



NOVEMBER 2008

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION DINNER

First Presbyterian Church's Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner & Celebration will take place Thursday, November 13, from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Marriott-Southern Hills (1902 E. 71st St.). You can RSVP by filling out the insert in this week's bulletin, calling the church office (584.4701) or by signing up online: www.firstchurchtulsa.org. On our homepage, click the "Event Registration" blue box on the right side of the page! We invite you to join us as we *Celebrate the Journey Now!*

PASTOR'S PICK FOR NOVEMBER

Rev. Michael Homan, Associate Pastor for Next Generation Ministry

The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism

by Timothy Keller

In 1989, Timothy Keller founded Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City with his family. As a minister in a cosmopolitan city full of atheists, agnostics, and skeptics, he has had ample opportunities to converse with and counsel them about their doubts regarding religion and Christianity. In this insightful and engaging volume, Keller addresses their most frequently voiced doubts and concerns.

Drawing from classic literature, philosophy, anthropology, and a wealth of other academic disciplines, Keller tackles many such difficult questions. In his responses, Keller does not challenge directly the opinions of those asking the questions, but he does reason that skeptics need "to look for a type of faith hidden within their reasoning," and "[a]ll doubts, however skeptical and cynical they may seem, are really a set of alternate beliefs."

After encouraging those he counsels to view their questions through this lens, Keller devotes the second half of his book to addressing the reasons for faith. He begins by laying out the clues for the existence of God, not "to argue that there are no sufficient reasons for disbelieving Christianity," but to make the argument "that there are sufficient reasons for believing it."

After addressing the major Christian doctrines, Keller beautifully describes the Trinity as a divine dance. This dance involves each person of the Trinity voluntarily circling "the other two, pouring love, delight, and adoration into them. Each person of the Trinity loves, adores, defers to, and rejoices in the others. This creates a dynamic, pulsating dance of joy and love." The fall of Adam and Eve rendered human beings unable to dance (or maintain "joyful, mutually self-giving relationships" with others), but God has provided a means for men and women to return to this dance through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

In a straightforward and intellectually honest manner, Keller makes a case for Christianity that can lead the skeptic to faith in Christ, and strengthen the faith of the believer at the same time.

Reviewed by Jason Bashfort, Chairman of Library Committee

CHRISTIAN CLASSICS

Christian Classics with Ryan Moore and Warren Muller. They will be studying *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis. Mondays, Dec. 1 – Dec. 22 at 11:45 in Wiseman Hall. Light lunch will be provided.