

**First Sunday of Advent**  
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**The Words of Preparation**

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of Your Son, and by Your Spirit You still bring light to illumine our paths. Renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts and claim our love, as Lord of lords and King of kings, to whom be glory always. Amen.

*Book of Common Worship*

**The Welcome**

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

**The Introit**      Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus      Nancy Walters  
*Cassia Carr, soloist*

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, joy of every longing heart.

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle and the Call to Worship** (1) Hope  
*Tom and Kathleen Reynolds*

**Lord of Advent, God of glory: give us eyes to see you, ears to hear you, and a heart to welcome you. Anchor us in that great Hope which is gifted to us wherever Jesus is present.**

◆ **The Hymn 5**      Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence      PICARDY  
*Acolytes: Jacob Rodehaver and Will Scheiper; Crucifer: David Scheiper*  
*Beadle: Jon Scheiper*

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**      Elder Janet Bull

**The First Reading**      Isaiah 7:10-17

**The Prayer of Confession**

Almighty and Everlasting God, in Jesus Christ, you stepped into the brokenness of our world to rescue us from sin and death. You laid aside glory and humbled yourself even to the point of death on a cross, and you are coming again in glory to judge the world and to rule in righteousness. Yet all too often, we live as if this were just a nice story and not the greatest good news of truth the world has ever heard. We run from you and go our own way. We reject your rule in our lives. We do not love as you have loved us. We do not serve others as you call us to serve. Lord, we are broken and sinful. Hear us now! Forgive us and cleanse us for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ....*(in silence)*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, the saying is trustworthy and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. Therefore, hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that in Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for everyone who calls upon His name. **Alleluia! Amen!**

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**  
*Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 9:30*

Bible Walk <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Beatitudes</i> , Cam Campbell	E101
Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>The Life on the Vine</i>	E102
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>The Life on the Vine</i>	E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	<i>Read the Bible in 180 Days</i>	204
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>The Case for Cbristmas</i>	E200
Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>The Gospel of Mark</i> , Dr. David Kern	E201
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Who Is This Man?</i>	E202
The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i>	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor's Study	<i>The Reason for the Hope</i> , Jerry McCoy	Miller Library
Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Biblical Characters</i>	E103
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Music of Advent/Christmas</i> , Ron Pearson	E203
Sojourners <i>(All Ages)</i>	<i>Acts of the Apostles</i> , Rev. Greg Fisher	E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Bible Study</i> , Rev. Jeff Jaynes	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20's &amp; 30's)</i>	<i>Advent Study</i> , Rev. Dan Hutchinson	Pastor's Study

**EVENTS THIS WEEK**

**Today** 12/1/19  
**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** 12/2/19  
**Little Lambs** 10:00 a.m., Wiseman Hall  
**Monday School** 12:00 p.m., Kirkland Library  
**Overtones Rehearsal** 7:00 p.m., Bell Choir Room

**Tuesday** 12/3/19  
**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study** 6:45 a.m., Room E313  
**Precept Bible Study** 9:30 a.m., Room E100

**Wednesday** 12/4/19  
**Pastor's Study** 11:30 a.m., E104  
**Downtown Theological Roundtable** 11:30 a.m., Room 206  
**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., various locations  
**Pastor's Study: Apologetics** 6:15, E104  
**Seekers Bible Study** 6:15 p.m., E103  
**Chancel Choir Rehearsal** 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

**Thursday** 12/5/19  
**Hearts for the Lord** 9:30 a.m., Kirkland Library

**Saturday** 12/7/19  
**Before the Rooster Crows** 8:45 a.m., Room E103

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:**

December 3	8:10 Gala
December 8	Advent Workshop
December 8	First Family Chili Luncheon
December 14	Carols and Cocoa at Tulsa Christmas Parade
December 18	Christmas Ceilidh
December 22	Christmas Music Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve Services
January 5	Epiphany Bonfire and Plunge

**THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES**

**We welcome you to worship on this the first day of Advent**, a twenty-four day journey to Bethlehem. The Gospel of Luke, which contains 24 chapters, is our companion for this journey. As an Advent spiritual practice, why not read a chapter from Luke every day during this Advent season. By Christmas Eve we will have read the entire gospel.

**The journey to Bethlehem is punctuated by singing and music!** We begin a new sermon series today titled, "The Canticles of Christmas". And there's no better place to start than with the Song of Mary, the Magnificat!

**Apologetics: The Reason for the Hope:** Dr. Miller leads this class three times each week:

Sundays at 9:30 in the Edmund Miller Library  
Wednesdays at 11:30 and at 6:15 in E-104.

**Seekers Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in E103. Rev. Wambugu leads an in-depth exploration of the Book of Mark. Please join us and gain a new appreciation for this gospel account.

**The Advent Workshop** is set for next Sunday, December 8. Share a chili lunch immediately following worship at noon in the Atrium. Then head to the Powerhouse at 1:00 p.m. for a remarkable introduction to creative hand-made gifts. If you'd like to assist in serving at this event, please call Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or [kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org). Also needed: large glue dots, buttons, Christmas ribbon, twine, and faux evergreen floral picks. Please drop them in the box in the Children's area.

**Emerson Scarves** - It's that time again! We have 26 sixth graders looking forward to receiving scarves this year. Created with yarn or fabric, the students are thrilled to receive them. Please bring 5" x 60" blue and yellow scarves to the Atrium by Sunday, December 8. If you need more information, please contact Judith Land at [jland@gmail.com](mailto:jland@gmail.com).

**Carols & Cocoa at the Tulsa Christmas Parade.** Join us for this year's Tulsa Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 14 at 1:00 p.m., right outside our doors at 7th and Boston! Starting at noon we will be serving hot cocoa to keep you warm and we will sing carols to keep your spirits high. If you'd like to volunteer as a server or singer, please contact Braigen Hubbard at 918-301-1039.

**Celebrating Christmas Together** at Emerson Elementary - Drop by the table in the Atrium today to adopt a student. For \$50 you will receive a gift set for your student. Then join us for the party at Emerson on Friday, December 20 from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Students will receive a gift bag with a Bible, game, book, socks, gloves, and an Emerson sweatshirt. Donations are also accepted online [www.firstchurchtulsa.org](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Habitat House Dedication** for the Pi family will be on Saturday, December 21 at 9:00 p.m. at 108 N. Birmingham Place. This house is dedicated in honor and celebration of Bob Farris. The Mission Committee thanks everyone for their generosity and volunteer support.

**Presbyterian Women's December Mission Project** is Emergency Infant Services. EIS has requested items for children five and under. They are collecting hats, gloves/mitten, jackets/sweatshirts and children's socks. The Mission container will be in the Atrium each Sunday in December.

**Westminster Sunday School class is selling cookbooks** at the Book Table. The proceeds will benefit Masterwork Academy. These will make great Christmas gifts!

**Attention all persons age 70½ and up:** Now is the time to be thinking about your required minimum distribution (RMD) from your traditional IRA and/or your traditional 401K. You can make a gift directly from the RMD to the First Presbyterian Foundation completely tax free. Visit with your financial advisor for more information.

**Hillcrest Medical Center no longer records your church affiliation** when you are admitted as a patient to the hospital. If you or a family member are admitted to Hillcrest or any hospital, please contact Beverly Carter at 918-301-1029 or [bcarter@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:bcarter@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**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](mailto:kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org) or visit our FPC website.

**Join the fun with our youth basketball league.** We will have two teams, Pathfinders and Exodus. Registration is now open; for more information, please visit our church website at <https://firstchurchtulsa.org/basketball20192020>.

◆ **The Response of Gratitude** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◆ **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 9** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

**The Second Reading** Luke 1:30-56

**The Sermon** The Song of Mary Rev. Dan Hutchinson  
*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior... (Luke 1:47)*

**The Prayer of Dedication**

**The Offertory** Every Valley John Ness Beck  
Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain made low; and the crooked made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.  
Isaiah 40:4,5

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**  
**The Invitation to the Lord's Table**  
**Words of Institution**  
**Prayer of Blessing**  
**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

◆ **The Closing Hymn 478** Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Toccata on the tune PICARDY Albert Zabel

◆ *Please stand*

**PARISH REGISTER**

**Prayers for Healing:** Alao Aruna, Jane Azlin, Bob Balch, 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, Loise Gitau, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Nathan Homan, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Larry Don Johnson, Maggie Jones, Charla Kitch, Ralph Kitch, Jarl Johnson, Jan Keene, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Amy Lesh, Dottie MacMillan, Bob Matthews, Jimmie Mathews, Jo Matthews, Ann McKellar, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Jerry Nixon, David Osterholt, Patti Parker, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Ellen Ryan, Cissy Ssetimba, Ann D. Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Bill Thompson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, and Jack Williams.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** William R. "Dick" Horkey, a member since 1951, died on November 24.

**Letters of Well-Wishing** are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Elaine Horkey and Cathy Mitchell.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary** were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chris Traband, given by Bob Traband and family.

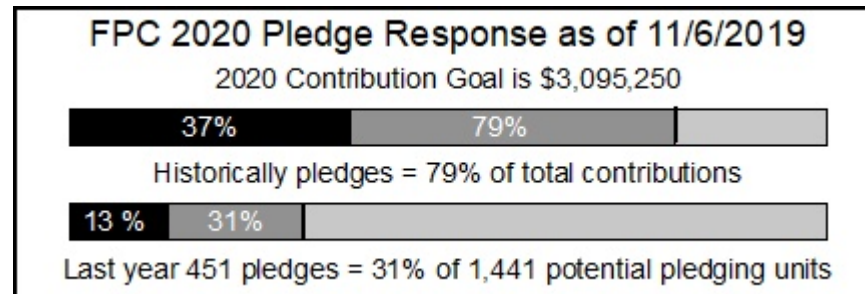
**One of the great gifts of the church is the privilege of upholding one another in our prayers.** You're invited to complete a prayer card from your pew, and place your request in the offering plate. Pastors and members of the Guild of Intercessors will pray over your concern. All prayer requests are 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](http://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](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org) on the "Digital Media" tab.

**First Church sermons may be listened to on the web.** Go to [www.firstchurchtulsa.org](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org) and click on the link to Media and then Pastor's Audio Sermons.




**THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS**

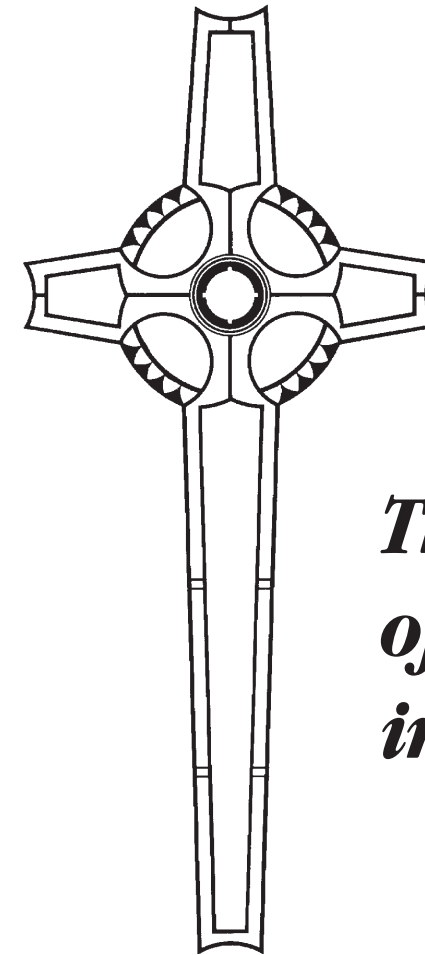
James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Pastor* Daniel Hutchinson, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*  
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