



***O Lord,  
How Shall I Meet You?***

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

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March 12, 2023  
Sanctuary, 11:00 AM

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

***Third Sunday of Lent***

*Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.*

## **The Words of Preparation**

To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully known and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.

Tim Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

## **The Welcome**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

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

## **The Introit**

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Dale Wood

*Emily Willard, soloist*

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care. Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way. Teach me thy patience; share with me, O share with me a closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

## **The Call to Worship** (Hebrews 12)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**

Let us look to Jesus,

**The founder and perfecter of our faith,**

For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame,

**And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Therefore, let us stand in honor,  
**And let us worship our God and King!**

- ◆ **The Hymn** 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA  
*Acolytes: Sammy Hand, Jacob Case, and James Doverspike*

- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

**The Old Testament Reading** Jeremiah 2:4-13

**The Prayer of Confession** Rev. Julia Metcalf

Most gracious and merciful Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have forsaken you, the one who redeemed us by the blood of Jesus, and we have sought life apart from you. Lord, in your mercy, turn our hearts back to you. Give us the grace to thirst for you, the living water. Hear us now, as we pray...*(in silence)*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

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

**Alleluia, Amen!**

- ◆ **The Response of Gratitude** Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever. He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him, He plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.*

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing. How He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. *Refrain*

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory. And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing, and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. *Refrain*

## **The Welcome of New Members**

We are humbled and grateful to welcome these new members into the family of First Church. We pledge our desire to grow in faith and service with each of them. Today we offer them the opportunity to affirm (reaffirm) their faith publicly. In the words of the Apostle Paul: *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved!* Romans 10:9

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from sin and renounce evil and its power in this world?

**I do.**

Who is your Lord and Savior?

**Yes, I trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.**

Will you be a faithful disciple, obeying Jesus' word and showing his love?

**With God's help, I do.**

Will you devote yourself to the Church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers, and seek to serve the purposes of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church?

**With God's help, I will.**

◆ **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 Blessing of the Young Disciples**

**The Sacrament of Baptism**

Joel Donohue, Co-Clerk,  
and Elder Debbie Favell

Annabelle Kay Dericks, daughter of Richard and April Dericks

**Hymn of Preparation**    276    Great Is Thy Faithfulness      FAITHFULNESS

**The New Testament Reading**      John 4:5-26

**The Sermon**      Sinful, Messy Outcasts

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

(John 4:16)

**The Anthem**

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

*And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;*

'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.  
*Refrain.* No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is  
mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness  
divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown,  
through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou,  
my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

*Charles Wesley*

## **The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

- ◆ **The Hymn** 280                      Amazing Grace                                      AMAZING GRACE
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude**    Improvisation on the tune DIADEMATA

## **First Church Updates**

### **Today**

***Our Letter of Love is directed to:*** *Dr. Tony Dehner, Director of Music, Oral Roberts University – and ORU Chorale.*

***Israel Review today!*** : 9:30, Stephenson hall. Join us for photos and stories of our recent pilgrim to Israel!

### **This Week**

**It's time to sign up for the All-Church Retreat!** Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2023, at New Life Ranch Frontier Cove. We welcome our keynote speaker, Dr. Wes Vander Lugt, and his family. Reserve your place. Sign up at the table in the Atrium or contact Laura Stevens at 918-301-1019

**Join us tomorrow for “Seasons”**, a space for women in all seasons of life to connect with one another and be transformed by the Word and presence of God. Meet us in Stephenson Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Stay Close to the Master: Wednesday nights during Lent**, Wednesdays, in Stephenson Hall, 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We gather for a time of worship followed by discussion around the tables. Dr. John Ortberg, who will preach here on the Sunday after Easter, offers a ten-minute video devotional, followed by questions and conversations at the tables. First Baptist Church, North Tulsa, and their pastor, Rev. Anthony Scott, will be joining us.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Our Annual Congregational meeting** is set for next Sunday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. Dr. Miller will offer his “State of First Church” message, a number of reports will be shared, and the “Year-in-Pictures” will be viewed.

**Easter Lilies** – On Easter Sunday, bright white lilies will adorn the church building. As each flower silently trumpets the resurrection, it also serves to remind us of the life of someone who was, or is, special to a church member. If you wish to honor someone by contributing to the lily fund, click the link below or go to [www.firstchurchtulsa.org/EasterLily23](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org/EasterLily23) by March 20.



**Informational meeting for the Petra Kids Ministry Mission trip to Uganda** is Sunday, March 26 at 12:15 p.m., in room E101.

### **Ongoing Ministry Opportunities**

**Young Adults** – First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at [@fpcyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/fpcyoungadults), or contact Dan Hutchinson at 918-301-1040.

**Internship Opportunity**– Are you a college student who loves the Lord Jesus and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. For more information, contact Steve Wilson at [swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Presbyterian Women’s March Mission project** benefits the Lindsay House. They are collecting money to make Easter baskets for the children who live at Lindsey House, which provides transitional housing and programs to help newly homeless mothers with children get back on their feet and achieve financial independence. There will be an acrylic collection box at the reception desk for contributions.

### **Parish Register**

**Prayers for Healing:** Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Beth Campbell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Linda Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Elaine Horkey, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, Anne Nunnelee, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Cat Thompson, Mike Tidwell, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

**Sympathy and Prayers to:** John Frame on the death of his mother, Lucille Frame, on February 19.

### **Worship Notes**

**The flowers in today’s Sanctuary worship** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gordon McCune and Margaret Blair McCune given by Anne McCune.

**Services are broadcast** and on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or [FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube](http://FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube).



**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.

**Do you believe in the power of prayer?** The Guild of Intercessors is a group of FPC members who believe there is great power in prayer. Members of the Guild intercede for the needs of others every day. If you would appreciate prayer for yourself, a loved one, or a friend, please call Paula Peterson, Guild Chairman at 918-296-5548, text her at 918-688-2163 or email her at *mandppeterson@msn.com*. Requests are shared with the Guild members and pastors.

**There will be no adult Sunday School classes next week!  
The entire first church family is invited to the  
Congregational Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson  
Hall.**

THIS WEEK

**TODAY 3/12**

- 8:00 am Worship, Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship, Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

**Monday 3/13**

- 11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
- 11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103

**Tuesday 3/14**

- 9:30 am Precepts, E100

**Wednesday 3/15**

- 11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
- 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204
- 12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
- 6:15 pm Lenten Study, Stephenson Hall
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Saturday 3/18**

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**

**TODAY: Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.**

Cornerstone	Minor Prophets	E102
Covenanters	<i>Renovated: God, Dallas, &amp; the Church That Transforms</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Neuroscience: The Impact of Technology on Our Kids: "Faith"</i>	Prayer Room
Forum	<i>All the Places to Go</i>	E200
Harbingers	<i>The Me I Want to Be</i>	E202
Morning Glory	Mastering Your Emotions	B318
New Parents	Theology and Parenting	E205
Pastor's Study 1	Faith and Physics	Stephenson Hall
Pastor's Study 2	New Testament Overview	E104
Reflections	<i>Judges</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Old Testament Connections/Fulfillment</i>	E203
Sojourners	Karl Barth <i>Dogmatics</i>	E204
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
The Vine	<i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i>	E100
Westminster	<i>The Book of Easter</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104

