we offer a warm and heartfelt welcome!

Certificate of Transfer
Chuck and Dana Creekmore
Robert Fries
Addison Hummingbird

Reaffirmation of Faith
Polina Chepyk
Ethan and Sentiah Kleine
Gilbert Koech
Pattie Shults-Ormond
Alphine Tanui
Nathan Thedord
Grant and Sarah Wachendorf
Cal Wilcoxen

Affiliation
Peninah Njugunah

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 11/8

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 11/9

12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
7:00 pm	Overtones Rehearsal, 309

Tuesday 11/10

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102

Wednesday 11/11

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 11/12

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313

Saturday 11/14

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., November 15

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	*Why The Reformation Still Matters*	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

The First Church Leaders
Cameron Beaty, M. Div., *Senior Pastor*
James Estes, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
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Julia Metcalf, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
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