

Epiphany Sunday
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Words of Preparation

A cold coming we had of it, / Just the worst time of year / For a journey, and such a long journey: / The ways deep and the weather sharp, / The very dead of winter.
T.S. Eliot, *The Journey of the Magi*

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

Introit Behold That Star! Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes
Hope Bradford, soloist

Behold that star! Behold that star up yonder. Behold that star! It is the star of Bethlehem. There was no room found in the inn for him who was born free from sin. The wise men came on from the East, to worship him, the Prince of Peace.
Refrain. A song broke forth upon the night, from angel hosts all robed in white. "Glory to God, world without end. Peace on the earth, good will to men." *Refrain.*

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,

making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

O come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!

Followers of Jesus Christ, in whom are you trusting?

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

◆ **Hymn of Praise 63** As with Gladness Men of Old DIX
Acolyte: Sophia Jacobson; Crucifer: Ilya Morrison; Beadle: Will Scheiper

Prayer of Adoration

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 Lyle Bristow

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts we ask you to make us ready for his coming...
(silent prayer)...Amen.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

Bible Walk (All ages)	<i>Jonah</i> , Roxie Sullivan	E101
Cornerstone (All ages)	<i>Believe</i> , Class led	E102
Covenanters (Couples w/children)	<i>Trinity</i> , Dr. Ryan Moore	E201
Faith and Family (Parents)	<i>Book Review</i> , Class led	West Parlor
Forum (All ages)	<i>Christianity and World Religions</i> , Class led	E200
Front Porch Team (All ages)	<i>Envy</i> , Class led	BC Recept
Harbingers (Singles/couples)	<i>Lectionary Bible Study</i> , Class led	E202
Mariners (Seniors)	Attending the Pastor's Study	E104
The Niche 2.0 (Special needs)	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor's Study	<i>The Purpose Driven Life</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Miller Library
Reflections (All ages)	"Will the real Jesus please stand up?", Dr. Mark Hall	E103
Shepherds (Singles/couples)	<i>Max Lucado "Out Live Your Life"</i> , Greg Fisher	E203
Sojourners (All ages)	<i>Galatians</i> , Bob Matthews	E204
The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>Godspeed</i> , Class led	E100
Westminster (All ages)	<i>Bible Study</i> , Class led	Tower Room
Young Adults (20s & 30s)	<i>Atrium Art</i> , Docent Tour	316 Pastor's Study

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 1/06/18
Worship Services 8:00 a.m., Kerr Chapel; 8:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall; 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall, Great Hall, (Bernsen Center)

Monday 1/07/18 **Moms on Mondays** 9:30 a.m. Room E101
January Series 11:15 a.m. Lunch. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Program: *Finally, Some Good News.*
Stephen Ministry Supervision meeting 5:30 p.m. Miller Library.
Overtones Bells rehearsal 7:00 p.m.. 309 Bell Choir

Tuesday 1/08/19 **January Series** 11:15 a.m. Lunch. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Program: *Growing Young; Helping Young People Discover and Love the Church.*

Wednesday 1/09/19 **January Series** 11:15 a.m. Lunch. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Program: *Finding Refuge on the Stage*
PW Coordinating Team Meeting 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Room E203
AWANA and WNDT Financial Peace University, Confirmation 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 1/10/19 **PW Coordinating Team Meeting** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Room E203
January Series. 11:15 a.m. Lunch. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Program: *Telling Stories that Inspire.*

Friday 1/11/19 **January Series.** 11:15 a.m. Lunch. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Program: *Searching for the Image of God in a Digital Age.*

Saturday 1/12/19 **Before the Rooster Crows** 8:45 a.m. Room E103.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

January 3 - 23	January Series
January 13	New officer installation/ordination during all worship services.
January 20	3rd Annual Chili cook-Off: 12:00 p.m., Stephenson Hall

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

On this Epiphany Sunday, we're reminded of God love for the whole world – every one crafted in His image. His relentless love reaches across boundaries and borders – prompting the Magi of old to undertake a rigorous journey in pursuit of Him. You're invited to make a similar resolve today: to set out in this new year to do whatever it takes to seek Him out – to know Him, love Him and serve Him. Thanks for adding to the joy of worship!

Epiphany Bonfire & Plunge this Sunday, January 6 at 4:00 p.m. bring your Christmas greens to Camp Loughridge for an Epiphany bonfire and plunge!

The Calvin College Simulcast January Series continues each working day through January 23 from 11:30 - 12:30. Lunch is available at 11:15 by reservation to firstchurchtulsa.org/januaryseries. To volunteer please call Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or pball@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Men: why not start your Tuesdays with a band of brothers – all of whom are searching the Scriptures together. Join us from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. in the 3rd floor conference room overlooking the Stephenson Hall. Dr. Miller leads the study. This Tuesday: Hebrews chapter 11. Good coffee and refreshments! What's not to love here?

Christian, What do you believe? We affirm the Apostles' Creed every Sunday, but what are its' origins, why is it so important, and how is it to be understood? Come and engage these questions with Drs. Ryan Moore and Jim Miller, each Wednesday, beginning on January 9 at 6:15 p.m. in Room E104.

All Sunday School Classes resume today, including the Pastor's class led by Dr. Jim Miller. For twenty weeks the focus will be on Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose-Driven Life*. This class meets in the Edmund Miller Library at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. This study also repeats every Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. in E-104 (beginning this Wednesday).

Precepts Bible Study begins this Tuesday, January 8, at 9:30 a.m. *The Gospel of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man.* The most important question you will ever answer is this: Who do you believe Jesus Christ is? With all the opinions floating around – He's a good man, a teacher, a prophet, the Son of God – how can you know who is right? Mark's account of Jesus' life gives you the answer in his action-packed book.

Next Sunday, January 13, we celebrate the ordination and installation of deacons and elders at all five services.

Mark Your Calendar: Sunday, January 20, 2019: the **3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off!** The proceeds from the "popular vote" will go toward a math tutor at Emerson for 13 weeks for 20 students. We are looking for cooks! If interested, please contact Cindy DeVore at (918) 630-2636 or cindy_devore@hotmail.com.

**Give of Your Best to the Master!
Remember His Church!**

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you: a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over; will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Luke 6

First Church's ministries and mission are entirely supported by this congregation. Thank you for including the Lord's purposes in your giving during this holy season.

The First Church pastors would love to enter 2019 by unleashing the mission dollars generated by the 8:10 building! We are only \$460,000 away from "burning the mortgage"; once that happens, the monthly proceeds from the rent of the 8:10 will go entirely toward metro Tulsa mission in Jesus' name.

It's a game-changer and every dollar generated goes to mission here in Tulsa, including the Masterwork Academy. Thanks to the Stephenson Family Foundation, every dollar you give is matched. If the Lord has prospered you this year, here's a gift that will make a difference in perpetuity!

Assurance of Pardon

- ◆ **Response 22** Angels, from the Realms of Glory REGENT SQUARE
- ◆ **Affirmation of Faith** The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Blessing of the Young Disciples A Visit from Three Kings
Eva Garrett, Abeni Murage, and Elijah Moore
Children in K - 2nd grade are excused to attend K2 Quest.

Hymn of Preparation We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

O Star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy Perfect Light!

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia, sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

Second Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon An Unusual Baby Shower Dr. Ryan Moore
...they departed to their own country by another way. Matthew 2:12

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Love Came Down at Christmas Gilbert Martin

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine, love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign. Love was born at Christmas.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- ◆ **Closing Hymn 68** What Star is This, with Beams so Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
- ◆ **Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **Postlude** Voluntary on the tune PUER NOBIS NASCITUR Richard Purvis

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Alao Aruna, 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, Loise Gitau, Mary Hight, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Nathan Homan, Dick Horkey, Meg Hubler, Larry Don Johnson, Ralph Kitch, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Tom Marberry, Jimmie Mathews, George Matson, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Patti Parker, Kim Pedersen, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Cissy Ssetimba, Barbara Thomas, Dan Thomas, Bill Thompson, Chris Traband, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, Jack Williams, Jean Williams, Janetta Williamson and Ruth Wilson.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Kathy Johnson, a member since 1995, died on January 3, 2019.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: The Mangesho family, on the death of Elisa's father, Ernest Mangesho.

Letters of Well-Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Gary Johnson and family and Elisa Mangesho and family.

WORSHIP NOTES

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 Intercessors will pray over your request. All prayer requests will be treated in a confidential manner.


Allergen-free communion wafers (wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn free) are available from ushers.

You may give your weekly offering to the Lord electronically at 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 on the "Digital Media" tab.

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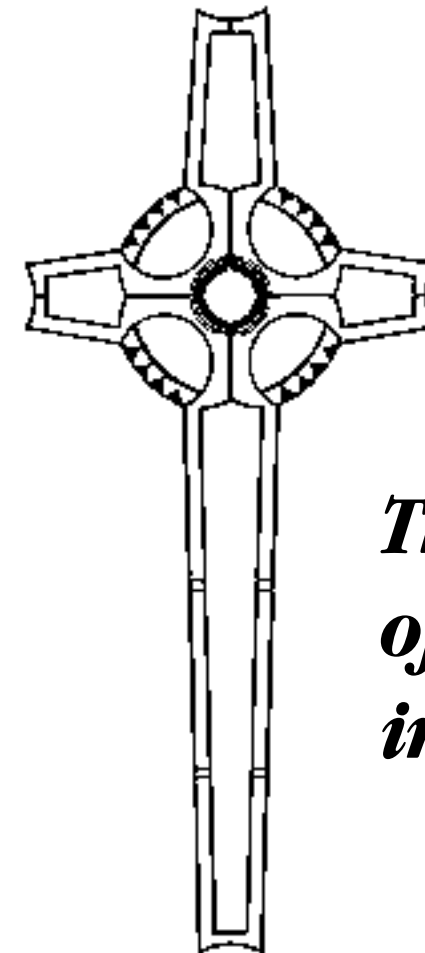
James D. Miller, Ph.D., <i>Co-Pastor</i>	Ryan V. Moore, Ph.D., <i>Co-Pastor</i>
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JANUARY 6, 2019
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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