



# Prison Reflections:

To Live is Christ!

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

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JULY 24, 2022

11:00 AM

SANCTUARY

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
Born by grace in 1885*

# ***Seventh Sunday After Pentecost***

*11:00 a.m., Sanctuary*

## **The Words of Preparation**

When I think about hearing a sermon, I find myself praying that it might *refresh my knowledge of Christ –that I might get Him, His nature, His work, and His desire for me once more clear, and go out more ready to see whatever is disputed in the world in His light... It's not a religion I need –but Christ! Not a theological system –but a Person! Christianity –only for Christ! Doctrines –only for the Person!*

*Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893, Bishop of Massachusetts, (adapted)  
Composer of Little Town of Bethlehem*

## **The Extended Prelude**

*Jonny Miller, piano*

*Give Me Jesus  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## **The Welcome and Call to Worship**

Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited –but He *emptied* Himself, taking on the form of a slave...

**So God highly exalted Him, and gave Him the Name above every name –that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and every tongue confess that Jesus, the Messiah, is Lord –to the glory of God the Father!**

*Philippians 2:6ff*

Here among us this morning ---is this same Jesus! Come, stand, lift your hearts to Him –and sing of His worth!

*His Name is wonderful, His Name is wonderful, His name is wonderful –Jesus, my Lord! He is the mighty King, Master of everything; His Name is Wonderful, Jesus, my Lord! He's the Great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is He; bow down before Him, love and adore Him; His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord!*

Come, let's stand, lift our voices, and let us worship God! All hail the power of Jesus' Name! **Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ **The Hymn** 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Wally Johnson

**The Old Testament Reading** Psalm 51:1-10

**The Invitation to Confession** The Time for Turning Craig Courtney  
Randie Lewis, *soloist*

To everything a season, to everything a time; a moment to move forward and leave the past behind. As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring, there comes a time for turning to every living thing. The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward bound. The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground. The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow. And so to all a season, a time for letting go. Now is the time for turning and this the place to start; for yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart; a moment to surrender the things we should release; forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace.

**The Prayer of Confession**

Lord Jesus, turn our eyes to You this morning; open our hearts both to Your mercy and Your redemptive work. Give us the courage to trust You as our Great Physician; bring us Your precision cardiac care: grant us a new heart that beats with Your love, and loves what You love. In Your mercy, meet us in our need, and hear our prayers... (*in silence*)

## The Invitation to Welcome Forgiveness

Friends, why should we welcome this gift of grace, mercy and forgiveness that the Lord offers?

Responses: Caleb, Laura, and Joshua Tham

### ◆ The Response

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin; how shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free, for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

*Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea; higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me. Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame, O magnify the precious name of Jesus, praise his name.*

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost, by it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost. Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty, for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *Refrain.*

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled, by its transforming power making me God's dear child. Purchasing peace and heaven for all eternity –and the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me. *Refrain.*

## The Blessing of the Young Disciples

*What Does My Baseball Glove Need?*

### ◆ The Hymn

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

You, O Christ, are all we need, more than all in You we find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Love and mercy is Your Name, grace and life seen in Your face;  
You are evermore the same, You are full of truth and grace!



**For those who need hearing assistance** in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

## **First Church Updates**

**A heartfelt welcome to worship!** We pray that you'll sense the presence of Christ here —and the warmth of this community.

**Don't forget: First Family Summer Swim happens every Sunday, 1:45 – 5:00 p.m.** at Camp Loughridge! Everybody's welcome!

**The Summer Choir Welcomes You!** You're 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! For more information, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at [918-301-1012/gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:918-301-1012/gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Women of First Church:** Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement as we find connection and transformation together.

**Monday, August 22, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** - Nicole Pugh will encourage us to be involved in the life of our church.

**Reservations are required for childcare.** For more information, contact Sarah Savage at [ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org) or Julia Metcalf at [jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Called to Wrap Jesus' arms around children!** Check out the table in the Atrium each Sunday in July. Sign up for one or more Sunday mornings and help guide our young ones through stories, crafts, games and more. We're developing our regular volunteer and substitute lists and would love to have you on board! Drop by the table or E-mail Sarah Savage, Director of Children's Ministries, [ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-301-1011.

**Young Adult Summer Gatherings (20's – early 30's)** Join us Monday evenings throughout the summer. For more information contact Elizabeth DeVore at [eldevore7@gmail.com](mailto:eldevore7@gmail.com).

**Inquirers' Class** Interested in learning more about First Church? The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to come meet others, get to know our pastors and ask your questions. Join us every Sunday, August 7-28 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Patricia Hall at [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-301-1028.

**Hope Is Alive Supply Drive:** Continues today, July 24. *Hope is Alive* is a Christian addiction recovery program that provides sober-living group homes for people coming out of addiction. First Church pastors and deacons have been meeting regularly in the men's and women's *Hope is Alive* homes, providing residents with a meal and the Gospel message. Look for containers in the Atrium. Household supplies such as Windex, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, paper towels are encouraged.

**Global Leadership Summit:** GLS is an online event, August 4-5, that will allow you to gather with a global community of change-driven, growth-minded, hope-filled people like you. Discover how to voice your vision for a better future. Please visit our events calendar for more information.

**Called to Serve? First Church is seeking a part-time ministry assistant for Discipleship and Congregational Life.** This role works with pastors, teachers, and lay leaders to coordinate and resource our classes, Bible studies, small groups. For more information, please go to [firstchurchtulsa.org/about/employment](http://firstchurchtulsa.org/about/employment) or call Duff Points at 918-584-4701. To apply, send your resume to Tonye Briscoe, [tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Do you yearn for a quiet day to draw close to the Lord?** On Saturday, August 6, slip away to the historic lodge at Camp Loughridge for a spiritual retreat that allows time for prayer, reflection, and rich conversation with fellow Christians growing in their faith. The retreat will be led by Julia Metcalf, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch are provided, \$10. For more information, contact Duff Points at 918-301-1018 or [dpoints@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:dpoints@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Equipping your Marriage for the End Times Conference**, on August 12-13 in Stephenson Hall. Our Tulsa International Fellowship (TIF) is hosting a marriage conference with guest speakers, Pastors Charity and Carl Taylor of Higher Life Outreach Ministries. The fee is \$30 per person. Contact Britani Di Santi by email at [bsanti@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:bsanti@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Helping Hand is almost out of Bibles.** If you would like to donate Bibles to people in need, please drop them by the welcome center in the Atrium.

**Mission Partners, Ireland: Oct. 14-24: A First Church** mission team, led by Rev. James Estes and Eric Baird, is headed to Discovery Church, IR and Donemana Presbyterian Church, Northern IR. You can learn all about it by following the QR code below. Anyone over the age of 18 and minors accompanied by an adult are welcome! **Deadline to signup: next Sunday, July 31.** Meetings in preparation begin on Sunday, August 7. Please contact Britani Di Santi by email at [bdisanti@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:bdisanti@firstchurchtulsa.org).



**Matson Cup:** Save the date for the Helping Hand Gold Tournament on Monday, September 19 with a shotgun start at 9 am. There will be a Putting Contest and multiple ladies' events that are new this year! Please visit our website for more information by using the QR Code.



**A taste of Masterwork Academy:** Sundays, July 31 through August 28, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., 2022; Bernsen Community Life Building

Have you ever wondered what takes place at a Masterwork Academy class? Now is your chance. Every Sunday at noon, Masterwork Academy is opening their doors to facilitate a free one-hour arts experience for all interested adults. Experience the joy of music, the freedom of dance, and the creativity of visual art through classes led by Masterwork Academy Instructors. Please join us and allow the arts to awaken your imagination while connecting with your community!

**Camp Sunshine,** Saturday, August 13, 11.00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. This annual event is sponsored by the Board of Deacons, offers a day camp experience for children fighting cancer. Medical personnel are on site to provide any support needed. The Deacons need thirty FPC cheerleaders from the congregation to help. Minimum age to volunteer is 14. If you can spend a few hours helping to supervise an activity, assist with crafts or food, or help with set up or clean up, please sign up using this QR code, clicking the link on the church's web calendar, or call Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029.



## **Parish Register**

**Prayers for Healing:** Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, Billy Boyd, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Glenda Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Claudia King, Joyce Kunkel, Susan, Lawrence, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Clint McQueen, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, David Raybourn, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Tom Sherrill, Helen Marie Sisler, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Terry Thomas, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Roosevelt Neal Porter (Rosie), daughter of Jennifer and Matt Porter, and Saylor James Seibert, daughter of Lauren and Dylan Seibert, were both baptized on July 17.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today 7/24/22**

9:30 am Gatherings and Classes

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall, and Great Hall

**Tuesday 7/26/22**

9:30 am Precepts, E100

**Wednesday 7/27/22**

6:30 pm TIF Backyard Bible Study, Wambugu's residence

**Saturday 7/30/22**

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!  
NEXT SUNDAY Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.**

**On Site:**

Covenanters	<i>Evangelical Theology</i>	E205
Faith and Family	Raising a Modern Day Joseph	E204
Reflections	<i>Paul's Letter to the Galatians</i>	E103
Shepherds	Sadik Gassid teaching	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	History of the Church	E204
The Vine (singles/couples)	Revelation Bible Study	E100
Westminster	<i>Theology Brewed in an African Pot</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	Philippians, Rev. Dan Hutchinson	E201

**July 24, 2022  
11:00 Sanctuary**

Please register your attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the chair as you leave.

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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using the QR code below.



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