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Greetings in Christ! We are so glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. 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! Please contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org). For general information, you can follow the QR code.



Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Nifemi Aruna, Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Lara Elias-Campbell, Neil Cluck, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Judy Doyle, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Elaine Horkey, Joyce Kunkel, Judith Land, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Cyndi Russell, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Bob Swofford, Larry Tromp, Marcia Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Dayne Weierbach.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Cynthia Wiles, a member since 1989, died on February 22.

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 Allan J. and Vivienne Couper Edwards by Janet and Terry Bull.

Our *Letters of Blessing* today go to Paul, Lea and Gabby Mungai.

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, text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code below.



First Church Updates

We are wrapping up Stewardship Season! If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2024, the Stewardship committee looks forward to receiving it. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

Pastoral Prayer: Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. To receive a weekly prayer prompt, please text *@pastorfpc* to “81010”.

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.

Presbyterian Women’s March mission project is supporting Presbytery Disaster Assistance by collecting items for hygiene kits. They will be collecting the following: hand towels, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, individual bars of soap, toothbrushes, (single) and band aids. Please place your gifts in the donation box in the atrium on Sundays or mail your check to the church, payable to Presbyterian Women.

We're hiring: Are you gifted at reaching out to new people and helping them get connected within the life of the church? Do you feel comfortable shepherding others as they consider their faith journey and membership with First Church? FPC is accepting applications for Director of New Member Outreach. To learn more, contact Duff Points at 918-301-1018 or apply at *Employment Opportunities – First Church Tulsa* on the First Church website.

Easter Lilies: On Easter Sunday, bright white lilies will adorn the church building. As each flower silently trumpets the Resurrection, it also serves to remind us of the life of someone who was, or is, special to a church member. If you wish to honor someone by contributing to the lily fund, click the QR code below by March 18.



The Board of Deacons organizes a brunch for the singers, ringers and instrumentalists participating in the Easter morning worship services. Food is dropped off at the atrium entrance by members of the congregation on Easter morning between 7:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. To sign up to bring a dish, which should be in a disposable container and serve at least eight, please visit the table in the atrium on Sundays, March 10 or 17 or use the QR code. For more information or questions, please contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.



Events This Week

Wednesday Night Downtown: Join us for dinner at 5:15 p.m. AWANA, POW, Confirmation, and AMASS begin at 6:00 p.m. for children and youth. Our adult class, **Journey Through the Wilderness**, continues at 6:15 p.m., in Stephenson Hall. Join us for a time of worship, contemplation, pastor-led reflection, and table conversations about following the Lord in an unknown season in the wilderness. Though we face challenges, we are reminded time and again that

God is faithful and trustworthy. This week's topic is The Challenge of Obedience (Numbers 20:1-13) "What do you do when you feel alone?"

Prayer in the Chapel: Join together from 10:40-10:55 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month for prayer during this time of pastoral transition.

Upcoming Events

Seasons Women's Gathering – Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Miller Library - Come Join us in our next session of *We Saved You a Seat: Finding and Keeping Lasting Friendship* as we learn to discern where we need to set healthy boundaries in our friendships while loving well. Bring along a friend!

Maundy Thursday Seder Dinner: On Thursday, March 28 we will gather in Stephenson Hall for a Seder dinner. This meal will be a child-friendly celebration of God delivering His people out of bondage, and an experience offering us clearer understanding of the Last Supper in the context of the Passover meal. **We will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. and will end at 7:00 p.m. Advance registration and pre-payment is required by no later than Sunday, March 24.** Childcare will be available for infants to two-years old. Please use the QR code below to register and pre-pay for your meal(s) and indicate if childcare is needed. You can also register at the table in the atrium on March 17 and 24. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children, and \$25 for a family.



Holy Week Prayer Vigil - Thursday, March 28 at 9:00 p.m. through Easter Sunday, March 31 at 7:00 a.m. The prayer vigil is a continuous chain of prayer that begins on Maundy Thursday and continues until sunrise on Easter Sunday. Sign up for a thirty minute slot to ensure an unbroken prayer chain by clicking on the QR code below. A registration table will also be in the atrium on Sundays, March 17 and 24.



Summer Mission Trips 2024: Are you called to serve the Lord in North Carolina or Ireland for mission work? Reservation deadline has been extended. Click the QR code below.



Today we welcome our newest members:

Profession of Faith

+Jon Holstein

Affiliation

*Janet Drummond

Certificate of Transfer

Bryan Harrington

Kristin Harrington

*Teresa Miller

Jim Sengel

Kathy Sengel

Reaffirmation of Faith

Elizabeth Carroll

*Dr. Chris Crane

Lauren Crane

John Donnelly

Sonya Donnelly

Mona Green

Ben Harmon

Brent Isaacs

Jake Poplin

Mesa Sharp

Ethan Willard

David Vaughan

Rachael Vaughan

+pending Baptism

*pending confirmation of faith

Mark Your Calendars with these events:

March 28

Seder Dinner

March 28

Maundy Thursday Service

March 28-31

Holy Week Prayer Vigil

March 29

Good Friday Service

March 31

Easter Sunday

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY 3/3

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall

Monday 3/4

- 10:00 am Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall
- 12:00 pm Men's Monday Bible Study, E103

Tuesday 3/5

- 9:30 am Precepts Bible Study, E100
- 4:00 pm Men's Bible Study, E313

Wednesday 3/6

- 10:00 am Watercolor Through Lent, Tower Room
- 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, Choir Room

Thursday 3/7

- 9:30 am PW Sewing Project, 400
- 9:30 am Hearts for the Lord Bible Study, E313

Saturday 3/9

- 8:30 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes for NEXT Sunday, 3/10 at 9:30 a.m.

<i>Cornerstone</i>	<i>The Story</i>	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	<i>Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation</i>	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	<i>14 Talks by Age 14</i>	Tower Room
<i>Forum</i>	<i>Study on Luke</i>	E200
<i>Foundations</i>	<i>Romans</i>	E104
<i>Harbingers</i>	<i>Gospel in Life, Timothy Keller</i>	E202
<i>Morning Glory</i>	<i>Prayer and Fasting</i>	B318
<i>Reflections</i>	<i>Characteristics of Christian Love</i>	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	<i>Soul Keeping</i>	E203
<i>Sojourners</i>	<i>Light of Christ</i>	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	<i>24 Hours that Changed the World</i>	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	<i>Study on Luke</i>	E200
<i>Young Adults/Ukirk</i>	<i>Discovery Bible Study</i>	E201
<i>Young Parents</i>	<i>Book Study: For Better or For Kids</i>	E205

Planning our future together.

We are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leaders of First Church as they make decisions about the future.

You will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. Beginning March 4th, we are asking you to go online by clicking on the link that will be provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

If you feel you might need some assistance filling out a survey online, we will have computers and electronic devices available with help from the Mission Study Team to aid you in filling out the survey. This will be offered after church services on Sundays during the three weeks the survey is available to congregants.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact any of the following Mission Study Team at fpctransition@firstchurchtulsa.org

For His blessings we pray together: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

The First Church Pastors

Daniel Hutchinson, M. Div., *Interim Senior Pastor*

James Estes, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*

Wambugu Gachungi, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*

Julia Metcalf, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*