

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

Just think: Jesus comes along and when nobody else stops and nobody else can heal you, He takes you up. He carries you. And He pays the entire bill, not only the short-term debt but the long-term debt as well – so that you will not be enslaved.

He pays for it all Himself, and He goes after the despised and the broken and the bleeding and the dead when nobody else does, as He goes on the way to the cross.

D. A. Carson

The Welcome *(Please sign, pass, and return the blue Friendship Register)*

The Call to Worship

Anna Schale

We gather here this morning to exalt the living God – for the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, **and all your faithful shall bless you.** *(Psalm 145:8-9)*

I shall praise the Lord as long as I live; **I will sing praises to my God all my life long!**

We have reason to praise Him – so let’s stand in honor, sing our adoration: **and let us worship God!**

◆ **The Hymn 464** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Dr. Warren Muller

The Old Testament Reading Leviticus 19:9-18 Jonathan Hendricks

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, it’s clear that you take ethics seriously and expect your people to do the same. It’s clear that the vulnerable and the hurting, the broken and the lonely, matter to you, and should matter to those who carry your name. Forgive us for getting so caught up with ourselves, our own interests and concerns, that we forget those in great need living right around us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive our sin, soften our hearts, awaken our conscience, and hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

The Solo Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee Samuel Sebastian Wesley
Hope Bradford, soloist

Jesu, the very thought of Thee, with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind! O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.

The Good News

Jesus is the hope of every contrite heart; It is He who says to the broken sinner: Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more. Jesus comes near to do what He alone can do: to give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 9:30

Bible Walk <i>(All ages)</i>	Not meeting again until the Fall	E101
Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Meeting with the Front Porch Class</i>	BC Recpt.
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>		E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	<i>Mere Christianity</i> , Class led	West Parlor
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Book of James</i> , Class led	E200
Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Why Do We Have to Talk about 1921?</i> , Michelle Place (Tulsa Historical Society)	BC Recpt.
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	Not meeting again until the Fall.	E202
Mariners <i>(Seniors)</i>	<i>Jesus in Conflict with Religious Leaders</i> , Susan Lawrence	E104
The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i>	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor’s Study	<i>The Essays of C. S. Lewis</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Miller Library
Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Christian Art History</i> , Pat Dickey	E103
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Theology of the Holy Spirit</i> , Dr. Mark Hall	E203
Sojourners <i>(All ages)</i>		E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Book of Matthew</i> , Kirt Bankston	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Essential 100 Bible Study</i> , Class led	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20s & 30s)</i>	<i>Bible Study</i> , Class led	Prayer Room

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 8/05/18 **Worship Services:** 8:00 a.m. in Kerr Chapel; 8:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall; 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall, and the Great Hall, BC.
Reception for Kathleen and Dr. Warren Muller following 11:00 worship in Atrium and Stephenson Hall.
FPC Family Swim Time. 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Camp Loughridge.
Pathfinder and Exodus Swim Party and Cook-out. *(more information in Updates)*

Tuesday 8/07/18 **Tuesday Morning Men’s Fellowship Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. E313.
Precept Bible Study will resume on September 4 with a study of *1 Timothy – The Church, the Pillar, and the Support of the Truth.*

Wednesday 8/8/18 **Men’s Bible Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Room E101.
Marys and Marthas Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Room E101.
Pastor’s Study. 11:30 a.m. Room E104. This will be the final class for Dr. Miller’s discussions on the Essays of C. S. Lewis. *(Please make your lunch reservations online by 5:00 p.m. on Monday of each week.)*
Yoga Class. Noon. 1st Floor Reception, BC. Open to all.

Thursday 8/09/18 **Global Leadership Summit.** 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Great Hall and Stephenson Hall.

Friday 8/10/18 **Global Leadership Summit.** 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Great Hall and Stephenson Hall.

Saturday 8/11/18 **Before the Rooster Crows.** 8:45 a.m. Room E103.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:	
August 12	Helping Hand Ministry Open House. 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
August 15	Faith and Physics with Professor Jerry McCoy. 7:00 p.m.
August 29	Good News from the Front: Rev. Boutros: How Christ is at work in Damascus. 7:00 p.m. Stephenson Hall – Desserts following.
September 9	Breakfast on Boston. 9:30 a.m.
September 12	Awana, K-Groups, and Financial Peace begin.
September 13	LeaderTalks. 11:00 a.m. Stephenson Hall. Lunch \$8.
September 28	Helping Hand Golf Tournament. LaFortune Park.

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Welcome to the First Church community! Since 1885, as the first church established in Tulsa, we have sought to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. If you do not have a church home, we’d love to welcome you into this congregation. For information, contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or pball@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Today, we bid a fond farewell to Dr. Warren and Kathleen Muller as they embark on their next adventure - a new home near family in Lawrence, Kansas! Join us for refreshments in Miller Atrium and a special gathering in Stephenson Hall following 11:00 worship.

First Family Summer Swim. Have fun at the pool with your church family at the Camp Loughridge Aquatics Center every Sunday, (through August 26) from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Jan Miller: Parents and children alike, gather in the new Nursery on Sunday, August 19, following 11:00 worship for a very special recognition, as Jan retires from her role as Director of Children’s Ministries at First Church.

Emerson Sunday and our 3rd Annual Ping-Pong Tournament will be held on Sunday, August 26. Start practicing your ping-pong and plan to join the fun at the hotdog cookout and learn about the FPC mentoring program with Emerson Elementary. Registration for the ping-pong tournament will begin on August 12 through the day of the event.

TIF Women are hosting a team building event for all FPC and TIF women on Saturday, September 22, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. It will include both high ropes and low ropes activities. Bring a snack and a sack lunch and let’s build each other as we build our faith together. The \$25 registration deadline is August 31. There will be no childcare.

Cancer List. The Guild of Intercessors prays every day for all of the names on its confidential Cancer List. If you have a loved one you’d like to add to the list, please contact Monte Prater (918-446-6418; montep Slater@aol.com) or Paula Peterson (918-296-5548; mandppeterson@msn.com).

Volunteers are still needed to serve in a variety of capacities during this year’s Global Leadership Summit on August 9-10. Contact Elaine Horkey for details (918-301-1037).

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE

For questions or to make a reservation for any of the following events, please contact Kenna Hill (918-301-1008 or kbill@firstchurchtulsa.org).

High Five Events: August 14: River Country Water Park. More details on the FPC website.

Pathfinders and Exodus: Join us today for a back to school swim party and cookout at the Aquatic Center at Camp Loughridge, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. This evening is for all Pathfinders and Exodus students and their families. Each family is asked to bring a side dish or dessert and we will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Pathfinders will have their informational meeting for parents from 5:00 - 6:00. We will have dinner from 6:00 to 7:00 and then Exodus will have their informational meeting for parents from 7:00 - 8:00. RSVP on the FPC website.

Confirmation. On Sunday, August 26, at 12:15 p.m. in the Powerhouse, we will have our orientation meeting for 9th grade parents and students to give an overview of Confirmation; answer any questions you may have; and give you an opportunity to register. Registration is open on the FPC website now.

The Summer Choir welcomes you! You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. The only time requirement is a brief rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. If you’ve always wanted to give it a try, here’s your opportunity - please join us!

a heart to love. Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness – for all who call upon Him! **Alleluia!**
AMEN!

◆ **The Response**

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let your goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: prone to wander – Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the Lord I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your courts above.

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed *(hymnal, p. 14)*

The Time with the Young Disciples The Bucket of Blessings

Children in K - 2nd grade are excused to attend K2 Quest.

The Hymn Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Hear us, Jesus, as we sing, praise to you as Lord and King; You have blessed us from above, with your joy, your peace, your love. Yes, Lord, we love you! Yes, Lord, we love you! Jesus, we love you, because you've loved us so!

The Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37

The Sermon "Questioning" Evangelism

Dr. Jim Miller

Jesus answered with a question... (Luke 10)

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory I Will Arise and Go To Jesus

Donald Moore

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms; in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh there are ten thousand charms. Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power. Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

With Gratitude to Dr. Warren and Kathleen Muller

The Prayers of the People

◆ **The Lord's Prayer** *(sung by the congregation)*

◆ **The Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

◆ *Please stand*

Exciting News: 8:10 Mission Endowment Campaign

Thanks to all who have contributed to our 8:10 Mission Endowment Campaign. We are just \$981,404 away from finishing this project: paying off the 8:10 building, burning the mortgage, – and enabling the revenue generated to be freed up for service to the common good in Metro Tulsa. Each dollar given is being matched two to one by the Charlie and Peggy Stephenson family. We're very close – will you help get us to the finish line?

As the great apostle puts it: "Consider this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion – for God loves a cheerful giver!" II Corinthians 9:7

THE PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Pat Brown, Glen Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Marilyn Bush, Eleanor Carmack, Diane Cherry, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Judy Doyle, Fred Droege, Carol Dunning, Fred Fulkerson, Ellen Fuller, Eugene Gilbert, Ken Graeler, Mary Hight, Margaret Hiserodt, June Holmes, Nathan Homan, Dick Horkey, Meg Hubler, Eunice Jamison, Ralph Kitch, Robert Kramer, Joyce Kunkel, Jimmie Mathews, George Matson, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Patti Parker, Kim Pedersen, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Bill Southmayd, Sherry Spurrier, Cissy Ssetimba, Elaine Stook, Dan Thomas, Bill Thompson, Laura Vickery, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, Jack Williams, Jean Williams, Janetta Williamson, Ruth Wilson, and Richard Wright.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Dorothy Levick a member since 1985, died on July 24.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: The Surface family, on the death of Mary's mother, Velma White.

Letters of Well Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Warren and Kathleen Muller and Anna Schale.

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WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John Campbell by Linda Campbell.

Do you (or someone you know) need prayer? Please complete a prayer request card from the Sanctuary pew or the Friendship Register. Place the card in the offering plate, the prayer request plaque on the Narthex wall, or in the prayer request box at the Welcome Center in the Miller Atrium. Pastors and members of the Guild of Intercessors will pray over your request. All prayer requests will be treated in a confidential manner.

Allergen-free communion wafers (wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn free) are available from ushers.

You may give your weekly offering to the Lord electronically at www.firstchurchtulsa.org or text 405-276-4141.

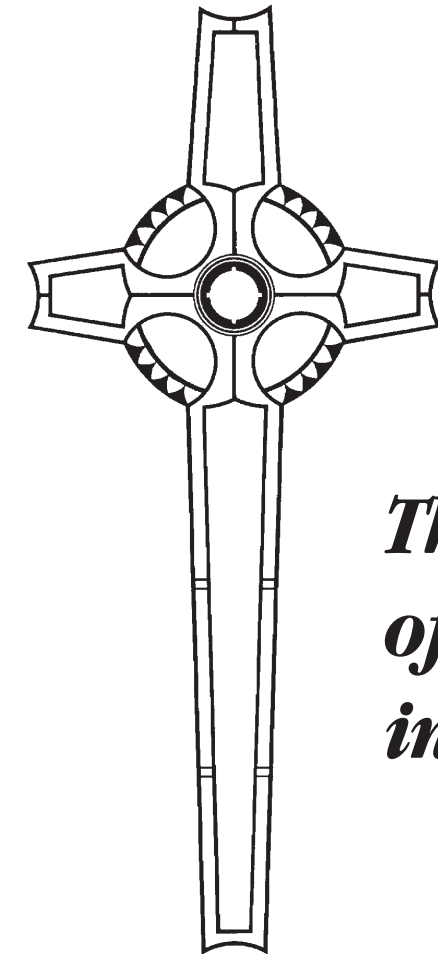
THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS

James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor* Ryan V. Moore, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor*
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of God
in Worship*

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

AUGUST 5, 2018

**11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
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