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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: Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Elaine Horkey, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Judith Land, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, Elsie Osterholt, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Bob Pyle, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Jo Carolyn Rushing, Cyndi Russell, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Larry Tromp, Marcia Tromp, Susan Waldie and Dayne Weierbach.

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: Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jack and June Cease by Terry and Cindy DeVore.

Our *Letter of Blessing* today goes to Larry Tromp.

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 already, please turn in your pledge for 2024! Thank you for taking the local church seriously and giving of your very best to the Lord Jesus Christ. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

Pastoral Prayer – Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. If you're interested in receiving 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.

Internship Opportunity – Are you a college student who loves God and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. Contact Steve Wilson at swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org for more information.

Events This Week

The January Series – Begins tomorrow, January 15 (every weekday) through February 2 at 11:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. Lunch begins at 11:15 a.m. and the cost is \$7. To make reservations for lunch, please go to the First Church Tulsa webpage.

Wednesday Night Downtown

Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall

Classes at 6:15 p.m.

Tolkien and the Christian Life – What does Middle Earth have to do with Jesus? Join Rev. Dan Hutchinson for an exploration into the biblical and theological themes (sovereignty, nature of good and evil, creation and restoration, home, the work of Christ, etc.) that arise from the world and writings of J.R.R. Tolkien. No prior knowledge of *Lord of the Rings* is required! Starts on January 17 and ends on February 7.

How To Read the Bible (Hermeneutics) – Learning to study, understand, and embrace the Word of God is an essential adventure for every follower of Jesus Christ. John Shelton teaches an inductive methodology that emphasizes studying books of the Bible as wholes and context. Students will gain confidence to approach all genres of scripture and to see the plain meaning of the text; the class meets in room E100.

From Surviving to Thriving In Your Relationship – Join Rev. James Estes and Dr. Tom Philp in room E103 for a four-week exploration of four core characteristics of a thriving marriage. Every week will include biblical and theological reflection, robustly validated relational insights, and weekly “marriage hacks” to help move any relationship from surviving to thriving.

Seekers Bible Study – Rev. Wambugu Gachungi leads an in-depth study of the Sunday morning sermon scriptures. Come and enjoy praying together, studying the Bible, and engaging in

Heart for the Lord – Women’s Bible study begins on Thursday, January 18 at 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Kirkland Library in the Bernsen.

Chili Cook-Off – Join us after the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 21, for the Annual Chili Cook-Off to benefit activities and needs at Anderson Elementary School.

Mark Your Calendar

Inquirers Class – Join us on Sundays, January 21, 28 and February 4, 11 in the Miller Library from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Scan the QR code below.



Parenting Brown Bag Book Discussion – February 8, 25, March 7, 28, April 11, 25, and May 9 - Bring your lunch and discuss with other parents *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine* by Michele Borba. Learn the answers to questions such as: Is my child struggling or thriving? What is the difference between a “striver” and a “thrivers” mindset? And many more. Led by Sarah Savage, Director of Children’s Ministries in room E100 from 11:30 am. to 1:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars with these events:

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| Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11 | Inquirers Class |
| January 21 | Annual Chili Cook-Off |
| January 18 | Heart for the Lord- Women’s Bible study |

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY 1/14

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall
- 9:30 am Adult Sunday School Hour

Monday 1/15

- 10:00 am Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall
- 11:30 am January Series, Stephenson Hall

Tuesday 1/16

- 9:30 am Precepts Bible Study, E100
- 7:00 am Men's Bible Study, E313
- 11:30 am January Series, Stephenson Hall

Wednesday 1/17

- 11:30 am January Series, Stephenson Hall
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
- 6:00 pm Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
- 6:15 pm Mission Study Team – Informational Forum, Stephenson Hall

Thursday 1/18

- 9:30 am Hearts for the Lord Bible Study, KRC
- 11:30 am January Series, Stephenson Hall

Friday 1/18

- 9:30 am Hearts for the Lord Bible Study, KRC
- 11:30 am January Series, Stephenson Hall

Saturday 1/20

- 8:30 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes for **NEXT Sunday, 1/21** at 9:30 a.m.

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| <i>Cornerstone</i> | The Story | E102 |
| <i>Covenanters</i> | Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation | E101 |
| <i>Faith and Family</i> | 14 Talks by Age 14 | Prayer Room |
| <i>Forum</i> | Who is This Man", John Ortberg | E200 |
| <i>Foundations</i> | Romans | E104 |
| <i>Harbingers</i> | The Reason for God", Timothy Keller | E202 |
| <i>Morning Glory</i> | Prayer and Fasting | B318 |
| <i>Reflections</i> | The Tabernacle | E103 |
| <i>Shepherds</i> | Will the Real Jesus Please Stand Up | E203 |
| <i>Sojourners</i> | Soul Keeping, John Ortberg | E204 |
| <i>The Vine</i> | Bible Study | E100 |
| <i>Westminster</i> | Who Is This Man, John Ortberg | Tower Room |
| <i>Young Adults/Ukirk</i> | Discovery Bible Study | E201 |
| <i>Young Parents</i> | Guest Speaker | E205 |