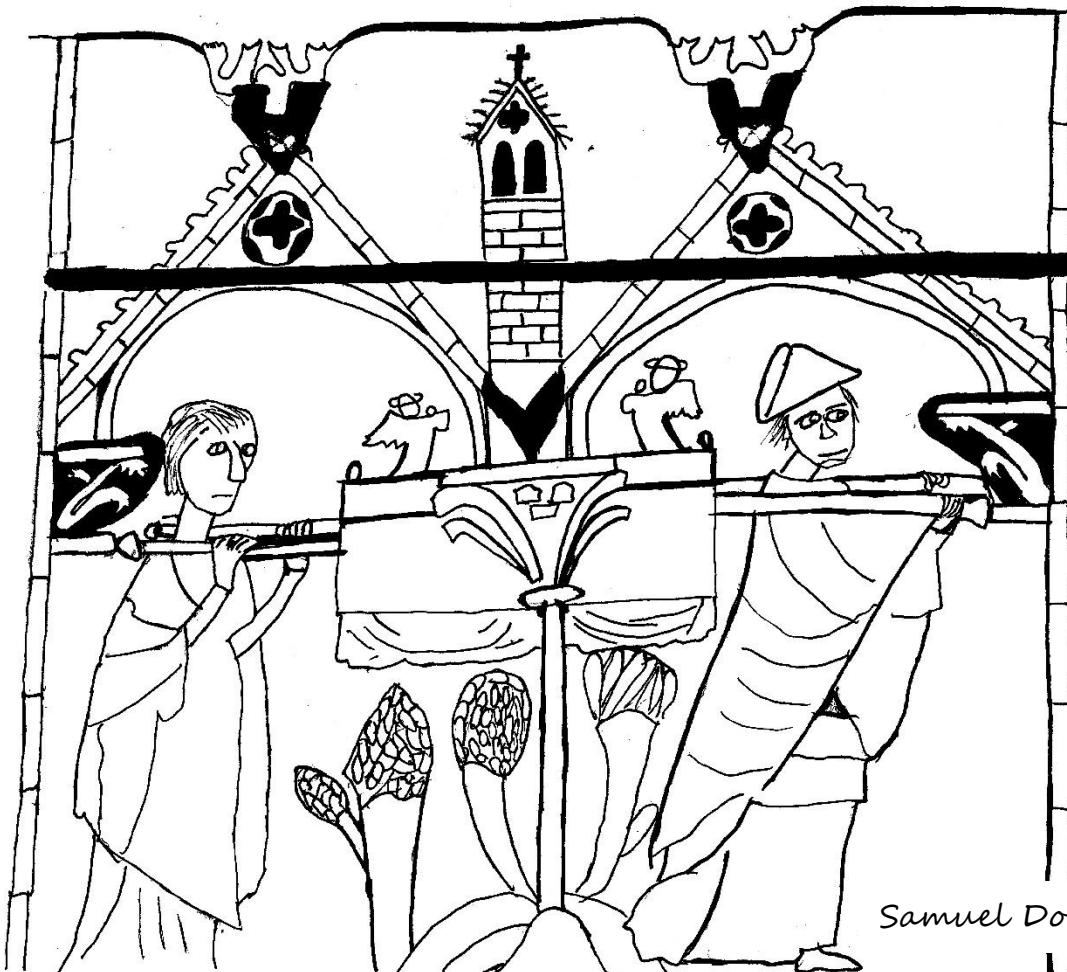


*The Gospel According
to Leviticus:
The Sketchbook of God's
Redeeming Love*



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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

11:00 AM

SANCTUARY

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Born by grace in 1885

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

This is the work God does among us. The Spirit of God invades our lives with healing, forgiving, saving, renewing love. Grace is released. We're called to work for Him –and He goes to work among us. Israel built a tent, God filled it with His glory. We build a church, God fills it. We build a family, God fills it. We build a life, God fills it. He gives us the blueprints with which to build –then he fills what we build with His glory.

Eugene Peterson

The Prelude

Cross of Christ Medley

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Doris Herald and Nancy Strimel, pianists

The Welcome

Dr Miller and Mr. Ross Wilson, artist

The Prayer of Preparation for Worship

The Introit

I Love You, Lord

arr. Lloyd Larson

Erin Barnhart and Gretchen Bashforth, duet

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

The Call to Worship

"We love you, Lord –and we lift our voice. Take joy, O King, in what you hear!" God takes joy in our glad-hearted worship. As the psalmist encourages us:

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come into His presence with singing.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!

Come, lift your hearts in joy, your voices in song, and let us adore Him!

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** 464 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee HYMN To Joy

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Rev. Wally Johnson

Lord Jesus Christ, joyfully we come into your presence –hearts brimming with gladness. And why not? For You are the Lord and Giver of Life –the One who fills to overflowing the cup of every blessing. Not only that, but You know the chaos and anguish of the world in which we live. You know every need and see every tear. You deal with our sin, taking it upon yourself at the cross, —defeating death and the devil in your redemptive mercy. You offer us strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow. You, dear Christ, are our only hope –in life and death! **Amen.**

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone!
What is our only confidence? That our souls --to him belong!
Who holds our days within his hand? What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ,
in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death!*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good!
Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ? *Refrain.*

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!” And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed, and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore! *Refrain.*

The New Testament Reading Exodus 31:1-11 Rev. Julia Metcalf

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Look, I have specifically chosen Bezalel son of Uri, grandson of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

I have filled him with my Spirit, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working with gold, silver, and bronze, skilled in engraving and mounting gemstones and carving wood. He’s a master craftsman.

And I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to be his assistant.

Moreover, I have given special skill to all the gifted craftsmen so they can make that which I’ve commanded you to build:

the Tabernacle,
the Ark of the Covenant.
the Ark’s cover—the place of atonement.
all the furnishings of the Tabernacle.
the table and its utensils,
the pure gold lampstand with all its accessories,
the incense altar,
the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils,
the washbasin with its stand,
the beautifully stitched garments: —the sacred garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments for his sons to wear as they minister as priests;
the anointing oil; the fragrant incense for the Holy Place.”

The Reflection on the Gift and Power of Art Mr. Ross Wilson

◆ The Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below! Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

The Blessing of the Young Disciples Me, an Artist?

Samuel Donohue, Ross Wilson

The Hymn

Ruth Duck, *Onward*

Lord of truth and beauty, Poet of the Word! May we be creators by your Spirit stirred --open to your presence in all joy and strife, vessels of your Spirit coursing through our life! Masterful Creator, God of mystery, thank you for the artist, teaching us to see!

The Second Readings Genesis 4:8-9; John 11:38-44

The Sermon Leviticus: From Chaos and Death to Glory and Life

Cain...killed his brother, Abel. Gen. 4:8

The glory of the Lord appeared to all the people. Lev. 9:24

The Anthem

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Trevor Manor

Kari Caldwell, cellist

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore! How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of

Jesus! 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me; and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- ◆ **The Hymn** 467 How Great Thou Art O STORE GUD
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune O STORE GUD

Worship Notes

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

First Friends in the Pews! What is this? It's a simple –but very effective-- ministry that we all can share by simply offering a warm welcome with those who sit near us during worship. Share the joy of being a *First Friend* in the pew!

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@firstchurchoftulsa.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.

Today's Pastor Class welcomes our guest speaker: Artist Ross Wilson! Ross offers a reflection on the life and faith of Vincent Van Gogh: 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., in Stephenson Hall.

Israel! In the Footsteps of the Master Information meeting: by popular request, Dr. Miller leads a pilgrimage to Israel, February 13-28, which will be capped at 35. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 25, at 12:15 p.m. in E104. Please RSPV to Dionna at Dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org or calling 918-301-1015.

Dr. Miller's weekly Pastor's Class - Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. (E-104) and Sundays, at 9:30 a.m. (Stephenson Hall). His discussion is titled: "*Contemporary Concerns and the Christian Faith*. Dr. J. I. Packer's classic, *Knowing Christianity*, a brilliant systematic theology of the Bible's message, serves as the driver of our reflections. The Wednesday and Sunday classes cover the same ground.

Wednesday Night Downtown, - Wednesdays, 6:15, with dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. Adult class offerings include:

Glimpsing the Glory of God! Examining His Handiwork Experts in physics, meteorology, geology, horticulture, and astronomy take turns investigating the creation story (Genesis chapter 1). This week we welcome: **Professor Jerry McCoy, physicist at TU** –who will speak on “Light”! Dr. Miller introduces each speaker.

Seeker's Bible Study – Takes a deep dive into the sermon texts on Leviticus, in room E104, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

The Young Adults are invited to a Game Night this Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Pastor Julia's house. Check [@fpcyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/fpcyoungadults) for more details.

Deacons Days of Care! The first four Saturdays of October (1, 8, 15, and 22): 9:00 – noon. Teams meet at the homes of members for basic yard care chores and home maintenance jobs. Interested in a team visiting your home? Or to serve on a team? Visit the table in the atrium today or next Sunday; contact Adam Smith, 918-633-1710 –or use the QR code below.



It's K-Group time! Regroup or join a K-Group as we head into the Fall. This year we're exploring E. James Wilder's book *Renovated: God, Dallas Willard and the Church that Transforms*, starting the week of October 16. Please contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org.com for more information.

Book Table Annual Sale, Sunday, October 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Atrium Book Table. Visit the book table and choose from an array of titles on sale for \$1-\$5.

A six-month “Confirmation Reflections” course for freshmen and interested high school youth begins Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Powerhouse. Our prayer is that each student will grow in their understanding of how faith and life intersect, and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For more information you can go to the First Church website and find confirmation in the events.

Helping Hands ministry volunteers needed - There is a need for volunteers to help at our ministry. Whether you can commit weekly, or just once a month, please reach out to Rev. James Estes.

The Lunch Buddy ministry at Anderson Elementary is growing; there are still twelve students needing mentors. If you are interested in the *Lunch Buddy* ministry, please contact Cindy DeVore at 918-630-2636 for more information.

We are looking for helpers to serve the Lord's little ones in our special-needs classroom on Sundays or Wednesdays. If interested, contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Faith Partners Addiction Ministry - Faith Partners provides intervention, education, and recovery support to individuals and families suffering from addiction. If you are in need of help or resources, visit the Faith Partners table in the Atrium today. If you have further questions, please call Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org. All calls are confidential.

Parish Register

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

**With gratitude and joy we welcome our newest members! May
the Lord bless each of these –and make them a blessing!**

Reaffirmation of Faith

Esther Gathuni

Clay Holk

Cathrine Makaha

Allie and Dan O'Hara

Mariah Shaddox

Adrianna and Jonah Sloup

Gretchen Wagner

Certificate of Transfer

Diane and Steve Austin

Lisa Harbison

Jennifer Holk

Joe Shaddox

THIS WEEK

TODAY 9/18/22

8:00 and 8:30: Worship, Chapel and Stephenson

9:30 am Gatherings and Classes
Special Guest: Ross Wilson, artist. Stephenson Hall

Sunday School Classes: Today

Cornerstone	<i>The History of Acts</i>	E102
Faith and Family	<i>Raising Children Faithfully</i>	Prayer Room
Harbingers	<i>Soul Keeping</i>	E202
Morning Glory	<i>Prayers and Bible Study</i>	E201
Pastor's Study	Life and Faith of Van Gogh	SH
Reflections	<i>The Character of God</i>	E103
Shepherds	Who is This Man?	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Understanding the Old Testament</i>	E204
The Vine (singles/couples)	<i>Revelation</i>	E100
UKirk	<i>Life and Faith of Van Gogh</i>	SH
Westminster	<i>Theology Brewed in an African Pot</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>New Testament Overview</i>	E201

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

Monday 9/19/22

11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103

Tuesday 9/20/22

9:30 am Precepts, E100, Denise Rounds

Wednesday 9/21/22

11:30 am Pastor's Study – "Knowing Christianity, E104
11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204
12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
5:30 pm Gloria Choir
6:00 pm Awana, Children's Area
6:30 pm WNDT - Various Classes
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 9/24/22

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103, Phil Rounds

September 18, 2022
11:00 Sanctuary

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

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Member _____ or Guest _____

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



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