

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

### The Words of Preparation

These three chapters [Romans 9, 10, 11] were written not in anger but in heartbreak. Paul could never forget that he was a Jew and he would gladly have laid down his own life if, by so doing, he could have brought his kindred to Jesus Christ.

*I have great sorrow and anguish in my heart....* Romans 9:1  
*My heart's desire and prayer [for the Jews] is that they may be saved.*

Romans 10:1  
*Has God rejected His people?* Romans 11:1

### The Welcome

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

**The Introit** Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee David H. Williams  
*Hope Bradford, soloist*

Jesus, the very thought of Thee, with sweetness fills my breast; but sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the 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, no tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love Him know. Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize will be; in Thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

### The Call to Worship

Then I heard every creature in heaven, on earth, under the earth, in the sea, and all that is in them, singing:

**“To the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor, glory and might —forever and ever!”**

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!”

**And the elders fell down and worshipped!** (Revelation 5:11-14)

And we, gathered here in His Name —we join the universal chorus, singing in robust voice:

**Glory to the risen Son of God! Alleuia! Amen!**

◆ **The Hymn 122** Thine is the Glory JUDAS MACCABEUS  
*Acolytes: Charles Haskell, Jacob Hand, Gloria Sbelton, and Sarah Haskell*

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Sam DeVore

**The Old Testament Reading** Psalm 37:3-5, 23-24

### The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and ever-loving God, as you declared your good purposes for wayward Israel so long ago, so also you work redemptively for us —everywhere and in each circumstance. We come to you muddied with sin, scrambled with competing loyalties, lost in our own bad choices. But Yours is, indeed, a marvelous grace, driven by love, exceeding our sin and our guilt! Lord, in our sin, to whom else shall we turn? Come, yet again this morning, and deliver us. In your mercy, hear our

## 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>	<i>Read the Bible in 180 Days</i> , Class led	West Parlor
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>Not Meeting</i>	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 - 8</i> , 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 and Ralph Veatch	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20s &amp; 30s)</i>	<i>Romans</i> , Rev. James Estes	316 Pastor's Study

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Today 5/19/19**  
**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 5/20/19**  
**Moms on Mondays** 9:30 a.m., Room E101  
**Monday School** 12:00 p.m., Kirkland Library

**Tuesday 5/21/19**  
**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study** 7:00 a.m., 313 Conference Room  
**Precept Bible Study** 9:30 a.m., Room E100

**Wednesday 5/22/19**  
**Marys and Marthas Bible Study** 10:00 a.m., Room E101  
**Pastor's Study** 11:30 a.m., Room E104  
**Chancel Choir** dinner 6:30 p.m., Stephenson Hall

**Saturday 5/25/19**  
**Before the Rooster Crows** 8:45 a.m., Room E103

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

May 30	Ascension Day Worship Service
June 2	TIF Anniversary
June 3 -7	VBS
June 9	First Family Picnic
June 9	Summer Vespers Service
June 13	Leaders Talk
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:** We're grateful for every person whose gift has moved us closer to the finish line. We're now just \$148,000 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;  
*Seekers:* Studying Romans with Rev. Wambugu, room E103;

**Coming Wednesday night, May 29: Sing! Learning to Make a Joyful Noise** with Ron Pearson and Dr. Miller in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Courtaney Miller at [cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-301-1019.

**Ascension Day Worship Service** - Join us for the Ascension Day worship service on Thursday, May 30, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Courtyard with Dr. Miller leading.

**ARMED FORCES PRAYER LIST.** For Memorial Day, the Guild of Intercessors is updating its list of FPC loved ones who are on active duty. If you have someone to add, please call Monte Prater at 918-446-6418.

**The Vacation Bible School Kickoff** will be held on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 p.m. at the Camp Loughridge pool.

**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.

**The Global Leadership Summit** will be here before you know it. Register at the Super Early Bird rate of \$189 by May 21; [GlobalLeadership.org/Summit](http://GlobalLeadership.org/Summit). The Summit will be in the Great Hall of the Bernsen Center on Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9. For more information, contact Elaine Horkey 918.301.1037 or [ehorkey@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ehorkey@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**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.

**First Family Pentecost Picnic** - join us after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 9, in Stephenson Hall and the Courtyard for food, fellowship and fun as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday Summer Vespers** - starting on Sunday, June 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Powerhouse: an informal, community worship service throughout the summer. Coffee fellowship immediately follows the service. #Seeyouthere!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:jseibert@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-640-5036.

**Exodus Summer Mission Trip**, 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 Monday, June 3.

**The Summer Choir welcomes you! Beginning on May 26**, 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!

prayers.....(in silence)

**The Gift of Grace**

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt; yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured —there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss; grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. *Refrain.*

**The Invitation**

Friends, embrace this good news with all your hearts: *In Jesus Christ there is forgiveness —for those who call upon Him! Alleluia! Amen!*

◆ **The 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** (*Belgic Confession, 20* (AD 1561, adapted))

We believe that God—perfectly merciful and just— sent His Son to bear the cost of human sin, giving up His life on behalf of sinners like us. Charged with our sin, God poured out his goodness and mercy for us, who are both guilty and worthy of damnation; God gave up His Son, by a most perfect love, to die for us, and raised Him up to Life, for our justification. In Christ's work on the cross, we have immortality and eternal life. This is the great good news.

**The Blessing of the Young Disciples**

Courtaney Miller

**The Anthem** All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

*Gloria Choir; Gretchen Bashforth, director*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. Refrain.*

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky; the cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. *Refrain.* He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *Refrain.*

**The Epistle Reading** Romans 9:1-4, 10:1-4, 11:1

**The Sermon** When Family Goes Missing?

Dr. Jim Miller

*Brothers and sisters, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.*  
Romans 10:1

**The Offertory** God is Our Refuge

Allen Pote

*God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble. Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear. Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God. He*

is in the midst of his people, in all the earth. He is the Word, we are his hands, He will lead us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. *Refrain.* He is the rain, we are the stones, He will cleanse us. He is the air, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long. *Refrain.*

Psalm 46

**The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

**The Prayers of the People**

- ◆ **The Lord's Prayer**
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** The Lord Reigns, Let the Earth Rejoice Lester Groom

◆ *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, 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.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Lake Elliott Sanders, son of Jenny and Brian Sanders; Chloe Rose Wilson, daughter of Courtney and Rich Wilson; Caroline Rene' Blankenship, daughter of Cary and Will Blankenship; Bella Deane Quiroz, daughter of Tiffany Curtis and Salvador Quiroz; and Gabriel Emmanuel Quiroz, son of Tiffany Curtis and Salvador Quiroz, were baptized on May 12, 2019.

**Letters of Well-Wishing** are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Jane Azlin and Meredith Rogers.

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers Regina Smith Dickson and Phoebe Merrill Schermerhorn, given by Ed and Kay Schermerhorn, Stacy Schermerhorn, Todd, Amy, Colin, Winn, Beckett and Merrill Bertsch.

**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.

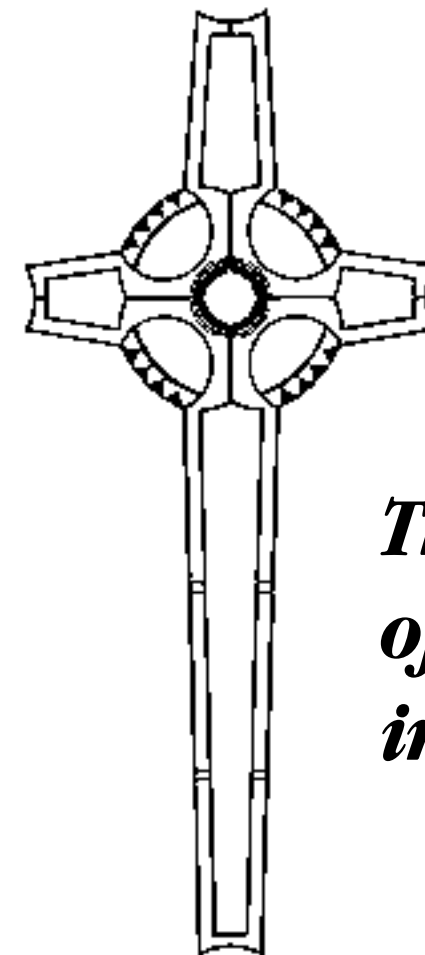
**For those who need assistance** in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

**THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS**

James D. Miller, Ph.D., <i>Co-Pastor</i>	Ryan V. Moore, Ph.D., <i>Co-Pastor</i>
James Estes, M.Div., <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Daniel Hutchinson, M.Div., <i>Associate Pastor</i>
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**MAY 19, 2019  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY**

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
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