

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

At a very deep level, Christian identity is anchored in trust – and not just a passive trust, but trust that issues in obedience to God’s promptings. It is worth noting as well that the Christian pilgrimage begins, as Abraham’s began, with God’s taking the initiative. *V. Phillips Long*

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

The Introit **If You Search With All Your Heart** *Craig Courtney*
Gretchen Bashforth, soloist

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to Me. *Jeremiah 29:11-14*

The Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 98:1-6)*

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.
The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing out your joy. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord!

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

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Elder Rob Berry

The First Reading Romans 4:13-25

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ our Lord...*(silent prayer)*...AMEN.

The Assurance of Pardon

◆ **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*

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

Bible Walk <i>(All ages)</i>	Not meeting again until the Fall	E101
Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>The Story</i> , Class led	E102
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>Not meeting in July</i>	E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	<i>Mere Christianity</i> , Class led	West Parlor
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Half Truths</i> , Class led	E200
Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Social Justice and the Old Testament Prophets</i> , Kevin Morrison	BC Recpt.
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	Not meeting again until the Fall.	E202
Mariners <i>(Seniors)</i>	<i>Life and Ministry of the Messiah</i> , Bob Simmons	E104
The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i>	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor’s Study	<i>The Essays of C. S. Lewis</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Miller Library
Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Outstanding Sermons from Christian Leaders</i> , Class led	E103
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Faith: The Third Spiritual Struggle in Life</i> , Patrick Kirunda	E203
Sojourners <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Jonah</i> , Roxie Sullivan	E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Book of Matthew</i> , Kirt Bankston	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Youth Mission Trip Presentation</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20s & 30s)</i>	<i>Bible Study</i> , Class led	Prayer Room

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 7/8/18 **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.

Tuesday 7/10/18 **Tuesday Morning Men’s Fellowship Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. E313.
Precept Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Room E100.

Wednesday 7/11/18 **Men’s Bible Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Room E101.
Marys and Marthas Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Room E101.
Pastor’s Study. Will begin again on July 18 when Dr. Miller will continue his discussions on C. S. Lewis’ essays. *(Please make your reservations online)*
Yoga Class. Noon. 1st Floor Reception, BC. Open to all.
Summer Book Club. Noon. Room E101.

Saturday 7/13/18 **Before the Rooster Crows.** 8:45 a.m. Room E103.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

- July 15, 22, 29, and August 5 Next Inquirer’s class. 9:15 - 10:40 a.m. Room 206.
- July 18 and August 15 Faith and Physics with Professor Jerry McCoy. 7:00 p.m.
- August 9 - 10 Global Leadership Summit. 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Great Hall, BC.
- September 9 Breakfast on Boston. 9:30 a.m.
- September 13 LeaderTalks. 11:00 a.m. Stephenson Hall. Lunch \$8.

The Summer Choir welcomes you! 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!

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).

Exciting News: 8:10 Mission Endowment Campaign

Thanks to an extraordinary offer from Charlie and Peggy Stephenson, First Church is just \$1,200,000 from paying off the 8:10 building, burning the mortgage, – and enabling the revenue generated from that project to be freed up for service to the common good in Metro Tulsa. Each dollar given (up to \$1.2 million) will be matched three to one by the Stephenson family. We’re very close – will you help get us to the finish line?

As the great apostle puts it: “Consider this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion – for God loves a cheerful giver!” II Corinthians 9:7

Helping Hand Ministries needs volunteers for several different positions. If you are interested in learning more about this great organization, feel free to come over and watch us at work. We are open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. **Due to a shortage of volunteers, the HHM board voted that effective July 1, Helping Hand will be closed on Fridays until further notice.** If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emma Smith (918-274 -8570 or 918-695-9832) or just drop by the Helping Hand office on the ground floor of Bernsen Center.

Addiction is a disease and its nobody’s fault to have it. It only becomes somebody’s fault if they don’t do anything about it. Fighting this disease on one’s own is almost impossible, and those with the disease need help, support, treatment, sometimes medication, and a lot of hope and encouragement. Faith Partners Addiction Ministry wants to be there for you and share resources, experience, and hope. Materials are available in the northwest corner of Miller Library for you to take or check out. For a confidential contact please call Karla Kerby (918-407-4623 or therapyallc@cox.net)

Are you interested in learning more about becoming a member of FPC? The next Inquirers Class will be held on Sunday mornings July, 15, 22, 29, and August 5, 9:15 - 10:40. We will also offer a class this fall on September 23, 30, October 7, 14. Bring your questions and join us for this special gathering with the Pastors. For more information or to sign up, please contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or pball@firstchurchtulsa.org).

First Family Summer Swim. Have fun at the pool with your church family at the Camp Loughridge Aquatics Center every Sunday, (June 10 - August 26) from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

We have positions open on First Church staff: A full-time administrative assistant for the Executive Director of Ministries; a Sous Chef, serving under the direction of the Culinary Director. Contact the Business Office (918-301-1035) for more information or an application.

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).

Exodus Night is our weekly summer gathering on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. beginning on June 26 and ending on August 14. We will meet in various homes in the area for fellowship, snacks, and discussion. If you are interested in hosting an Exodus Night, please call or email Steve Wilson.

TINA is our Wednesday night summer get-together for Pathfinders. We (the Pathfinders) meet at host homes, eat, and are led by the Ignite interns in a Bible lesson. TINA will begin on July 11, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., and will meet every Wednesday through August 8. We are in need of host homes. If you would like to host the pathfinders for a Wednesday over the summer, please call, email, or text Jackson Seibert.

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

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. *Refrain.*

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 Time for Young Disciples

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

The Hymn 280 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound AMAZING GRACE

The Second Reading Genesis 15:1-3

The Sermon Sacramental Sky Dr. Ryan Moore
And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:6)

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Only in God John Michael Talbot
Only in God is my soul at rest, in Him comes my salvation. He only is my rock, my strength and my salvation. *My strongbold, my Savior, I shall not be afraid at all. My strongbold, my Savior, I shall not be moved.* Only in God is found safety when my enemy pursues me. Only in God is found glory when I am found meek and found lowly. *Refrain.* Psalm 62

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn 361** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Voluntary on the tune FOUNDATION Dale Wood

◆ *Please stand*

THE PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Jim Boswell, Glen Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Marilyn Bush, Eleanor Carmack, Diane Cherry, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Judy Doyle, Fred Droege, Fred Fulkerson, Eugene Gilbert, Ken Graeler, Mary Hight, Maurice Hill, Margaret Hiserodt, June Holmes, Nathan Homan, Dick Horkey, Maggie Hubner, Meg Hubler, Eunice Jamison, Ralph Kitch, Robert Kramer, Joyce Kunkel, Kathy Marshall, Jimmie Mathews, George Matson, Suzy McCormack, Lance Miller, Barbara Mugge, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Patti Parker, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Bill Southmayd, Cissy Ssetimba, Dan Thomas, Bill Thompson, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Jack Williams, Jean Williams, Ruth Wilson, and Richard Wright.

The Celebration of Christian Marriage: Bonnie White and Adam Schneberger were married on June 23.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Lynn Miller, a member since 2011, died on June 29; Walter Wamsley, a member since 1944, died on July 1; Dr. Richard Tenney, a member since 1995, died on July 2; Alannah Wade, a member since 2002, died on July 4.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: The Mark Kraemer family on the death of his mother Ruth.

Letters of Well Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to The Honorable Tony Miller and family and to Patricia Tenney.

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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 their parents, Dr. John Scott and Frances Scott, by John Scott, Jeff Scott, and Barbara Albritton.

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.

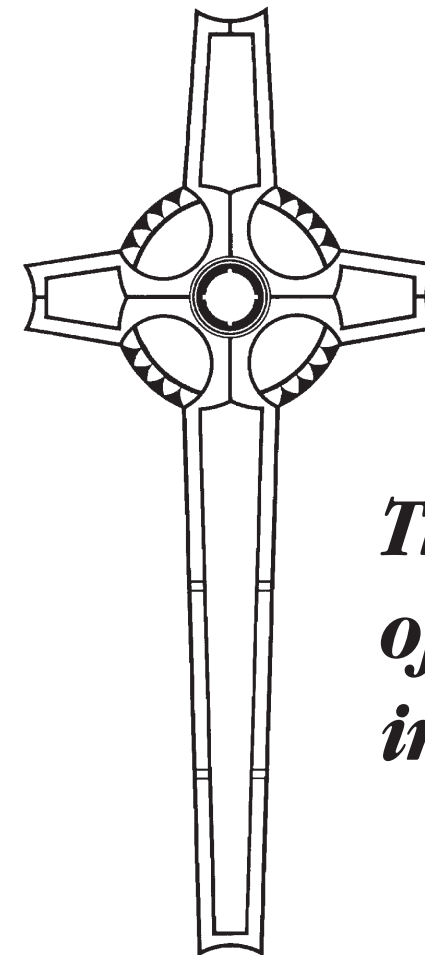
First Church telecasts are: Sunday 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. on Cox 3 and Channel 1003 (HD). Also now available on the church website, www.firstchurchtulsa.org on the "Digital Media" tab.

Keeping the "Lord's Will" in "our Will" extends what we can do to advance the Kingdom beyond our lifetime! Have you included the First Church Foundation in your will?

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS

James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor* Ryan V. Moore, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor*
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**JULY 8, 2018
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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