



Christ and His Church

*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ:
Inwardly Strong
and
Outwardly Focused.*

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

8:00 AM

KERR CHAPEL

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Born by grace in 1885

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Kerr Chapel, 8:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

God made a human body that was free from any flaw or weakness. He designed the body to make all its members function properly and display unity. Even though marred by the effect of sin, the human body still remains a marvelous creation. Its design reveals the hand of the Creator, who gave each individual member a unique place in the body. By implication, the spiritual gifts which God has distributed are given according to his design. Through his Spirit, God works out his plan and purpose in the people he has redeemed.

Simon J. Kistemaker

The Welcome

(Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register)

◆ The Call to Worship

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

◆ The Hymn 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

◆ The Prayer of Adoration Elder Debbie Favell

The Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-10

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The Response 92

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ST. CHRISTOPHER

The Good News (…from Paul’s letter to the Colossians)

Having been buried with Jesus Christ in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. You who were dead in your trespasses God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This God set aside, nailing it to the cross. **Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ The 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 The Apostles’ Creed

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 Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People

The Offering

Still, My Soul, Be Still

arr. Mary McDonald

Gloria Choir

Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow. God is at your side; no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow. *God, You are my God, and I will trust in You and not be shaken. Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me to rest in You alone.*

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows. Hold onto His ways, with shield of faith against temptation's fleeting arrows. *Refrain.* Still, my soul, be still; do not forsake the truth you learned in the beginning. Wait upon the Lord, and hope will rise as stars appear when day is dimming. *Refrain.*

The New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-21

The Sermon

Christ's Body: Diversity, Inequity and Honor

Rev. James Estes

...the body does not consist of one member but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:14

The Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

◆ The Hymn

In Christ Alone

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In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled,
when strivings cease? My Comforter, my All in All; here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid; here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There, in the ground, His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And, as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home; here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand.

◆ The Charge and Benediction

◆ The Postlude

◆ Please Stand

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Welcome to First Church! 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! For information, contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Today

Book Table Annual Sale: Today and next Sunday, November 19, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the atrium. Visit the book table in the atrium and choose from an array of titles on sale for one to five dollars.

Masterwork Academy is pleased to host our first ever pop-up art exhibit—**TODAY!** Featuring beautiful, original paintings, The Classic Christian Art Collection contains art from the golden age of Sunday School, depicting some of the most iconic and beloved stories in the Bible. Books containing the art will be available. Join us at 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:00-1:30 p.m., on the 2nd floor of the BC.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Cathy Akin, Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Brenda Johnson, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, David Osterholt, Bill Peacher, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Marcia Tromp, and Susan Waldie.

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 by Jim and Mary Diacon, in appreciation for the faithful service offered by the pastors, choir, and support staff of First Church.

Our *Letter of Blessing* today goes to Barbara Sanders.

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

It is Stewardship Season! The Session is already examining the 2024 FPC budget. Thank you for taking the local church seriously and giving of your very best to the Master. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

First Church's Online Directory (Realm) will be activated soon. This secure directory will only be accessible to other First Church members. If you have any questions about accessing, setting up your account, privacy settings, etc., please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

For information regarding the transition and the future of pastoral leadership, check out the website at firstchurchtulsa.org and look for the highlighted word "transition". If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the members of the Transition Team by sending your inquiries to FPCTransition@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Pastoral Prayer: Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. If you're interested in receiving a weekly prayer prompt, please text [@pastorfpcc](https://www.instagram.com/pastorfpcc) to "81010".

Presbyterian Women's November mission is the Coffee Bunker, which supports service members and veterans toward successful reintegration with their

families and communities. An acrylic box will be on the reception desk in the atrium to collect funds that will purchase food for holiday meals at the Coffee Bunker.

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.

Events This Week

Wednesday Night Downtown

Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall – Class starts at 6:15 p.m.

Seekers Bible Study, room E104 - Rev. Wambugu leads an in-depth study of the Sunday morning sermon scriptures.

Praying for the Transition, room 206 (Prayer Room) - Rev. James Estes leads us in a time of prayer for the ongoing mission of First Church, looking to the Lord for comfort, guidance, and direction during this time of pastoral transition.

6 Great Dates, room E103 - Couples will spend time growing closer to Christ and to one another. Led by Jerry and Anne McCoy, and Rev. Dan Hutchinson.

Jesus, the Light of the World, room E100 - Duff Points leads this study from the book of John and other scriptures that point to the Light that will never be overcome by darkness.

Mark Your Calendar

Young Adult Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 19, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Dan and Hanna Hutchinson's home (4043 E. 48th St.). Bring a dish to share.

Music Lovers! The Chancel Choir invites you to their annual Fall concert on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a program of favorite seasonal anthems, featuring the modern masterpiece, *Te Deum*, by Mark Hayes, which uses an ancient Christian text set to an exciting new musical language. Other titles include the Bach favorite, *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, the much-loved *God So Loved the World*, by John Stainer; a beautiful John Rutter arrangement of *Be Thou My Vision*, for choir and harp, and the famous Mack Wilberg arrangement of *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, which has become a favorite of audiences everywhere.

The Choir will be joined by a professional orchestra; a reception will follow in the Atrium.

Please join us for an hour of inspiring choral classics that will please your ears and lift your soul!

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, we gather in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. for worship, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving meal in Stephenson Hall. This event is hosted by the Deacons for First Church members who don't have family nearby. Guests are welcome. Although there is no cost for this meal, your RSVP is important to ensure there is enough food for all. Register by clicking the QR code below by Sunday, November 19.



Keith and Kristyn Getty and their band return to First Church on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. for their *Sing! An Irish Christmas* concert tour!! **Our choir has been invited to sing for this event and we want to fill the loft!** There will be two rehearsals during the week prior to the concert. To add your voice to the choir, scan the QR code below and register by Sunday, November 19.



COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY 11/12

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

Monday 11/13

10:00 am Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall
 11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
 11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103
 7:00 pm Overtones Rehearsal, Bell Choir
 6:30 pm Seasons Women Gathering, Miller Library

Tuesday 11/14

9:30 am Precepts Bible Study, E100

Wednesday 11/15

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 Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 11/18

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Classes for **NEXT** Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

<i>Cornerstone</i>	Heidelberg Catechism	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	Driving Through History – Acts to Revelation	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	Teaching Kids the Core Beliefs of Christianity	Prayer Room
<i>Forum</i>	Who is This Man	E200
<i>Harbingers</i>	The Life You've Always Wanted	E202
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Confronting Jesus	B318
<i>Young Parents</i>	Guest Speaker	E205
<i>Pastor's Study/Foundations</i>		
	Letters of Paul	E104
<i>Reflections</i>	1 John Bible Study	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	Jesus, The Light of Christ	E203
<i>Sojourners</i>	Exodus Study	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	I John	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	Maccabees	Tower Room
<i>Young Adults and Ukirk</i>	Discovery Bible Study	E201