

Baptism of the Lord

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

It may be possible for each to think too much of his own potential glory hereafter; it is hardly possible for him to think too often or too deeply about that of his neighbour. The load, or weight, or burden of my neighbour's glory should be laid on my back, a load so heavy that only humility can carry it, and the backs of the proud will be broken... There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal.
C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

The Welcome

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

The Introit

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

Nancy Walters

Cassia Carr, soloist

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell! For I know what-e'er befell me, Jesus doeth all things well. All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread, gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread; though my weary steps may falter, and my soul a-thirst may be, gushing from the Rock before me, Lo! A spring of joy I see. All the way my Savior leads me, O the fullness of his love! Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above. When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day, this my song through endless ages: Jesus leads me all the way.

The Call to Worship

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

What is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,

How majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us stand in honor!

And let us worship God!

- ◆ **The Hymn 467** How Great Thou Art O STORE GUD
Acolytes: Rachel Atwood, Will Scheiper and Claire Winton

- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

The First Reading

Colossians 1:15-23

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

Bible Walk (All ages)	<i>Do Not Be Afraid</i> , Duff Points	E101
Cornerstone (All ages)	<i>Who is This Man?</i>	E102
Covenanters (Couples w/children)	<i>The Life on the Vine</i>	E201
Faith and Family (Parents)	<i>Read the Bible in 180 Days</i>	204
Forum (All ages)	<i>Simon Peter, Flawed but Faithful Disciple</i>	E200
Front Porch Team (All ages)	<i>The Early Church</i> , Dr. David Kern	E201
Harbingers (Singles/couples)	<i>John Ortberg's series "Soul Keeping"</i> , Kitty Frame	E202
The Niche 2.0 (Special needs)	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor's Study	<i>The Reason for the Hope</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Miller Library
Reflections (All ages)	<i>Bonhoeffer - Video Series</i>	E103
Shepherds (Singles/couples)	<i>Difficult Passages of the Old Testament</i> , Dr. Mark Hall	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Isaiah</i> , Roxie Sullivan	E204
The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>Colossians</i>	E100
The Upper Room	<i>Galatians</i> , Rev. Daniel Hutchinson	E313
Westminster (All ages)	<i>Bible Study</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults (20's & 30's)	<i>Love Thy Neighborhood</i>	Pastor's Study

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 1/12/20

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 1/13/20

Little Lambs 10:00 a.m., Wiseman Hall

January Series *The Coddling of the American Mind* 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall

Overtones Rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Bell Choir Room

Tuesday 1/14/20

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study 6:45 a.m., Room E313

Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Room E100

January Series *Weapons of Math Destruction* 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall

Wednesday 1/15/20

Mary and Martha's 10:00 a.m., E101

Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., E104

January Series *Our Towns: A 100,000 Mile Journey into the Heart of America* 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall

Downtown Theological Roundtable 11:30 a.m., Room 206

Book Club 12:00 p.m., E101

Wednesday Night Downtown

WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall

Gloria Choir 5:30 p.m., Room 308

Awana, POW, Life Groups and Confirmation 6:00 p.m., various locations

WNDT Classes 6:15 p.m., E101, E103, E104

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 1/16/20

Esther Circle, 10:30 a.m.

January Series *The 5 Browns in Concert* 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall

Soup Group, 12:30 p.m., Miller Library

Friday 1/17/20

January Series *When Caesar Demands to be God: Religious Freedom in China* 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall

Saturday 1/18/20

Before the Rooster Crows 8:45 a.m., Room E103

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

January 19	Ordination and Installation of new Elders
January 19	The Annual Chili Cook-Off
January 24-25	Leadership Retreat

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

The Lord is here and is calling for you (John 11:28)! We're glad to welcome you into this house of prayer this morning. May the presence of Christ and the warmth of this community embrace you and draw each of us close to the master!

Thanks for your faithful giving to the mission of Christ here at First Church! If you haven't yet determined your estimated gift for the year ahead, please fill out the stewardship card (online) or call the church office at 918-301-1033. The Session meets January 28, and will be hard at work crafting and approving the FPC 2020 budget. Your faithful support is vital.

We celebrate today with Dr. Ryan Moore on his installation as Pastor and Head-of-Staff at The First Presbyterian Church of Nashville. Dr. Miller is preaching in this installation service. Please add your name to the letter of well-wishing available at the doors of worship.

We thank God for the ministry of Elaine Horkey who has served for the past ten years as the Director of Development working closely with the First Church Board of Trustees. We celebrate her faithfulness throughout this decade of service. Elaine is officially retired as of this month, but she will remain "on-call" in this interim time.

Read-the-Bible-through-in-a-Year! For those who love to check off the boxes, see the 5-Day a week plan at the receptionist desk in the Miller Atrium. Check out the BlueLetter Bible App for a number of online Read-the-Bible-Through plans or speak with Denise Rounds and consider her suggestions from Walk-Through-the-Bible.

Online resources for Faith and Life: Check out *Challies.com* (Tim Challies is a Canadian theologian, author, pastor. His reviews of newly published materials are one of his best gifts).

The January Series: Join us for one or more of fifteen live-streamed lectures on big ideas and hot topics from Calvin University, weekdays, beginning this Wednesday, January 8, through January 28. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. RSVP at firstchurchtulsa.org/januaryseries2020 or by calling 918-301-1039. Free admission, with an optional lunch for \$6 starting at 11:15 a.m.

Every other year First Church sends our high school students on a ten-day tour of the Holy Land, believing that it awakens a sense of God's mighty acts in real time. The students meet every Sunday, focusing on the day-by-day itinerary. They ask three questions of each location we visit: (1) Where are we? (2) What happened here? (3) What difference does it make? We are grateful for the support of the congregation in encouraging this endeavor.

Presbyterian Women's January Mission Project is Emerson School. We are collecting Kleenex, pencils, crayons, erasers, copy paper, white construction paper and disinfectant wipes. You can make your donation at the Mission Container in the Atrium every Sunday in January. Thank you for helping the teachers and students at Emerson finish the year strong!

Children's Ministry is looking for a stroller, baby monitors, and night lights. Please contact Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 for more details.

Inquirers' Class will be held Sunday mornings in February, beginning Feb. 2: 9:15-10:40 a.m. in Room 206 across from the Miller Library. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about what we believe, join others on this journey and meet our pastors. For more information or to sign up please contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org or go to firstchurchtulsa.org/inquirers.

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE

For more information or questions about any of the following events, please contact Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org or visit our FPC website.

Internship Opportunity – Are you a college student who loves God and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. For more information, contact Steve Wilson at swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org or go to <https://firstchurchtulsa.org/students/internships> to download an application.

Children's Volunteers, thank you! It is because of incredible people like you that we can offer Awana and Sunday School, and other fun events. Thank you for helping us grow! Please come to the Children's wing to receive a special plant just for you. It is our hope that this little plant will remind you of all of the seeds you are planting at FPC Tulsa. We can't wait to see what this next year brings!

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Estes

Most merciful and gracious God, You created us in Your image and have reconciled us to Yourself through the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross. You have called us out of death to life and out of darkness into Your glorious light. And yet we confess that we have not lived the holy and blameless lives that You desire. We have not remained steadfast in obedience to You. We have followed too much the desires and devices of our own hearts. We have wandered from you like lost sheep. We have doubted Your goodness and denied Your love. Lord, we confess our sin and turn back to You. Forgive us and heal us by the power of Your Spirit. Hear now the prayers that we offer to You... *(In silence)*

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for all those who call upon Him!
Alleluia! Amen!

◆ The Response of Gratitude O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ear, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free; Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

◆ 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 Time with the Young Disciples

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

◆ The Response 267 All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

The Second Reading Genesis 1:26-31

The Sermon Creation in God's Image Rev. Daniel Hutchinson

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:27)

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fetteke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man, that You are mindful of him? You have given man a crown of glory and honor, and have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea. But what is man that you are mindful of him? O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name transcends the earth and fill the heavens. O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we.
Alleluia! *Psalm 8*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ The Closing Hymn 379 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK

◆ The Charge and Benediction

◆ The Postlude In Thee is Gladness J. S. Bach ◆ Please stand

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Bob Balch, Walter Berg, Kitty Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Diane Cherry, Karen Cluck, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Fred Droege, Bill Dunning, Allan Edwards, Vivienne Edwards, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Luke Fravel, Eugene Gilbert, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Nathan Homan, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Larry Don Johnson, Maggie Jones, Charla Kitch, Ralph Kitch, Jan Keene, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Amy Lesh, Dottie MacMillan, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jimmie Mathews, Jo Matthews, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, Jerry Nixon, David Osterholt, Patti Parker, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, David Perkins, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Katherine Reid, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Jacob Rodehaver, Mary Ruddle, Amy Russell, Ellen Ryan, Ann D. Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Bill Thompson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, and Jack Williams.

Letters of Well-Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letter goes to Dr. Ryan Moore and Diane Cherry.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of our parents; George H. Coe, Nancy G. Coe and Paul C. Long and in honor of Curt's mom, Anna J. Long, by Curt and Janie Long.

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.

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS

James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Pastor* Daniel Hutchinson, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*
James Estes, M.Div., *Associate Pastor* Wambugu Gachungi, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*



The People of God in Worship

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

JANUARY 12, 2020

**11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
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