

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

Christianity is unique. The world’s religions have certain traits in common, but until the gospel of Jesus Christ burst upon the Mediterranean world, no one in the history of human imagination had conceived of such a thing as the worship of a crucified man... Too often, today’s Christians are lulled into thinking of their own faith as one of the religions, without realizing that the central claim of Christianity is oddly irreligious at its core. Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion*

The Welcome

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

The Introit Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Dale Wood

Judith Land, soloist

Beneath the cross of Jesus I long to take my stand; the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within a wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and burdens of the day. Upon the cross of Jesus, my eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me. And from my contrite heart, with tears, two wonders I confess: the wonder of his glorious love and my unworthiness. I take, O cross, your shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all, the cross.

The Call to Worship

O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,

We worship you.

O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,

We worship you.

For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

- ◆ **The Hymn of Praise 151** Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

Acolytes: Claire Winton, Alex Harper, and Rupert Winton

- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Nicole Pugh

The First Reading Isaiah 52:13-53:7

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that you love us, so we confess that we have let you down. Every day we betray you, deny you, misunderstand you, and crucify you. We betray you when we are selfish or unkind. We deny you when we do not speak out for justice and truth. We misunderstand you when we justify our actions by misquoting your teachings. We are truly sorry, and we wait for your word of love and pardon, through Christ Jesus, our Lord... *(silent prayer)* ...Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

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| Bible Walk <i>(All ages)</i> | <i>Revelations</i> , Class led | E101 |
| Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i> | <i>Believe</i> , Class led | E102 |
| Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i> | Rev. James Estes teaching | E201 |
| Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i> | <i>Children and Materialism</i> , Class led | West Parlor |
| Forum <i>(All ages)</i> | <i>The Call, the Life and Message of the Apostle Paul</i> , Class Led | E200 |
| Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i> | <i>Exploring the Old Testament</i> , Dr. David Kern | BC Recpt |
| Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i> | <i>Godspeed</i> , Class led | E202 |
| Mariners <i>(Seniors)</i> | <i>C.S. Lewis on Prayer</i> , Kay Ward | E104 |
| The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i> | <i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement | Kirkland Library |
| Pastor’s Study | <i>C. S. Lewis Essays</i> , Dr. Jim Miller | Miller Library |
| Reflections <i>(All ages)</i> | <i>Pastoral Epistles</i> , Class led | E103 |
| Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i> | <i>Mark for Everyone</i> , Steve Caldwell | E203 |
| Sojourners <i>(All ages)</i> | <i>Attributes of Jesus</i> , Susan Lawrence | E204 |
| The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i> | <i>Godspeed</i> , Class led | E100 |
| Westminster <i>(All ages)</i> | <i>Godspeed</i> , Class led | Tower Room |
| Young Adults <i>(20s & 30s)</i> | <i>Soul Keeping</i> by John Ortberg, Class led | Prayer Room |

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 11/11/18 **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. **Alpha.** 5:00 p.m. Powerhouse.

Monday 11/12/18 **Monday School.** Lunch 11:30 a.m. Study: noon. Kirkland Library.

Tuesday 11/13/18 **Tuesday Morning Men’s Fellowship Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. E313. **Precept Bible Study.** 9:30 a.m. Room E100. A study of *1 Timothy - The Church, the Pillar and Support of the Truth.* **Mission Committee Meeting** at 5:30 p.m. E101

Wednesday 11/14/18 **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. *(Please make your reservations online)* **Yoga Class.** Noon. 1st Floor Reception, BC. Open to all. **AWANA, WNDT, Financial Peace University, Confirmation.** 6:00 p.m. Various locations. Check at Welcome Desk. **AWANA, WNDT, Confirmation.** 6:00 p.m., Various locations. **Gloria Choir** rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., room 308 **Atrium Art Artist Talk**, Whitney Forsyth, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Miller Library **Chancel Choir Rehearsal.** 6:30 p.m. Choir Room. **Atrium Art Exhibit, Reveal – Artist Talk**, Whitney Forsyth

Thursday 11/15/18 **Hearts for the Lord Bible Study**, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. KRC. This Bible study is for Christian women of all ages and denominations. Bring your friends! **PW Project Day.** 9:30 a.m. Room 400 **LeaderTalks** at 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall **PW Soup Group** at 12:00 p.m, **Ester Circle, Inverness Circle** at 10:30 a.m.

Friday 11/16/18 No events

Saturday 11/17/18 **Before the Rooster Crows.** 8:45 a.m. Room E103.

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| MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS: | |
| November 16 | Annual Queens Gala at 6:00 p.m., Mayo Hotel Grand Lobby |
| November 18 | 45th Annual organ concert by Ron Pearson |
| November 18 | FPC Blood Drive at 8:00 a.m.-2:00p.m. (not open during 11:00 a.m. Worship Hour), Bernsen Center Gym |
| November 19 | All-City Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church, Tulsa |
| November 22 | FPC Thanksgiving Day Worship Service and Luncheon. |
| December 1, 2 | Wiseman Forum - Dr. Jerry Root |
| December 2 | 1st Sunday in Advent. Communion: all services and in homes as requested. |

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Thanks for adding to the joy of worship in this Commitment season. If you’re visiting First Church today, we hope you’ll sense the presence of Christ among us here, and catch our desire to take God’s “Covenantal Love” seriously. We believe the Lord makes a daring promise to His people (a covenant!), including an invitation to collaborate with what He’s doing in the world. First Church members are encouraged to be intentional in our giving of treasure, time, and talent.

The 8:10 Mission Endowment Campaign continues! We’re approximately \$675,000 away from “burning the mortgage” and enabling the revenue generated from the 8:10 building to be released for mission and ministry in metro Tulsa. Every dollar you give is doubled, thanks to a matching gift from the Stephenson Family Foundation. We pray for every member to support this mission effort!

Emerson scarves! Do you knit, crochet, sew? We have approximately 30 sixth graders who will so appreciate a hand-crafted scarf created by you or someone you know who would enjoy creating a scarf. The information about this ministry is available at the Atrium desk. Please bring your scarf to the Atrium desk on the first Sunday in December. Your time and effort will bring warmth and show the love of Jesus Christ to one of our Emerson sixth graders!

Join us for LeaderTalks on Thursday, November 15, at 11:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall as Seattle Pacific University Provost Dr. Jeff Van Duzer presents “Why Business Matters to God.” Register online for lunch by Monday, Nov. 12 or contact Angela Gwinner at (918) 301-1039 for more information.

Mark the Date! C.S. Lewis Weekend: Dec.1-2. Speaker: Dr. Jerry Root, Professor of Evangelism at Wheaton College, and a highly regarded expert on CS Lewis. Dr. Root speaks on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday, he leads the 9:30 Pastor’s class and preaches at 8:00 and 11:00. Invite your friends!

Citywide Thanksgiving Worship: Come together on Monday, November 19, for community worship and thanksgiving with the pastors of Asbury United Methodist, First United Methodist, First Presbyterian and First Baptist being held at First Baptist Worship Center, 403 S. Cincinnati Ave. from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Gift Back Mission Market 2018: Our hope for you and your family this Christmas season is that you would find “gifts” on the mission list that will bless someone in need and encourage your loved ones as well. For each item you select, you will receive a card indicating that you have given a contribution to the specified organization in honor of your friend or loved one. Visit the Gift Back table on Sunday, November 25 through Sunday, December 16.

In the Footsteps of Jesus: First Church in the Holy Land: September 5-19, 2019. Dr. Miller leads this two-week pilgrimage. Please call Dionna to sign up for a Q&A session to be held Sunday, December 9, at 12:30 p.m., in room E-104.

Guild of Intercessors will distribute the Veteran Days Armed Forces prayer list today. Please take a list home and prayer for the active service members.

First Women’s Christmas Luncheon: The First Ladies Council is sponsoring a special holiday luncheon, Sunday, December 9 at 12:15 p.m. in the Miller Library. For reservations, contact Angela Gwinner at (918) 301-1039 or agwinner@firstchurchtulsa.org or sign up online at firstchurchtulsa.org

First Women’s Christmas Luncheon: The First Ladies Council is sponsoring a special holiday luncheon, Setting the Christmas Table on Sunday, December 9 at 12:15 p.m. in the Miller Library. Come join us for an afternoon of holiday décor, lunch, fun and fellowship. Please invite your friends! Cost is \$5 per person and there is no cost to widows. For reservations, contact Angela Gwinner at (918) 301-1039 or agwinner@firstchurchtulsa.org or sign up online at firstchurchtulsa.org

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| First Church welcomes these new members : | |
| <i>Affiliation</i> Elena Anthis | |
| <i>Letter of Transfer</i> Haley Carter, LaDawn & Jay McAllister, Anne Nunnelee | |
| <i>Reaffirmation of Faith</i> Anointing Agbiji, Shalom Agbiji, Ed Anthis, Caleb Fuller, Loretta & Sadik Gassid, Debbie Todd, Esther & John Harper, Marcia & Larry Tromp | |

◆ **The Response** Power of the Cross Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. *This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath: we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love. *This, the power of the cross: Son of God, slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.*

◆ **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 Blessing of the Young Disciples

The Sacrament of Baptism

Madeleine Morgan (4) and Eleanor Rose Schuster (2), daughters of Todd and Lindsey Schuster, Todd Frederick Schuster, husband to Lindsey, and father of Eleanor and Madeleine

The Hymn of Preparation The Old Rugged Cross

During the response children in K – 2nd grade are now excused to attend K2 Quest

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain*

The Second Reading Luke 23:33-43

The Sermon King's Cross Dr. Ryan V. Moore

And Jesus said, Father, forgive them... Luke 23:34

The Prayer of Dedicaton

The Offertory Without His Cross Joseph Martin

Without His tears there is no comfort; without His death there is no life. Without His blood there is no pardon; without His cross there is no crown. Without His shame there is no glory; without His grief there is no joy. Without His stripes there is no healing; without His cross there is no crown. Lamb of God, you bring salvation, and with your grace our hearts are sealed. Lord, with your tears of love you bathe our sorrows; in your eyes we stand revealed.

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

The Closing Hymn 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.

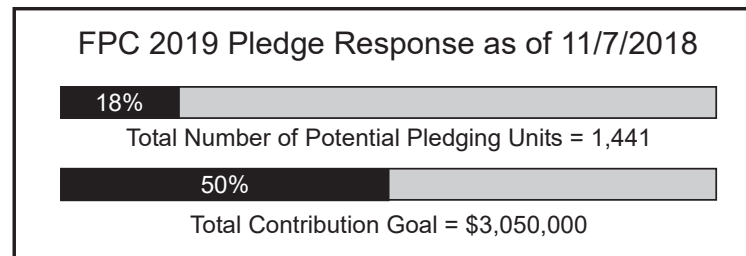
Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord; Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, now and always; Thou and Thou only be first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when vict'ry is won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Trumpet Tune John Stanley



PARISH REGISTER FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2018

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Glenn Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Eleanor Carmack, Diane Cherry, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Fred Droege, Carol Dunning, Allan Edwards, Vivienne Edwards, Margaret Fisher, Fred Fulkerson, Eugene Gilbert, Ken Graeler, Mary Hight, Margaret Hiserodt, June Holmes, Nathan Homan, Dick Horkey, Meg Hubler, Larry Don Johnson, Ralph Kitch, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Jimmie Mathews, George Matson, Ann McKellar, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Patti Parker, Kim Pedersen, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Cissy Ssetimba, Calvin Swindell, Dan Thomas, Bill Thompson, Chris Traband, Laura Vickery, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, Jack Williams, Jean Williams, Janetta Williamson and Ruth Wilson.

Letters of Well Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Cindi Wright and Vivienne Edwards.

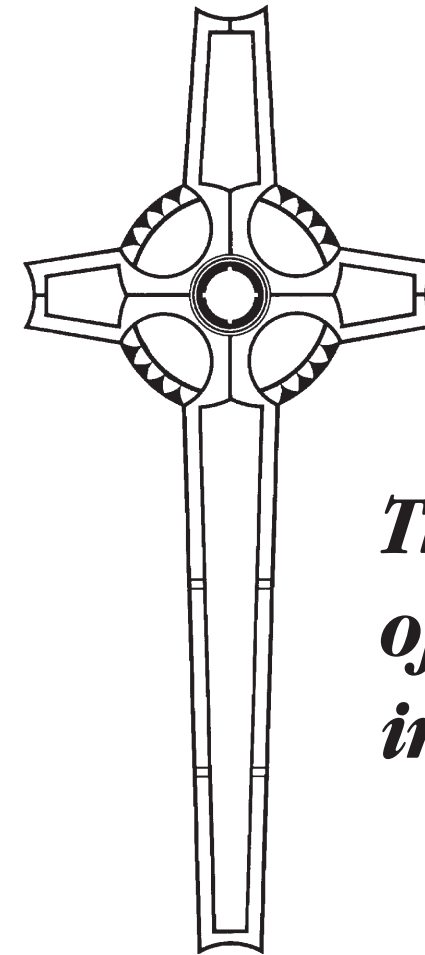
WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Celia Horkey, by Dick Horkey.

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Tulsa's First Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you or someone you know needs the support of a good listener who offers distinctively Christian caring, please call 918-301-1029.

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The People of God in Worship

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

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

**11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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