

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

... Do good, be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. *1 Timothy 6:18-19*
God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son... (John 3:16)

The Welcome

The Introit Treasures in Heaven Allen Pote
Hope Bradford, soloist

Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven; for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Give unto God with cheerfulness, not of necessity or with regret. But give from within, from within your heart. *Matthew 6:19; 2 Corinthians 9:7*

The Call to Worship

Our help is in the Name of the Lord – **who made heaven and earth.**
O magnify the Lord with me – **and lift high His Name together!**
Come, stand in honor and let us worship God!

◆ **The Doxology**

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

The grace of Christ is forever and always sufficient! The joy of the Lord is our strength! We have much for which to be thankful. **Alleluia! AMEN!**

◆ **The Hymn** For Every Joy That Comes to Us FINLANDIA

Almighty God, we sing our glad thanksgivings! We lift our hearts and offer grateful praise; through Christ, your Son, you sought, and found, and saved us; in His great love you welcomed us by grace. O great Redeemer of this world so broken, Your love and mercy from the cross we trace!

Come, Spirit, come, and guide us in our living; grant every grace, and gift us with your power. Clear now our minds to understand our purpose, guide now our hearts, to meet you in this hour; come, Spirit, come, and shape our intercessions, cause us to live the life that Christ empowers.

For every joy that comes to us through family, for mother’s love, for father’s kind embrace; for every kiss, for prayers uplifted daily, all gifts, good Lord, of your abiding grace! We sing our praise with thanks for every blessing; hear now our prayers within this holy place!

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Rev. James Estes

The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 8:11-18 Phillip Bowman

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you caution us against spiritual amnesia, for we are a very forgetful people. We so easily forget that you are the Author of all blessing, the Giver of every good gift, the One who sustains us with food,

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

Bible Walk <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>The Lord’s Prayer</i> , Class led	E101
Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Believe</i> , Class led	E102
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>Godspeed</i> , Tom Philp	E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	<i>Mere Christianity</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>	Dr. Ryan Moore teaching	BC Recpt
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>		E202
Mariners <i>(Seniors)</i>	<i>The Apostle Paul</i> , Steve Rutherford	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 - 1 Timothy</i> , Class led	E103
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Read the Bible For All Its’ Worth</i> , Dr. Mark Hall	E203
Sojourners <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Missions and Evangelism</i> , Rev. Greg Fisher	E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>The Gospel of Matthew</i> , Kirt Bankston	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Children’s Classes Presentation</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20’s & 30’s)</i>	<i>Soul Keeping</i> by John Ortberg, Class led	Prayer Room

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 9/9/18 **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.
Breakfast on Boston. 9:30 a.m.
Alpha. 5:00 p.m. Powerhouse.

Monday 9/10/18 **Monday School.** Lunch 11:30 a.m. Study: noon. E313. *(see more information in Updates).*

Tuesday 9/11/18 **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.*

Wednesday 9/12/18 **Men’s Bible Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Room E101.
Marys and Marthas Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Room E101.
Yoga Class. Noon. 1st Floor Reception, BC. Open to all.
WNDT Dinner. 5:30 p.m. *(Please make your reservations online)*
Godspeed film. 6:30 p.m. Stephenson Hall.
AWANA, Financial Peace University, Confirmation begin. 6:00 p.m. Various locations. Check at Welcome Desk.
Gloria Choir Rehearsal. 5:30 p.m. Room 308.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal. 6:30 p.m. Choir Room.

Thursday 9/13/18 **Hearts for the Lord.** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. KRC. This Bible study is for Christian women of all ages and denominations. Bring your friends!
PW Coordinating Team. 10:00 a.m. Room E203.
LeaderTalks. 11:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall.
PW Dedication Day Program and Luncheon. Noon. Miller Library. Lunch \$6.
Gateway Worship. 7:00 p.m. Sharp Chapel.

Friday 9/14/18 **8 Dates.** 6:00 p.m. Miller Library.

Saturday 9/15/18 **Before the Rooster Crows.** 8:45 a.m. Room E103.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:	
September 16	Pastor’s Class recommences at 9:30 a.m. Repeated on Wednesdays at noon.
September 19	WNDT classes begin.
September 23	Next Inquirer’s Class begins. Shepherd Training at 9:30 a. m. Room 104.

Exciting News: 8:10 Mission Endowment Campaign

Thanks to all who have contributed to our 8:10 Mission Endowment Campaign. We are just \$782,800 away from finishing this project: paying off the 8:10 building, burning the mortgage, – and enabling the revenue generated to be freed up for service to the common good in Metro Tulsa. Each dollar given is being matched two to one by the Charlie and Peggy Stephenson family. We’re very close – will you help get us to the finish line?

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Welcome to the First Church community! Since 1885, as the first church established in Tulsa, we have sought to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. If you do not have a church home, we’d love to welcome you into this congregation. For information, contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or pball@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Monday School: *Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.* Arden Autry, Ph.D. is a seasoned professor, founder of Emmaus Scripture School and a beloved Bible Teacher. Class starts on Monday, September 10, and meets weekly from noon to 1:00 p.m., with optional lunch at 11:30 a.m. Register for lunch online.

Consider joining Judith Land for another session of **Financial Peace University** beginning on Wednesday, September 12. We’ll have some fun and learn how to control money instead of it controlling us. Register today at daveramsey.com/FPU.

Our next LeaderTalks is on Thursday, September 13, from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. We will present Mary Hulst’s very popular January Series talk - “Why Millennials Are the Hope of The Church.” Lunch is available by reservation at www.firstchurchtulsa.org/leadertalks.

All women are invited to join Presbyterian Women for the start of a new season of mission and Bible study. Dedication Luncheon (\$6) is Thursday, September 13, at 12:00 noon in Miller Library. Contact Angie Gwinner at agwinner@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1039 for reservations.

Dr. Miller’s Pastor’s Class returns next Sunday, September 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library continuing our reflection on C. S. Lewis’ most popular essays. The class is repeated on Wednesdays, (starting on September 19) in Room E104. Register for lunch online.

Power-Read the Bible: Catching God’s Big Story. Join us on Wednesday nights, beginning on September 19, at 6:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. Dr. Miller and Rev. Gachungi, will offer a weekly overview of every biblical section (and the themes that tie them together). Please let us know you’re coming. Call Eryn Rubey (918-301-1019) or go to firstchurchtulsa.org/resources/ministry-match/wednesday-night-downtown to reserve your place.

Are you interested in learning more about joining the church? The next Inquirers Class will be held on Sunday mornings September 23, 30, October 7, and 14, 9:15 - 10:40 a.m. Bring your questions and join us for this special gathering with the Pastors. For more information or to sign up please contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or pball@firstchurchtulsa.org.

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE

For questions or to make a reservation for any of the following events, please contact Kenna Hill (918-301-1008 or khill@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Confirmation: Students will begin meeting this Wednesday, September 5, in the Powerhouse from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. and will meet every Wednesday night until April 17, 2019. Visit the FPC website to register. **The Confirmation Kick-off Retreat** will be at Camp Loughridge on September 7 - 9. We will meet at the lodge at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening and return to the church on Sunday, for Breakfast on Boston. There is not a cost for this retreat, but we need your RSVP ASAP on the FPC website!

UKirk Ministries: College is back in session and if you are a college student (or college aged individual) in the Tulsa area, you are invited to join us on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. for Worship and Conversation at Sharp Chapel on the Campus of TU. If you have any questions about the college ministry or other ways to get plugged in, please contact Daniel Hutchinson (dbutchinson@firstchurchtulsa.org)

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the generous send off you gave us; we are deeply grateful and continue to be amazed at the beautiful people of First Church! We have so enjoyed the wonderful Bible with notes, Scripture promises, and blessings from all of you. Reading all those profound encouragements has been a great comfort during the upheaval and challenges of this move, but this book will continue to be a treasure forever as all of you are as well!

Love and blessings, Warren and Kathleen

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shelter, health and resources. We can easily think that we are “self-made” – that “my power and the might of my own hand has gotten me this wealth.” But this, you remind us, is simply not so. All that we have is a gift from You alone – and you encourage us to share the blessings that you’ve given. Forgive our confusion on this, dear Lord, and awaken us to your presence and the blessing that comes in you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. . . .*(in silence)*

The Invitation to God’s Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness – for all who call upon Him! **Alleluia! AMEN!**

◆ **The Response**

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

Jesus, the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease, ‘tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above – the church in earth and heaven.

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles’ Creed *(hymnal, p. 14)*

The Reading

Amy Kanyeke

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” *Matthew 19:14*

The Anthem Jesus Loves the Little Children

The Worship 101 Chimers; Carol Tipton, director

The Blessing of the Young Disciples

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

The Hymn Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus calls the children dear, “Come!” He says, “and never fear for I love the little children of the world! I will take you by the hand, lead you to the Promised Land, for I love the little children of the world.”

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Every color, shape and size, they are precious in his eyes. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus is the Shepherd true, and He’ll always stand by you, for He loves the little children of the world; He’s a Savior great and strong, and He’ll shield you from the wrong, for He loves the little children of the world. *Refrain.*

The Gospel Reading Luke 12:13-21

The Sermon How to Become Rich in Heaven!

Dr. Jim Miller

...the one who stores up treasure for himself...is not rich toward God. (Luke 12:21)

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Christ, the Sure Foundation

Anna Laura Page

Taylor Conley, Guest Director

We are not strangers to Christ. With the saints we belong to his household, built on a

strong foundation of apostles and prophets of old. With Christ as the cornerstone, we are one in spirit in His holy name, one in Christ, together as His children. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one, Holy Zion’s help forever, and our confidence alone. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might and one in glory while unending ages run! We are one in spirit in His holy name, His children, we are the children of God!

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

Godspeed: The Pace of Being Known Phillip Bowman, Director of K-Groups

The Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *(sung by the congregation)*

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Overture to *Te Deum* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

◆ *Please stand*

THE PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Pat Brown, Glen Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Marilyn Bush, Eleanor Carmack, Diane Cherry, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Fred Droege, Carol Dunning, Allan Edwards, Fred Fulkerson, Ellen Fuller, Eugene Gilbert, Ken Graeler, Mary Hight, Margaret Hiserodt, June Holmes, Nathan Homan, Dick Horkey, Meg Hubler, Larry Don Johnson, Ralph Kitch, Robert Kramer, Joyce Kunkel, 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, Bill Southmayd, Sherry Spurrier, Cissy Ssettimba, Calvin, Swindell, Dan Thomas, Bill Thompson, Laura Vickery, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, Jack Williams, Jean Williams, Janetta Williamson, Ruth Wilson, and Richard Wright.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: The Campbell family on the death of Linda’s brother, James P. Edens.

Letters of Well Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Linda Campbell and to Ann McCune.

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WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for today’s worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Harold E. Kunkel, Sr. and in honor of our children Harold Kunkel, Darryl Kunkel, and Cheryl Kunkel Moore by Joyce Kunkel.

Do you (or someone you know) need prayer? Please complete a prayer request card from the Sanctuary pew or the Friendship Register. Place the card in the offering plate, the prayer request plaque on the Narthex wall, or in the prayer request box at the Welcome Center in the Miller Atrium. Pastors and members of the Guild of Intercissors will pray over your request. All prayer requests will be treated in a confidential manner.

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS


James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor*

Ryan V. Moore, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor*


James Estes, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*

Daniel Hutchinson, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*

Wambugu Gachungi, M.Div., *Associate Pastor*

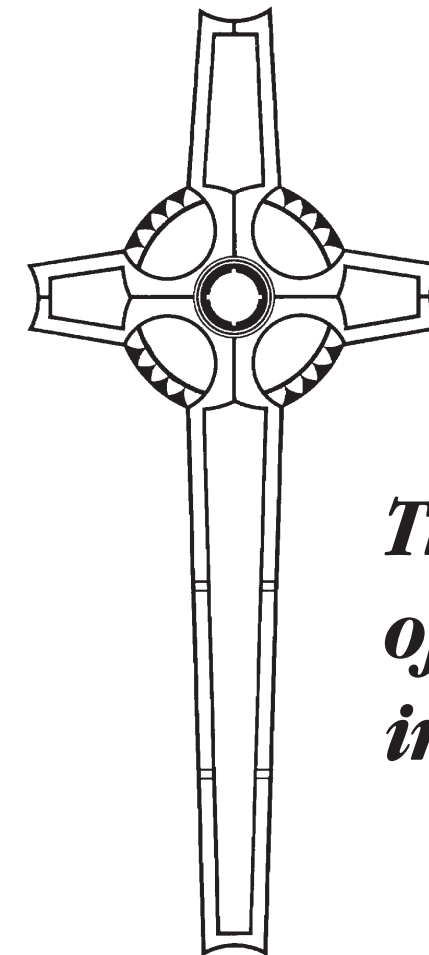


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of God
in Worship***

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

**11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
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