



***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 19, 2023  
Sanctuary, 11:00 AM

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

***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

## The Words of Preparation

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

## The Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

arr. Mark Hayes

On Eagle's Wings

arr. Mark Hayes

*Doris Herald and Nancy Strimel, pianists*

## The Welcome

Dr. Miller

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

## The Introit

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

arr. Dale Wood

*Lucy Donohue, soloist*

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from  
this day be wholly thine! May thy rich grace impart strength to my  
fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire! While  
life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my  
guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let  
me ever stray from thee aside.

## The Call to Worship

Those who've gone before us encourage us to run to Jesus in faith,  
run to the Lamb of calvary –no matter the circumstances. And the  
psalmist tells us there is good reason:

**The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me  
lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He  
restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness –for His  
name's sake.**

But what happens when life unravels, when trauma and tragedy  
take center-stage?

**Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of  
death, I fear no evil --for the Lord is with me. His rod and**

**His staff, they comfort me. He prepares a table before me in the presence of my enemy; He anoints my head with oil. My cup runs over!**

This must give strength and courage –in the midst of any circumstance. But what do you see as you look ahead into the uncertain future?

**Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life –and I will dwell in the House of the Lord, forever!**

The Great, Good Shepherd is present right here this morning -- ready with His sustaining grace and redeeming blessings! The King of Love, this Shepherd is! Let's stand in honor, lift our hearts, and sing His praise!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ **The Hymn** 171      The King of Love My Shepherd Is      ST. COLUMBA  
*Acolytes: Worship 101*

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**      Nicholas Kuehn

**The Old Testament Reading**      Psalm 103:1-14

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

Meet us in our deepest needs, dear Christ. Meet us in our brokenness, our hurts, our helplessness, our sin. Meet us when we wander from the path that leads to Life. By your grace and in your mercy, bring us Home; draw us close and hold us tight. Cause us to be born again by the power of your Spirit, that we might serve you joyfully and faithfully. Anchor our hearts deep in the ocean of your redemptive love. Good Shepherd, in your mercy, hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

Undaunted by sin, stronger than death, binding us to the good news of the empty tomb –this Love is incarnate in Jesus, the crucified and risen Messiah!\_The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. Friends, embrace this

good news with all of your hearts: *in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness –for all who call upon Him! Alleluia, Amen!*

◆ **The Response**     O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus  
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!

◆ **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**     Who Will Tell the Story?

**Hymn of Preparation**     293     This is My Father's World     TERRA BEATA

**The New Testament Reading**     John 10:1-11

**The Sermon**     Journey to the Holy Land     Dr. John Frame, M.D.  
*Feed my sheep; follow me. John 21*

**The Anthem**     Assurance     John Ness Beck

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. *This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.* Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain.* Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain.*

◆ **The Prayers of the People**

◆ **The Lord's Prayer** (*Sung by congregation*)

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude**

Little Fugue in G Minor

J. S. Bach

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**First Church Updates**

***Our Letter of Love is directed to: Sally and Tom Hughes.***

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

**This Week**

**It's time to sign up for the All-Church Retreat:** this 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 today or contact Laura Stevens at 918-301-1019 –by noon tomorrow!

**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.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Dr. Wes Vander Lugt will be preaching next Sunday** at 11:00 in the sanctuary. The 11:00 a.m. Stephenson Hall worshipping community will join hearts and voices in the sanctuary next Sunday.

**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 next Sunday, March 26 at 12:15 p.m., in room E101.

**H2O Project** – Beginning next Sunday, the congregation is invited to participate in the *H2O Project* by fasting from all beverages but water -- and giving generously to our partners in the H2O Project, Marion Medical Mission. The mission works with local villagers in Malawi, Tanzania and Zambia by digging wells for their villages and teaching them how to maintain them. The cost per well (serving 120 people) is \$450. We have supported this effort since 2009. Our goal this year is \$13,500 for 30 wells, which brings our total to 275 wells. You can make your gift at the atrium table on Sundays, March 26 – April 9; or online.

**The Board of Deacons** organizes a brunch for the singers, ringers and instrumentalists participating in the Easter morning worship services. Food is brought in by members of the congregation on Easter morning between 7:30 and 8:45 a.m. To sign up to bring a dish, which should be

in a disposable container and serve at least 8, please come by the table in the atrium on March 19 or 26, use the QR code below or contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).



### **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](#), or contact Dan Hutchinson at 918-301-1040.

**Presbyterian Women’s March Mission project** benefits the Lindsey 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, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Cat Thompson, Mike Tidwell, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Annabelle Kay Dericks, daughter of April and Richard Dericks, was baptized on March 12.

### **Worship Notes**

**The flowers in today’s Sanctuary worship** are given to the

glory of God and in memory of David and Sally Cordell, by Carol Cordell Mullins and David R. Cordell.

**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*.

**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. 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.



With gratitude for those whom the Lord has added to our number, we offer a warm and heartfelt welcome!

**Certificate of Transfer**

Charlotte Callis

Rachel and Greg Berkhouse

April and Richard Dericks

Carol and Robert Parker

\*Lynn and Bill Peacher

Linda and Fred Swanda

**Reaffirmation of Faith**

Britani Di Santi

\*Pending Session Confirmation

**THIS WEEK**

**TODAY 3/19**

- 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 3/20**

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

**Tuesday 3/21**

- 9:30 am Precepts, E100

**Wednesday 3/22**

- 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
- 6:00 pm Awana, Children's Area, POW, Amass Exodus, Powerhouse
- 6:15 pm Various Adult Classes
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

**Friday 3/24**

- All-Church Retreat, New Life Ranch

**Saturday 3/25**

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103
- All-Church Retreat, New Life Ranch

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**

No Adult Sunday School Classes today, join us at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall for the Annual Congregational Meeting