

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

The Welcome

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

The Introit Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise; that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise. Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever; sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever. Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

◆ **The Call to Worship**

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
Proclaim his salvation day after day.
Praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

◆ **The Hymn 482** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Elder Robbie Burke

The First Reading Romans 10:5-17

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior arr. Dale Wood
Ariel Rodriguez, soloist

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry. While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by. Trusting only in thy merit, I would seek thy face. Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. Savior, Savior, whom have I but thee? Thou the source of all my comfort, more than life to me. Savior, Savior, thou hast heard my plea! Thou the source of all my comfort, more than life to me.

The Prayer of Confession

Gracious heavenly Father, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with grieving hearts our slowness to learn of Him, our reluctance to take up the cross, and our failure to follow Him. Pardon us for the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of your great call to serve others sacrificially, and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for Jesus' sake.
(...silence) Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

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>	Not meeting	E101
Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Believe</i>	E204
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>Trinity</i> , Dr. Ryan Moore	E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	<i>Read the Bible in 180 Days</i>	E204
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i>	E200
Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i>	Not meeting	E205
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	Not meeting	E204
The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i>	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor's Study	Not meeting	Miller Library
Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	Not meeting	E204
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Mark for Everyone</i> , Cam Campbell	E203
Sojourners <i>(All Ages)</i>	<i>Gospel of Mark</i> , Bob Matthews	E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	Deep dive into <i>Matthew</i>	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Romans</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20's & 30's)</i>	<i>Occupational Calling</i> , Rev. Rebecca Morad	Pastor's Study

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 9/8/19
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 9/9/19
Monday School 12:00 p.m., Kirkland Library

Tuesday 9/10/19
Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study 6:45 a.m., Room E313
Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Room E100
Little Lambs 10:00 a.m., Wiseman Hall

Wednesday 9/11/19
Marys and Marthas Bible Study 10:00 a.m., E101
Chancel Choir rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room
WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Awana, POW, and Confirmation 6:00 p.m., various locations
WNDT Classes 6:15 p.m., various locations

Thursday 9/12/19
Presbyterian Women's Dedication Day and Officer Installation

Saturday 9/14/19
Before the Rooster Crows 8:45 a.m., Room E103

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

September 8	Breakfast on Boston
September 9	Little Lambs Begin
September 9	Weekly Classes Begin
September 11	WNDT Kick-off & Awana
September 15	K Groups Begin
September 21	Ignatian Group Inquiry Session
September 22	Pastor's Study on Sunday's Begin
September 25	Pastor's Study on Wednesdays Begin
September 27 -29	First Family Retreat at New Life Ranch
October 11	Helping Hand Golf Tournament
October 13	46th Annual Organ Concert by Ron Pearson
November 10	Fall Concert by the Chancel Choir

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Welcome to worship! We gather to remember God's goodness, pray for wisdom and faithfulness as a people, and lift our voices in praise. We pray that you'll sense the presence of Christ here —and the warmth and welcome of this congregation.

Today we ask the Lord's blessing upon the thirty or so members of First Church who are on a pilgrimage to Israel (known as the "Fifth Gospel"!). Dr. Miller leads the team. Daily updates will be available on the First Church Facebook page.

Register online for the First Church All-Family Retreat: Friday through Sunday, September 27-29 at New Life Ranch. Register at www.firstchurchtulsa.org/firstfamilyretreat or contact Courtaney Miller at 918-301-1019 for more information.

Our Wheels-for-Mission cyclists have raised an additional \$39,650. in our effort to "unleash the 8:10!" project! We are now just \$55,115.83 from our goal. You can still add your gift and help get us to the finish line, enabling the 8:10 building to serve the purposes of Jesus Christ in metro Tulsa: firstchurchtulsa.org/wheels or call the church office.-

Presbyterian Women's Dedication Day and Officer Installation is on Thursday, September 12, at noon in the Kerr Chapel. Immediately following the program, lunch will be served in the Miller Library. Please RSVP by Monday, September 9 to Rachael Kamaru at 918-301-1039 or rkamaru@firstchurchtulsa.org.

The Guild of Intercessors prays each day for those on its confidential Cancer List. If you have a loved one whose name you would like to add to the list, please contact Paula Peterson at 918-296-5548 or mandppeterson@msn.com or Monte Prater at 918-446-6418 or monteprater@aol.com.

Book Sale today! Stop by the book table to purchase a book for yourself or buy a gift for a friend!

Children's ministry is looking for a Sunday School teacher for our three-year-olds! The Lord may be calling *you!* If so, contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1011.

Little Lambs - Join us for Little Lambs, a program for families (babies, toddlers, kids, parents, grandparents, and caretakers) beginning on Mondays, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Wiseman Hall. To learn more, contact Phillip Bowman at pbouman@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Monday School - "Four Gospels - One Christ". Arden C. Autry, Ph.D, teaches on the four accounts of Jesus Christ's life and ministry in the New Testament. Monday School starts on September 9, from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in the Kirkland Library, BC. Lunch is available by reservation from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; please RSVP by noon on Friday before each class, 918-301-1018 or dpoints@firstchurchtulsa.org.

The 12th Annual Helping Hand Golf Tournament tees off on Friday, October 11, at 8:00 a.m. at LaFortune Park Golf Course. If you would like more information, please contact Rachael Kamaru at 918-301-1039 or rkamaru@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Presbyterian Women's September Mission Project will be collecting full size toiletries (shampoo, bars of soap, deodorant, and toothpaste) for the Helping Hand Ministry. For more information, please contact Rachael Kamaru at 918-301-1039.

Does your heart yearn to draw closer to Jesus Christ? To learn more about participating in the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises this fall, please attend an inquiry meeting on Saturday morning, September 21, in Room E104. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Contact Duff Points at dpoint@firstchurchtulsa.org for more information.

Please join us for the next Inquirers' Class. This is an opportunity to learn more about the church, meet Pastors and enjoy fellowship with other newcomers. Our next class will meet the four Sundays in October. For more information, please contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE

For questions or to make a reservation for any of the following events, please contact Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org or visit our FPC website.

The College Bible Study is on Wednesdays, from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel at TU. Sam DeVore and Caleb Fuller will lead through September and then Rev. Dan Hutchinson will lead the group.

We AWANA you – First Church is looking for passionate leaders to serve in Awana on Wednesdays! Contact Courtaney Miller at 918-301-1019 or cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org. Awana begins on September 11. REMEMBER to register!

- ◆ **The Response of Gratitude** Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners! HYFRYDOL
Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah, what a friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find; He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *Refrain*

- ◆ **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

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

The Hymn of Preparation

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away; as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

The Second Reading

Mark 1:16-20

The Sermon

The Sword and The Stone

Dr. Ryan Moore

The beginning of the good news[a] of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Mark 1:1

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory God Is My Rock Allen Pote
God is my rock, He is my strong salvation; He is my hope and I will trust in Him. God is my fortress; I will not be shaken. God is my rock, my strength; I will trust in Him. For God alone waits my soul in silence. My only hope is in Him. For He will save me from the time of trial; God is my rock and my shield. Refrain. For God has been our dwelling place from one generation to another. Before the mountains were made, or the sea was formed, God was, and God is, and forever God will be. Refrain. Psalms 62, 90

The Welcome of New Members

Patricia Hall

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- ◆ **The Hymn** He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain.*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain.*

- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

- ◆ **The Postlude** Voluntary on the tune LOBE DEN HERREN Paul Manz

◆ *Please stand*

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Alao Aruna, Jane Azlin, Nancy Burns, Diane Cherry, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Fred Droege, Bill 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, Charla Kitch, Ralph Kitch, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Amy Lesh, Dottie MacMillan, Bob Matthews, Jimmie Mathews, Jo Matthews, George Matson, Ann McKellar, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Patti Parker, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Ellen Ryan, Jerry Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Ann D. Taylor, Barbara Thomas, Bill Thompson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, Jack Williams, and Ruth Wilson.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Mary Lee Frantz, a member since 1995, died on August 22.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: The Aruna family, on the death of Tina's father, Udo Udoh Umana.

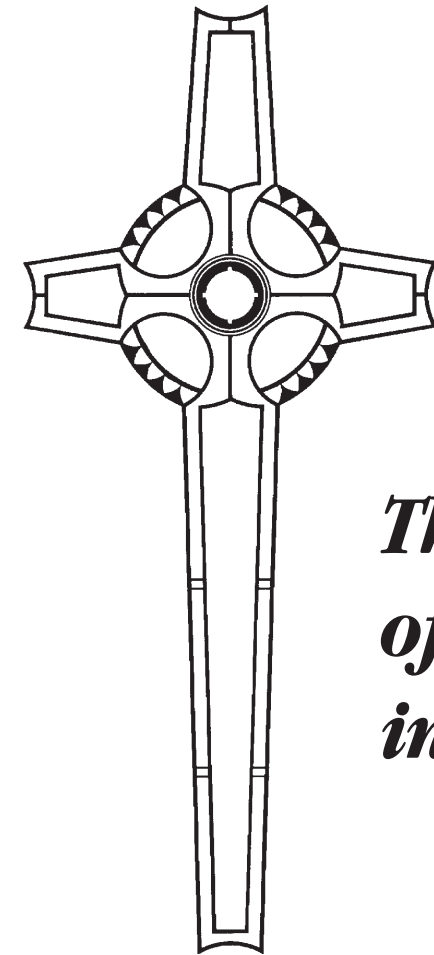
Letters of Well-Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Todd and Lindsey Schuster and Molly McCracken.

WORSHIP NOTES

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

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*



*The People
of God
in Worship*

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

11:00 AM
SANCTUARY

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
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