



Prison Reflections:

To Live is Christ!

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

JULY 24, 2022
11:00 AM STEPHENSON HALL
*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885*

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Stephenson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Words of Preparation

Joy is the characteristic of Christian pilgrimage. It is the second in Paul's list of the fruits of the Spirit. It is the first of Jesus' signs in the Gospel of John (turning water into wine)...This is not to say that joy is a moral requirement for Christian living...Joy is not a requirement of Christian discipleship, it is a consequence. It is not what we have to acquire in order to experience life in Christ; it is what comes to us when we are walking in the way of faith and obedience. Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Prelude

Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom. My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing "all is mine", yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid, for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released. I can sing I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Songs of Praise

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation. O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation. All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near. Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things, so wondrously reigneth. Shelters thee under His wings, yet so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee. Surely His goodness and mercy, here, daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love, He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him. All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again; Gladly, for aye we adore Him.

There is a Name

There is a Name, who reigns without contention, whose power can't be questioned or contained. With humble fame, He rules the earth and heavens, His glory knows no measure or refrain, and it's bursting past the border lines of space.

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts. Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all.

There is a Name, reaching past the margins, calling sons and daughters back to Him. And as He saves, we can hear the roar of Heaven, as prodigals are coming home again. Oh the triumph of His name will never end. *Refrain*

For every eye will see, every heart will know, there is no name above the name of Jesus. Death could not hold Him down, no grave could keep Him bound, all sin and sickness bow to the name of Jesus. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Estes

Response

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame; all who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer, come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

Refrain

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning, O sinner, be still; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel that in Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name. **Alleluia! Amen!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Blessing of the Young Disciples

Song of Preparation Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, help me see the way You see. Always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all as Christ in me. Holy Spirit guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound. Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

*You're the light. You're my path. You're the Shepherd of my soul.
All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit, lead me on.*

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing, wake my ears to words You speak. In the thunder, in the stillness, let Your voice be clear to me. Let Your voice be clear to me. *Refrain*

Holy Spirit, lead me onward, walking through the great unknown. Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging, 'til the day You lead me home. *Refrain*

Scripture Philippians 4:1-7

Sermon The Greatest Commandment: Honorable Mentions

“Rejoice in the Lord always; I will say it again, rejoice.” Philippians 4:4

The Celebration of Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Joy

We're choosing celebration, breaking into freedom; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts. We cast aside our shadows, trust You with our sorrows; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts.

We're dancing to the rhythm of Your heart. We're rising from the ashes to the stars.

You're the joy, joy, joy, lighting my soul. The joy, joy, joy, making me whole. Though I'm broken, I am running into Your arms of love.

The pain will not define us. Joy will reignite us; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts. The dark is just a canvas for Your grace and brightness; You're the song; You're the song of our hearts. *Refrain*

In the shadows, in the sorrows, in the desert when the pain hits, you are constant, ever present, you're the song of my heart.

Refrain

Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Virginia R. and Thomas E. Matson, Beulah and George C. Matson, George C. Matson, Jr., and Barbara and Herbert Twaddle, by Thomas E. Matson Family.

Services are broadcast on the FPC Facebook page, and on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Please notify the church if there is a pastoral need, change of address/phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.

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 or Julia Metcalf at 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 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.

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 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 or call Duff Points at 918-584-4701. To apply, send your resume to Tonye Briscoe, 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.

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.

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.



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

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

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Member _____ or Guest _____

go to the link: bit.ly/fpcregister;
or
using the QR code below.

