

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves,” [said Jesus]. “Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles.” *Matthew 10:16-17*

[‘Beware of men’] does not refer simply to a possible situation, but to an inevitable one. Hans Urs von Balthasar, *The Moment of Christian Witness*

The Welcome and Ministries of the Church

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

The Minute for Mission

Carrie Dillsaver, R.N.
IMA/San Lucas Hospital, Valladolid, Mexico Mission Trip

The Prelude Prelude on the tune TRURO

Michael Burkhardt

The Call to Worship

The Rev. Rick Davis

At all times I will bless the Lord, whose praise shall ever be in my mouth.

(Psalm 34)

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

Happy are those who trust in the Lord! Let us stand and sing of our joy. And let us worship God!

◆ **The Hymn 477** Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim HANOVER

◆ **The Morning Prayer** (Adoration, Confession & Thanksgiving)

The First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-15

Molly Inhofe

The Sacrament of Baptism

Elders Gary Mathews and Dorothy Gibbons

Sarina Elise Smith, daughter of Adam and Amber Smith

The Question of the Congregation

Jesus said that those who are baptized need encouragement and nurture. Do you, the people of this family of faith, promise to do all you can to ensure that Sarina comes to grow in her love, her faith and her service to Jesus our Lord?

The Unison Prayer

Lord of all life, long before we come to know our own names, you cradle us in your love. We thank you for Sarina and the dreams you have for her. Grant her special wisdom and grace, and give your church a single-minded love, that she, along with each of us, may come to know you, to love you, and to serve you through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

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>	<i>New Testament Studies</i>	Room 221, BC
Christian Fellowship <i>(Seniors)</i>	<i>Sharing God's Grace</i> , Bruce & Jean Lemmon	Miller Library
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	Room 204
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Theological Roundtable</i>	Lewis Conference Center, BC
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>	1st Flr. Recpt., BC
Mariners <i>(Seniors)</i>	<i>Romans</i> , Natalie Morey	Room 116
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Theological Roundtable</i>	Lewis Conference Center, BC
Sojourners <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>World Religions</i> , Bob Matthews	Room 320, BC
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Sharing God's Grace</i>	Tower Room

Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 11:00

Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Christian Sects</i> , Patrick Grogan	Room 318, BC
11:00 a.m. Bible Study <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Bible Study of Job</i>	KRC, BC

Youth Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday

Pathfinders <i>(Grades 6-8)</i>	<i>Selected studies</i> 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	PH
Exodus <i>(Grades 9-12)</i>	<i>Selected studies</i> 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.	PH

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 07/25/10 Coffee and Fellowship Time. Meet and greet old and new friends following the 9:30 (Great Hall Alcove) and 11:00 (Miller Library) worship services.

The Book Table will be open in the Miller Library following the 11 o'clock worship. Books of the month for July, selected by Doug Smith, are *Sounder* by William H Armstrong; *My Dog Skip* by Willie Morris; *Rescuing Sprite* by Mark Levin.

International Fellowship & Worship. 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Lewis Conference Center, BC.

Monday 07/26/10 Pre-school VBS. 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. Today through Friday.

Tuesday 07/27/10 His Kids Read. Not meeting today due to Pre-school VBS.
Retirees Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Wiseman Hall. *(see more details in Updates)*

Wednesday 07/28/10 Men's Bible Study. 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Wiseman Hall.

Thursday 07/29/10 Men's Ministry Bible Study. 6:30 a.m. Jimmy's Egg, 41st & Peoria.

Friday 07/30/10 Every Friday Socials. 1:00 p.m. Patterson Lounge. Friends, snacks, and fun. Do you like to play Bridge, Dominos, or other games? We invite you to join us.

Saturday 07/31/10 Men's Basketball Ministry. 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Robson Gym, BC.
Before the Rooster Crows. 8:45 a.m. Room 206.

The Summer Choir welcomes you! You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. service. The only time requirement is a brief rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. in Room 308. If you've always wanted to give it a try, here's your opportunity - please join us!

Mark Your Calendars with these Events:

July 26-30	Pre-school VBS at First Church.
July 31	Xtreme 5K Run at Camp Loughridge.
August 1	Communion at all worship services and home communion.
September 9	<i>Alpha</i> begins.
September 12	Rally Day.
September 17	Evenings at the Bernsen - Tulsa Symphony Orchestra.
Sept. 19 - Oct. 17	Next Inquirers' Class.
September 24-26	Women's Retreat, Camp Heart O'Hills.
October 5-14	Contemplative Prayer Retreat, Snowmass, CO.
October 6-20	Mission trip to Malawi, Synod of Livingstonia.
October 7-10	Cursillo at Dwight Mission
October 10	37th Annual Organ Concert by Ron Pearson.

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATE

FPC Building project – please note: Soon the entire eastside parking lot will be fenced off, and the porte cochere entrance will be closed. Please refer to the information sheet found in the literature racks or online: www.firstchurchtulsa.org to clarify new parking procedures. Keep this handy in your car. Thanks for your patience as we begin this massive restoration and redevelopment project.

Retirees Luncheon. We will meet on Wednesday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m. in Wiseman Hall. Our speaker this month will be Margaret Martinson, CFO of the Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless. Join us and learn how God is at work helping Tulsa's homeless.

Please join us at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in July for *Faith on Film* in the Kirkland Resource Center in the Bernsen Center.

Register for the Kids to Camp Xtreme 5K Trail Run and 1 mile Challenge Run, which will be held on Saturday, July 31, at 8:00 a.m. at Camp Loughridge, including obstacle run, burgers, and swim party afterwards. Register Online at www.Xtreme5K.com. Don't miss out on this unique trail run and colorful T-shirt. Hurry, slots are limited!

Next Sunday, August 1, is the deadline for nominations for our next group of church officers, the class of 2013. We will need ten Elders, ten Deacons, three Trustees, and ten Nominating Committee members. Information is available on our website, www.firstchurchtulsa.org. You can see who is currently serving and what the duties are and you can submit your recommendations online.

Camp Loughridge Pool is open! FPC Swim Time at Camp Loughridge for all FPC members and their guests happens every Sunday until September from 1:30 - 6:00 p.m.

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE

Please go to www.firstchurchyouth.org or call 301-1009 for more information.

 **His Kids Read.** Because of VBS there is no *His Kids Read* on this Wednesday, July 27. HKR will resume on August 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Interested in serving FPC as an Acolyte? All 4th and 5th graders are welcome to participate in this ministry. Letters will be sent out shortly; please reply with the enclosed postcard. Training will be announced in the letter.

Does your preschooler love to sing? *His Kids Sing*, a parent-child interactive music time, will begin this Fall. It will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Be sure and sign up on Rally Day!

Pathfinders TINA. This Wednesday, July 28, we will be at the Cox's house (5904 S. New Haven Ave.), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Bring your Bible, a swimming suit and a towel.

Frontier City – Saturday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 which includes lunch and dinner. Sign up on line at www.firstchurchyouth.com now – space is limited!

Parents, your child must have a new release form on file to participate. If you are interested in being an adult leader, please call Steve Wilson (625-7059).

EXODUS Our Sunday night event today will be a pool party at Kathryn Hillis' home (3139 S. Zunis Ave.) We'll meet from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

44 Hours of Fun will be on August 6 - 8. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. on Friday to go a Driller's game. On Saturday morning we'll leave for a float trip in Tahlequah and be back in Tulsa by Saturday evening. Sunday morning will include Sunday school and then worship at Camp Loughridge. All this for just \$30! We hope you'll join us for this exciting weekend. **Parents, your child must have a new release form on file to participate!**

2010: First Church 125th Anniversary

Did you know?

125th Anniversary Logo Wear has arrived. Please pick up your order in the Reception Office today or weekdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Hymn 497 (*stanzas 1-2; please remain seated*)

With Grateful Hearts Our Faith Professing

ST. CLEMENT

The Anthem Cantate!

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*Middle school ensemble: Natalie Bashforth, Isabella Bird,
Rachel Caldwell, Molly Inbofe, Emily Manring, Cassie Pickarel*

Come, let us sing! *Cantate!* Sing to the Lord! *Cantate Domino!* Come, let us sing!
Cantate! Cantate Domino! Cantate Domino, alleluia. Cantate Domino, sing to the
Lord! *Cantate Domino, alleluia!* A new song, sing a new song. Sing to the Lord all the
earth, sing a new song! Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord. Give thanks, give thanks to
the Lord. Declare his glory. Come, let us sing, *cantate, cantate!*

The Time with the Young Disciples

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

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 Second Reading Romans 11:25-12:2

Deacon Jane Hawkins

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Consider the Lilies

Natalie Sleeth

Consider the lilies and how they grow, blossoming there in the field; 'tis not for their
labor they flourish so, flowers of beauty to yield. *Through the grace of God above,
tending all in constant love, every want shall be supplied, for God the Lord will
provide.* Consider a moment the birds in flight, everywhere filling the air, with a never a
worry they seek the height, nourished in bountiful share. *Refrain.* Store not up in great
array treasures for the coming day; in the Kingdom first believe, and all good things you
shall receive. For more than the lilies that bloom and grow, more than the birds of the
air, your Maker forever your need will know and feed you with heavenly care. *Refrain.*
Matthew 6:28

The Third Reading John 18:12-27

The Rev. Elaine Johnson

The Sermon Denial Belongs to Friday . . . But Sunday's Coming!

*"You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?"
He said, "I am not." (John 18:17)*

The Response Ah, Holy Jesus

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn 108** Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Voluntary on the tune TRURO

Seth Bingham

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THE PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jamie Baker, John Benear, Marilyn Bush, Melissa Carlson, June
Chapman, George Cheatham, Ellen Degen, Betty Foote, Virginia Fulkerson, Dana Grogan,
Jim Houghton, Mary Ann Howard, Kathy Johnson, Tom King, Norma Kramer, Robert
Langholz, Fran Lazar, Bob Lengacher, Bruce Lytle, Doris Maher, Dana Marr, Tom Matson,
Bob McCay, Loretta McKenzie, Diane Miller, Frances Morgan, Judy Murray, Naomi Overton,
Curtis Roney, Steve Slayton, Laven Sowell, Kay Spencer, Shirley & Lewis Taggart, Sr., Doris
Wells, Richard Wills, Ruth Wilson, Beth Woodard, Chad Zieg.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: Jim and Cherrie Turner on the death of Jim's brother,
Chris Turner; Lisa and Jim Mitchell on the death of Lisa's mother, Kris Pederson; Carol Ann
Drummond on the death of her husband, Leslie Drummond; Carmelitti LeFlore on the
death of her brother, Bill Ingram.

Letters of Well Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This
week letters go to Peter and Ana Lucaciu, founders of Romania Evangelistic Medical
Mission, celebrating this week the mission organization's 20 years; and to Marion Medical
Missions, our partners in mission who dug the water wells in Malawi for which we raised
funds.

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WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for the Sunday morning worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the
glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Schelper and Mr. and
Mrs. Wilfred Holmes, by Col. Shirley Schelper and Dr. June Holmes.

First Church telecasts are: Sunday 11:00 a.m. (live broadcast) and 5:00 p.m. on [Cox 3](#); Saturday
6:00 p.m. on [Cox 7 & KWHB-UHF 47](#).

To notify the church of a birth, death, illness, hospitalization, change of address/phone
number in your family or to request a pastoral visit at home or in the hospital, please contact Sara
Studenmund (584-4701, ext. 257, or [sstudenmund@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ssudenmund@firstchurchtulsa.org)).

SEMINARY STUDENTS UNDER CARE OF FIRST CHURCH

Please keep our Candidates for Ministry in your prayers:

James Estes, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, **Wambugu Gachungi**, Phillips Theological Seminary,
Michael Gewecke, Princeton Theological Seminary, **Olivia Lane**, Princeton Theological Seminary,
and **Josh Miles**, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

THE FIRST CHURCH MINISTRY STAFF

James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Pastor*
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Michael P. Homan, M.Div.,
Associate Pastor for Next Generation Ministries
Elaine H. Johnson, M.Div.,
Associate Pastor for Mission and Outreach
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Associate Pastor for Christian Growth and Life
Warren J. Muller, D.Min., *Parish Associate*

Steve Caldwell, *Director of Operations*
Meghan Beam, *Director of Communications*


Linda Campbell, *Director of Outreach and Growth*
Wambugu Gachungi, *Seminary Intern*
Elaine Horkey, *Director of Planned Giving*
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Ronald J. Pearson, M.M., *Organist and*
Director of Music Ministries
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*Born by grace in 1885, First Church is:
Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ
Inwardly Strong
and
Outwardly Focused.*

Celebrating
125
years
First
Presbyterian
Church, Tulsa
1885-2010

Tulsa's First Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. If you or someone you
know needs the support of a good listener who offers distinctively
Christian caring, please contact Rev. Rick Davis or Sara Studenmund at 584-4701



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11:00 AM
THE SANCTUARY