



**Fourth Sunday of Eastertide**  
**April 26, 2026**  
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

**First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa**

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

# Rejoice in the Lord!

## The Words of Preparation

All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us. J. R. R. Tolkien

Give up your self, and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favourite wishes every day and death of your whole body in the end: submit with every fibre of your being, and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.

C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

### THE PRELUDE

### THE WELCOME

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

*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

#### Festival Piece on NICAEA

Benjamin Harlan

*Overtones; Gretchen Bashforth, director*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

#### Revelation 4:8-11 and 5:13-14

Rev. Julia Metcalf

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

**“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”**

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who is seated on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

**“Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.”**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”**

And the four living creatures said,

**“Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.**

Therefore let us stand in honor, join our voices with the angels and the elders,

**And let us worship God!**

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Rev. James Estes

◆ **THE SONG OF PRAISE****King of Kings**

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light, 'til from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes. To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word. From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one. God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost. To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross. For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Refrain*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath, 'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free for the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *Refrain*

**THE FIRST READING****1 Peter 1:13-21**

Elder Michael Grogan

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Rev. Wambugu

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Hear us now, as we pray... *(in silence)*

**THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION** I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call; incline Your ear to me anew, and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.

Were you to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze; I stand redeemed by grace alone.

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You; on Your word I will rely. I will wait for You, surely wait for You, till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone; take courage in His power to save. Completely and forever won by Christ's emerging from the grave. *Refrain.*

Now He has come to make a way, and God himself has paid the price, that all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice. *Refrain.*

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that in Christ Jesus there is full forgiveness of sins 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 Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE CHILDREN’S ANTHEM**                      **Jesus Strong and Kind**

*Choristers, Rejoice Ringers*

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him. No one else can satisfy. I should come to Him. Jesus said, if I am weak, I should come to Him. No one else can be my strength. I should come to Him. *For the Lord is good and faithful. He will keep us day and night. We can always run to Jesus; Jesus, strong and kind.* Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to Him. No one else can be my shield. I should come to Him. *Refrain*

**Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me. And He showed me on that cross, He will come to me.**  
**Refrain**

**THE BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**THE HYMN OF PREPARATION**                      **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, and 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 heaven's sun.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

**THE SECOND READING**

Philippians 4:4-9

**THE SERMON**

A Worthy Pursuit

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

**THE OFFERING**

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

*And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. Refrain. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love!*

*Charles Wesley*

**THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

**THE COMMUNION ANTHEM**

In This Moment of Remembrance

Dale Wood

In this moment of remembrance, the sacrament is spread; here we celebrate Christ's presence through the wine and broken bread. At this table of communion, in the light shed from above, we are sheltered in His mercy and surrounded by His love. There is healing and forgiveness, there is strength as we partake; here we know the Savior's promise that He never will forsake. "Take and do this in remembrance," are the words our Savior said; and we join now in His presence through the wine and broken bread.

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**◆ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Sung)

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE**

Easter Victory

Charles Callahan

◆ Please stand

*We welcome and thank Steve Haefner, trumpeter, for his musical contribution to our service today.*

## 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 you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a Get Connected Card or contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652 or [emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

### PARISH REGISTER

**Prayers for Healing:** Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Nelda Brown, Pat Brown, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Judy Doyle, Larry Doyle, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Sally McCoy, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, David Osterholt, David Perkins, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Carolyn Perryman, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Sally Stewart, Nancy Strimel, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, and Rhonda Wilson.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Imani Ndunge Matee, daughter of Purity and Paul Matee, was baptized on April 19.

**Sympathy and Prayers to:** Leah Craddock on the recent death of her grandmother.

### 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](http://FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube).

**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.

**Our Letter of Blessing** today goes to the Hutchinson Family and to Rev. Dr. Thomas Boone.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Dan Hutchinson and family. Thank you for your faithful and dedicated service. We will miss all of you.

**The flowers that adorned the Sanctuary on April 12** were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lynn Miller by Tony Miller and family. The flowers on **April 19** were given to the glory of God and in memory of Glade and Marie Kirkpatrick, Jim and Kay Inhofe, and their son Perry Dyson Inhofe II, MD.

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

**Thank you for your faithful support:** Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically in lieu of the offering plates at [firstchurchtulsa.org](http://firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141, or by using the QR code.



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### FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

**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.

**Need a Pastoral Visit?** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs a pastoral visit, please contact Kathy Wilson at [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

**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](mailto:jerome-mccoy@utulsa.edu).

**New Hymnals:** After 35 years of faithful use, and after much research by the Worship and Music Committee, with approval of Session, our current hymnal will soon be replaced by the newly published *Sing! Hymnal*. In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to invest in this new hymnal project and dedicate them in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Watch for more details.

## HAPPENING TODAY

**First Family Dinner:** Following today's 11:00 a.m. worship service, we celebrate with the Hutchinson family in Stephenson Hall and the courtyard.

**Prayer Room:** Open now during church hours through Pentecost Sunday, May 24, the Prayer Room has been prepared as a place to encounter stillness and draw near to the Lord. Come inside, take time to reflect, and share in this sacred space with others who are seeking God. Follow the signs to the Prayer Room located on the Sanctuary level near Kerr Chapel.

**Hospitality: Yes, You!** As a member of First Church, you play a role in welcoming others. We are renewing our commitment to hospitality, helping people feel seen, known, and welcome. This Sunday's step is simple: notice and greet someone new—one small moment can make a lasting difference.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Presbyterian Women's April Mission:** PW will be in the atrium selling greeting cards on Sunday, April 19 for \$5 (individual card) or \$10 (bundle of 5), featuring original artwork by Harriet Derrevere, an accomplished artist and member of First Church. Proceeds benefit Domestic Violence Intervention Services (DVIS). Please make checks payable to PW of First Presbyterian Church.

**Congregational Conversations:** We will meet on Wednesdays, April 29 at 6:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall for a special series of conversational evenings focused on this season of transition. This week, Tom Philp, LPC, will guide a conversation on navigating change as we bid farewell to Dan and his family.

**Witu Gala:** Celebrate with us on May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. To commemorate Pastor Wambugu's 60th birthday, the mission committee is hosting a gala celebration to raise funds to expand the church-building work in Witu, Kenya. Money raised from this special event will help provide land for classrooms, a small office for ministry, and solar power to sustain worship. Scan the QR code to RSVP and be part of this meaningful work.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Camp Loughridge Family Fun Day:** Families are invited to a free Family Fun Day on Sunday, May 3 at Camp Loughridge.

**Spring Tea:** Presbyterian Women are hosting a Spring Tea on Saturday, May 9, at 2:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. Women of all ages are welcome to join us for a delightful luncheon and tea-themed Spring gathering. Debbie Vinyard will be the guest speaker, sharing her life's journey through art therapy. If you are interested in joining a PW Circle, this is the opportune time to meet the ladies of PW. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 30 by contacting Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029/[kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org) or clicking on the QR code. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Families will receive a group discount. Bring your mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, neighbor, and/or lots of friends!



**VBS 2026:** Children age 4 years to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, along with Hi-Helpers (7<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), join us for a fun week of games, crafts, songs, and Bible lessons. Registration is now open for the 2026 VBS, which will be held on June 1 – 5, from 9:00 a.m. – noon, at Camp Loughridge. We need adult leaders! The deadline to register is Friday, May 8. To register or for more information, click the QR code.



## USE YOUR TALENTS

**New Member Mentors Needed:** Help a new member feel welcomed and connected to First Church. As a mentor you will greet new members on Sundays and connect once a month by inviting them to an event, calling them or having coffee with them. If you are interested, click the QR code.



### Come, Grow Your Faith!

**TODAY 4/26**

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
12:15 pm	First Family Dinner, Stephenson Hall

**Monday 4/27**

7:00 pm	Overtone Rehearsal, 309
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**Tuesday 4/28**

9:30 pm	Precept Bible Study, E102
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**Wednesday 4/29**

5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner, Atrium and Courtyard
5:00 pm	Youth Praise Band, and Celebration Singers, Powerhouse
6:00 pm	Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
6:15 pm	Congregational Conversations, Stephenson Hall
6:30 pm	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

**Thursday 4/30**

10:00 pm	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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**Saturday 5/2**

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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### Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., May 3

Cornerstone	The Practice of Communion	E102
Covenanters	Screwtape Letters	E101
Faith and Family	Book of John	206
Families w/Young Children	Foundations of Christian Marriage	Tower Room
Foundations	Genesis	E104
Harbingers	Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible.	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Romans Study	E103
Shepherds	Book of Revelation	E203
Sojourners	Mere Christianity	E204
Sowers	Pray Big	E205
The Vine	Fruitful Affliction	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	Psalms	E200