



Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2026
8 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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

Post Tenebras Lux

“After Darkness, Light”

The Words of Preparation

For Christ dwells only in sinners. On this account he descended from heaven, where He dwelt among the righteous, to dwell among sinners. Meditate on this love of His and you will see His sweet consolation. For why was it necessary for Him to die if we can obtain a good conscience by our works and afflictions? Accordingly you will find peace only in Him and only when you despair of yourself and your own works. Besides, you will learn from Him that just as He has received you, so He has made your sins His own and has made you His righteousness.

- Martin Luther, Letters of Martin Luther

THE WELCOME

Rev. Cameron Beaty

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 CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore, we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 465

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Paul McEntire

THE FIRST READING

Psalm 130

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. James Estes

Righteous God, in Christ You became sin for us. You took what we are so that we might become what You are. But we confess that often we ignore our sin. We confess that we too often do not confess. We keep silent about the sin that clings to us. But our sins are too great a burden for us. Forgive us. In Christ, take away our iniquity. You are our stronghold, our hiding place. May we confess our sins, that we might then rejoice and be glad in You and

in the righteousness that flows over us as a mighty stream of grace. In Jesus's, name we ask
 ...(in silence)

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Titus 3:4-7)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Hallelujah! Amen!

♦ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE** Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below! Praise Him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

♦ **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Heidelberg Catechism | Lord's Day 1 | Question & Answer #1

Q: What is your only comfort in life and death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERTORY

I Am Not My Own

Craig Courtney

Lydia Gray, soloist

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death. I am not my own, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I am not my own. I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death. I am not my own, I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me, from evil set me free. I am not my own. For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life He gives me hope. By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him. I am not my own, I am not my own. I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. I belong to Him, I belong to Him, in life, in death, my only comfort, I belong to Him, I will live for Him for evermore.

♦ **THE SECOND READING**

Romans 3:21-31

THE SERMON

Jesus, Our Righteousness

Rev. Cameron Beaty

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 120** The Solid Rock THE SOLID ROCK
- ◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**
- THE POSTLUDE** Overture from Water Music G. F. Handel
- ◆ *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 worshipping 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, Martha English, Daphne Faries, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Esther Harper, John Harris, 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, Kinnee Tilly, Marcia Tromp, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

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](https://www.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 David and Elsie Osterholt.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Annette Vickery by Gene Vickery and family.

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](https://www.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.

HAPPENING TODAY

Congregational Meeting: Today following the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary the Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of receiving and acting upon the report of the Nominating Committee to elect church officers. The Nominating Committee will present a new slate of officers (elders, deacons, trustees and Nominating Committee) and the congregation will vote upon it.

Fall Festival: Join us TODAY at 3:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge for a celebration of friends and family with activities for all ages. Enjoy delicious barbecue from the First Church Pitmasters and take part in the fun, complete with inflatables, hayrides, and trunk-or-treat. You can prepay for the dinner by visiting the table in the atrium or scanning the QR code.



Register for the Christmas Eve Nativity: If your child is 3 years old through the fourth grade they are invited to help tell the story of Jesus' birth during the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Roles include biblical characters, angels, animals, acolytes and Bethlehem stars: there's a place for every child. Rehearsals (kindergarten through fourth grade) begin on Sunday mornings in November and the 3- and 4-year-olds will rehearse during the week of Christmas Eve. You can register by November 1 by clicking the QR code.



Coat Drive: TIF is partnering with Fortify Global, a local organization serving international students, to collect adult size coats to support international students in our community. You can leave your gently used items on Sunday, October 25 or November 1 in the container in the atrium.

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

Lunch with C. S. Lewis: On Monday, at 11:45 in Stephenson Hall, Rev. Beaty will lead us in our last week of conversations exploring the C. S. Lewis book *The Screwtape Letters*. To reserve lunch (\$7), please scan the QR code.



GriefShare is a 13-week program for people who are grieving the loss of a person who was dear to them. It is a Christian program that provides guidance on how to move forward on our grief journeys, as well as offering support and encouragement through the facilitators and other attendees. Our classes meet every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in room E104. If you would like information, please contact Grace Masaku at gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1029.

Young Adults Downtown: Each Wednesday evening, we begin at 5:15 p.m. with an open table, which is a designated young adult table during WNDDT dinner, to meet new people and get connected. At 6:15 p.m., you can participate by choosing a church-wide class or volunteering with our children or youth. At 7:30 p.m., we will reflect by gathering for the Young Adult Debrief—a conversation that connects the evening's learning and service to faith in everyday life.

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.

Every Moment Holy Live is coming to First Church! Join bestselling author Douglas McKelvey and a company of musicians and artists on Thursday, October 29, at 7 p.m. in the Bernsen Great Hall. This special two-hour event brings the beloved Every Moment Holy prayer books to life through live musical performances, visual art, personal stories and spoken prayers, all woven into an inspiring evening of worship. Come discover the beauty of God's presence in everyday life. Tickets are \$10 each. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



Sunday School Classes: We have a variety of classes offering in-depth Bible study, Christian history and doctrine, prayer, and fellowship on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at 918-301-1019 or emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org. Scan to view class descriptions.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Saints' Day Luncheon: Next Sunday, November 1, immediately following the 11:00 worship service, the Deacons will host a luncheon in the Miller Library for those who have lost a loved one this past year. This is a meaningful time to celebrate the lives of those we lost. There is no cost for the lunch but please RSVP by using the QR code or contacting Grace Masaku at gmazaku@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1029.



Seasons Evening Retreat: Join us on Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. for intergenerational relationships and spiritual formation. Rev. Jessica Moffatt will lead us in exploring *When Things Take a Turn: Do You Go Darker or Deeper?* as we consider how to live from our identity as women already known and beloved by God. Registration is \$15 and includes hor d'oeuvres and dinner. Childcare is also available with advance registration. RSVP using the QR code.



You are invited: Rev. Wambugu invites you to his son Spurgeon's wedding. Spurgeon and Natalie will unite in marriage on Saturday, November 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary at First Church. A reception will be held in Stephenson Hall. Click the QR code for more information and to RSVP.



Save The Date! The Chancel Choir invites you to their annual Fall Concert, on Sunday, November 15, 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!

USE YOUR TALENTS

Presbyterian Women's October Mission: We are supporting two worthy local missions for the month of October. For the Helping Hand Ministry we are collecting toiletry items. Clients who visit HHM are grateful for the many ways First Church members contribute and bless them with much needed supplies. And for the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless we are collecting winter weather clothing such as hats, mittens, warm scarves, coats, sweaters, new socks and new underwear. Donations may be placed in the PW collection bin located in the Atrium on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

Praying for the Unreached: The Mission Committee encourages our church family to pray for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Join us by praying for one unreached people group each day. Scan the QR code for daily prayer prompts for unreached people groups.



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 beginning Sunday, November 1. Thank you for caring for our neighbors and supporting this vital ministry through your prayers and generous donations.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 10/25

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
3:30 pm	Fall Festival, Camp Loughridge

Monday 10/26

11:45 am	Lunch with C. S. Lewis, Stephenson Hall
12:00 pm	Men's Monday Bible Study, E103
7:00 pm	Overtone Rehearsal, 309

Tuesday 10/27

9:30 am	Precept Bible Study, E102
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Wednesday 10/28

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 10/29

10:00 am	Hearts for the Lord, E313
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Saturday 10/31

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., November 1

Cornerstone	<i>Philippians</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Daniel</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Book of John</i>	206
Families w/Young Children	<i>Ephesians</i>	Tower Room
Foundations	<i>The Word of God Written</i>	E104
Harbingers	<i>Jesus the King</i>	E202
Morning Glory	<i>Rebuilding Foundations of Our Christian Living</i>	B318
Reflections	<i>Genealogical Gems of Jesus</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Why the Reformation Still Matters</i>	E203
Sojourners	<i>Philippians</i>	E204
Sowers	<i>Book of Haggai</i>	E205
The Vine	<i>Jesus the King</i>	E100
Westminster Forum	<i>The Hidden Christmas</i>	E200
Young Couples	<i>Lesson on Love</i>	E201

The First Church Pastors

Cameron Beaty, M. Div., *Senior Pastor*
 James Estes, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
 Wambugu Gachungi, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
 Julia Metcalf, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
 Ron Pearson, M.M., *Music Director and Organist*

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 25, 2026

Election of Officers

Each year the congregation is charged with identifying leadership within this family of faith. A nominating team gathers to wait upon the Lord, consider the needs of the Church, and present to the congregation their sense of the Lord's leading. It is hard to overemphasize the importance of this task. It is one of the most significant responsibilities delegated to any committee.

We are grateful for the special and prayerful consideration that the 2026 Nominating Committee brought to this task and we offer to the congregation the following persons whom we believe God is calling into specific leadership positions within First Church:

Elders – Class of 2029

Greg Berkhouse
Taylor Collins
Bob Curtis
Janet Drisko
Clay Grogan
Kim Jones
Jason Pugh
Amy Scheiper
Porter Shults
Spurgeon Wambugu

Deacons – Class of 2029

Courtney Bauman-Gill
Lindsey Bristow
Sandy Curtis
John Donnelly
Kitty Frame
Carolyn Neely
Reid Shipley
June Shults
Margo Williams

Trustees – Class of 2029

Dennis Lee
David Raybourn
Kert Surface

2027 Nominating Committee

Beryl Bolo
Debbie Favell
David Grigg
Laura Krohn
Joe Land
Mary Surface
Kathy Wilson
Bette Cromer (alternate)
Adam Smith (alternate)

With gratitude to the 2026 Nominating Committee:

Bob Farris, Chair, Dylan Seibert, Vice Chair, Diane Austin, Cam Campbell, Jim Diacon, Dianne Dericks, Marnie Grimes, Kim Jones, Shadrack Koech, Cathy Laird, Dennis Lee, Jacob McIntosh, Jill Metcalf, Emily Willard