

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

Paul is not reluctant to talk about what disciples of Jesus *know*. We do not always understand what God is doing, let alone welcome it. Nor are we told that He is at work for our comfort. But we *know* that in all things God is working towards our supreme common good.

The Welcome

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

The Prayer of Thanksgiving for Mothers

The Call to Worship

◆ **The Hymn 555** Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Acolytes: Sophia Jacobson, Ilya Morrison, Regan Franzen, and Lucy Donohue

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Thanksgiving** Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 29:10-14

The Anthems Down in My Heart
Worship 101 Singers, Pre K - K, Gretchen Bashforth, director
Doris Herald, pianist
Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord Jody W. Lindh
Worship 101 Singers, 1st - 4th Grades, Caroly Tipton, director

The Blessing of the Young Disciples

The Solo A Mother's Prayer Keith and Kristyn Getty
Emily Manring, soloist

Before you close your eyes to sleep, I have a promise still to keep as I hold you in my arms. I pray your little frame grows strong, and that faith takes hold while you are young. This is my prayer for you. *Hold my hand; I'll teach you the way to go. Through the joys, through the tears, the journey of these years, may you trust Him 'til the end.*

You'll travel where my arms won't reach, as the road will rise to lead your feet on a journey of your own. May my mistakes not hinder you, but His grace remain and guide you through; this is my prayer for you. *Take His hand, and go where He calls you to; and whatever comes, seek Him with all your heart. This will be my prayer for you.*

Father, hear my ceaseless prayer; O keep them in Your care.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Clerk Robbie Burke and Elder Shannon Bair

Caroline René Blankenship, daughter of Cary and Will Blankenship

Lake Elliott Sanders, son of Jenny and Brian Sanders

Chloe Rose Wilson, daughter of Courtney and Rich Wilson

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>	Bible Study, Class led	E101
Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Believe</i> , Class led	E102
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>The Story of Christianity</i> , Class led	E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	Serving Sunday	Childrens' Wing
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i> , Class Led	E200
Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Imagining God</i> , led by Rev. Kate Hogue	E205
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Romans</i> , Jean and Bruce Lemmon	E202
The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i>	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor's Study	<i>The Purpose-Driven Life</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Miller Library
Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Hymnology</i> , Ron Pearson	E103
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Mark for Everyone</i> - 7, Marianne Evans-Lombe	E203
Sojourners <i>(All Ages)</i>	<i>Psalms</i> , Roxie Sullivan	E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Romans</i> , Class led	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>What God Most Wants Us to Do</i> , Dr. Mark Hall	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20's & 30's)</i>	<i>Romans</i> , Justin Pickard	316 Pastor's Study

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 5/12/19
Worship Services 8:00 a.m., Kerr Chapel; 8:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall; 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall, Great Hall - Bernsen

Monday 5/13/19
Moms on Mondays 9:30 a.m., Room E101
Monday School 12:00 p.m., Kirkland Library
Overtone Bells rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Room 309

Tuesday 5/14/19
Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study 7:00 a.m., 313 Conference Room
Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Room E100

Wednesday 5/15/19
Marys and Marthas Bible Study 10:00 a.m., Room E101
Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Room E104
WNTD Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall,
Gloria Women's Choir rehearsal 5:30 p.m., Room 308
Dementia Friendly Tulsa, 6:00 p.m., Miller Library
Chancel Choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Friday 5/17/19
Camp Loughridge 100 Year Celebration 6:30 p.m., at Camp Loughridge

Saturday 5/18/19
Before the Rooster Crows 8:45 a.m., Room E103

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

May 17	Camp Loughridge Celebration
June 3 -7	VBS
June 16 - 22	Exodus Mission Trip
June 23 - 29	Pathfinders Mission Trip

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

We welcome you to First Church this morning, praying that you will sense the presence of Christ here –and the warmth and welcome of this congregation!

The 8:10 Mission Effort: ever closer to the goal! We're grateful for every person whose gift has moved us closer to the finish line. We're now just \$158,000 away from enabling the 8:10 building to serve the common good in Jesus' name. Remember: every dollar generated from the tenant revenue (about \$85,000/month) will be invested in metro Tulsa mission and ministry. We'd love to have every FPC member on the list of those who have given to this project. Why not join the effort this week!

Wednesday Night Downtown classes offered through May are: *Bible Art Journaling* with Mary Lee Weaver, room E100, and Seekers: Studying Romans with Rev. Wambugu in room E103, Dementia Friendly Tulsa (see below). For more information, please contact Courtney Miller at cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1019.

This Wednesday: please join us for the Deacon-sponsored Dementia Friendly Tulsa special event at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. *Dementia Friendly Tulsa* is an initiative launched by Mayor G.T. Bynum in 2017. This presentation will reveal ways to recognize signs of Alzheimer's and dementia, and ways to improve communication and reduce risks of some dementias. If you're joining us for dinner, please contact bcarter@firstchurchtulsa.org. or call 918-301-1029.

The FPC Foundation provides ongoing support for the church and its ministries. Planting seeds in perpetuity for future generations is the essence of stewardship and enlightened giving. Learn more about the gift that grows forever at firstpresbyterianfoundation.org or contact Elaine Horkey, Director of Planned Giving Ministries (ehorkey@firstchurchtulsa.org. or 918-301-1037.)

Vacation Bible School, Together We Grow: God's World Our Hands, June 3 through 7 at Camp Loughridge. Join us for a week filled with God's word, friendship, and fun for children starting kindergarten through fifth grade. Space is limited in VBX (the older children), so register today! You can register at the VBS table in the atrium.

Precepts, Understanding Spiritual Gifts, takes you straight to God's word to discover answers from the Gift-giver Himself. Join us beginning on Tuesdays in June at 10:00 a.m. in E100. Denise Rounds leads the discussion.

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE

For questions or to make a reservation for any of the following events, please contact Kiona Tyler (918-301-1008 or kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org) or visit our FPC website.

Pathfinders will be going on a mission trip to Dallas, TX from June 23 - June 29. We will be returning to Voice of Hope, reconnecting with old friends and making new ones while serving. Voice of Hope is an after school program (during the school year) and day camp (in the summer) for kids in west Dallas. This year there is a firm registration deadline of June 6.

TINA is Pathfinder's Summer Wednesday night program which meets from July 10 - August 7. We still need host homes for July 10, July 17, and August 7. If you are able to host, please contact Jackson Seibert at jseibert@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-640-5036.

Exodus Summer Mission Trip is June 16 - 22, will be going to Memphis to serve with Street Reach Ministries. We will be leading a Bible Camp in an urban neighborhood and many other ministries. The registration deadline is June 3.

Exodus Night, our High School students weekly summer gatherings, will meet on Tuesdays, June 25 - August 13, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will meet in various homes in the area for fellowship, snacks, and discussion. If you are interested in hosting an Exodus Night, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Youth Ministries, at 918-301-1007 or swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

CAMP LOUGHRIDGE 100 YEAR CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating 100 years of camp experiences this Friday, May 17, 2019 from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Temple Conference Center at Camp Loughridge. There will be a BBQ dinner and guest appearance by Rev. Robert Loughridge. RSVP by at <https://camplooughridge.org/donate> by May 13. (This is an event for 21 years old and over.)

◆ **The Response** Be Thou My Vision SLANE
 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; I Thy true son; thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

The New Testament Reading Romans 8:1-4, 18-25, 28-39

The Anthem Joy in the Morning Natalie Sleeth
During the response, children in K - 2nd grade are excused to attend K2 Quest.

Joy! There'll be joy, joy, joy! There'll be joy! There'll be joy in the morning. There'll be joy in the morning on that day, with the light of dawn, the dark is gone, there'll be joy.

There'll be peace and contentment evermore, every heart and voice will then rejoice, there'll be peace evermore. And the glory, glory, glory of the Lord will shine (above us!), and the glory of the Lord will bring the truth divine.

There'll be love and forgiveness everywhere, and the way of the Lord will that day be restored, there'll be love, sweet love everywhere!

There'll be joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy –there'll be joy in the morning, there'll be joy on that day, for the daylight will dawn when the darkness is gone, with the bright dawn, there'll be joy in the morning on that day!

The Sermon Eastertide: High-Octane Hope! Dr. Jim Miller
And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

The Offertory If God Is For Us Allen Pote
 If God is for us who can be against us? Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation or despair, persecution, hunger, or poverty, will danger or will death? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life nor angels, nor rulers nor things present nor things to come nor powers, depth, nor height, no, nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord!
Romans 8:31-39

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Closing Hymn** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN TO JOY
 Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, singing bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.
 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest. Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest. Thou our Father, Christ our

Brother, all who live in love are Thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.
 Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife, joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Let Heaven and Earth Rejoice J. S. Bach
- ◆ *Please stand*

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Alao Aruna, Jane Azlin, Vanessa Batchelor, Nancy Burns, Diane Cherry, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Fred Droege, Bill Dunning, Carol Dunning, Allan Edwards, Vivienne Edwards, Bill Farris, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Eugene Gilbert, Loise Gitau, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Nathan Homan, Dick Horkey, Meg Hubler, Larry Don Johnson, Ralph Kitch, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Amy Lesh, Kathy Marshall, Jimmie Mathews, Jo Matthews, George Matson, Ann McKellar, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Patti Parker, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Ellen Ryan, Jerry Sisler, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssetimba, Barbara Thomas, Bill Thompson, Chris Traband, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, Jack Williams, Ruth Wilson, and Joe Woolslayer.

Letters of Well-Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Ruthie Huffman and Ron Pearson.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy H. Layman and in honor of Gregg Layman's 94th birthday, given by Susan Layman and Peggy Layman Welch.

One of the great gifts of the church is the privilege of upholding one another in our prayers. You're invited to complete a prayer card from your pew, and place your request in the offering plate. Pastors and members of the Guild of Intercessors will pray over your concern. All prayer requests are treated in a confidential manner.


For those who need assistance in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

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


First Church telecasts are: Sunday 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. on Cox 3 and Channel 1003 (HD). Also now available on the church website, www.firstchurchtulsa.org on the "Digital Media" tab.

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS

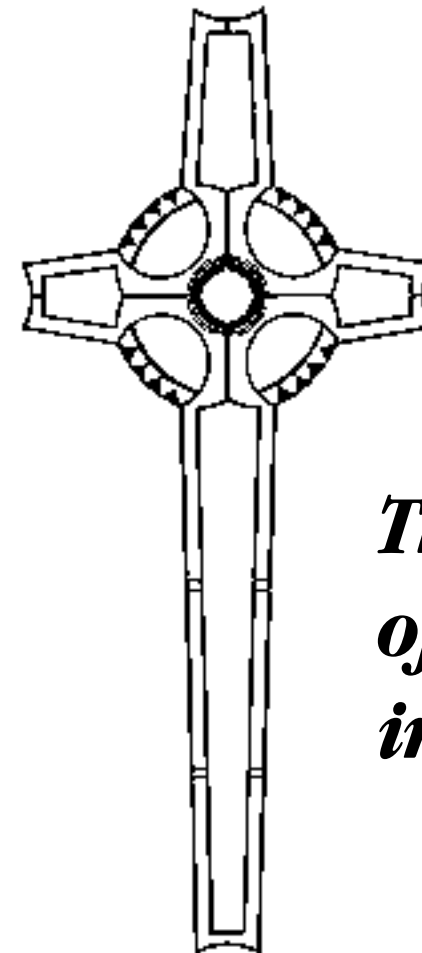
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 Inwardly Strong
 and
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**MAY 12, 2019
 11:00 AM
 SANCTUARY**

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