



The Gospel According to Leviticus:

The Singular Story of Redemption

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

October 16, 2022
Stephenson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Words of Preparation

Some people consider the commandments of the Old Testament stricter than those of the New, but they are deceived by such a shortsighted interpretation. In the former theft, not miserliness, is punished; wrongful taking of property is punished in the latter by fourfold restitution. In this place the rich man is not censured for having taken away someone else's property but for not having sufficiently given away his own.

Gregory the Great

Prelude

Father's House

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes. What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength. My story isn't over; my story's just begun. Failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does. Failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does.

Lay your burdens down. Here in the Father's house. Check your shame at the door 'cause it ain't welcome anymore. You're in the Father's house.

Arrival's not the endgame; the journey's where You are. You never wanted perfect, You just wanted my heart. And the story isn't over if the story isn't good. Failure's never final when the Father's in the room. Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.

Refrain

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope, love is on the move when the Father's in the room. Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life, love is on the move when the Father's in the room. Miracles take place, the cynical find faith, love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. Jericho walls are quaking,

strongholds now are shaking, love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room. *Refrain*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. James Estes

Songs of Praise

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; sing it again, we rejoice.
Delight in the love He has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise. We
gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

With each breath He's given, praise the Lord. In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord. Throughout every season, I am sure we have every reason to praise the Lord.

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving, lay your requests at His feet.
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds. In
Christ who reigns eternal; The Shepherd of our lives. *Refrain*

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; tell of the good He has done.
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come. The
hope that burns within us, the dark cannot destroy. With praise
that's never ending, we say again rejoice. *Refrain*

I Surrender

The riches of this world will fade, the treasures of our God remain.
Here I empty myself to owe this world nothing and find everything
in You.

I surrender. I surrender. I surrender all to You.

Take my life, a sacrifice, in You alone I'm satisfied. Here I empty
myself to owe this world nothing and find everything in You.
Refrain

Not my will but Yours be done. Not my strength but Yours alone.
Nothing else but You O Lord; I find everything in You. *Refrain*

First Reading

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Elder Adam Doverspike

Confession of Sin

Rev. Julia Metcalf

Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you and for ignoring your immensity and greatness. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations and our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power and squandering your gifts. We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God, has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction, and only mild repentance. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Response

Nothing But the Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see: nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my cleansing this my plea: nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Nothing can for sin atone: nothing but the blood of Jesus. Naught of good that I have done: nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

This is all my hope and peace: nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my righteousness: nothing but the blood of Jesus. *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel that there is therefore *now* no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. **Alleluia! Amen!**

Passing of the Peace

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

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.

Blessing of the Young Disciples

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song of Preparation Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small. Child of weakness, watch and pray; find in Me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all; all to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed, I find Thy power, and Thine alone, can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone. *Refrain*

And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete, "Jesus died, my soul to save", my lips shall still repeat. *Refrain*

O, praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead! O, praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead! *Refrain*

Second Reading Leviticus 6:1-7

Sermon Constellations of Vice and Virtue

...be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving... Ephesians 4:32

The Celebration of Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Song Rescuer

There is good news for the captive; good news for the shamed.
There is good news for the one who walked away. There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed, for the good Lord has come to seek and save.

He's our Rescuer. He's our Rescuer. We are free from sin forevermore. Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds. We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man; riches for the poor. He is friendship for the one the world ignores. He is pasture for the weary; rest for those who strive. Oh, the good Lord is the way the truth the life. Yes, the good Lord is the way the truth the life.

Refrain

So come and be chainless; come and be fearless; come to the foot of Calvary. There is redemption for every affliction, here at the foot of Calvary. So come and be chainless; come and be fearless; come to the foot of Calvary. There is redemption for every affliction, here at the foot of Calvary. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Patti Orbison by Carolyn and Lisa Perryman.

Today's "Letter-of-Well-Wishing" is directed to **Allan and Juddy Kanyeki**. Please add your name and any note you'd like to share. Look for letters outside the Chapel, Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall.

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@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 among us here —and the warmth of this community that He has called together. We're glad to welcome you!

The Gift of Sharing! As we have been blessed —so the Scriptures tell us— we are called to share our blessings. Please remember the Lord's Church as you consider how your blessings will be shared. Let's resolve to give of our best to the Master! **Today, we kick off Stewardship Season.**

Sunday New Testament Survey: each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in E104, Rev. Dan Hutchinson leads an overview of the New Testament exploring major themes, authors, and contexts, how it all fits together, its relation to the Old Testament, and what it reveals about the person and work of Christ.

Contemporary Concerns and the Christian Faith: led by Dr. Miller in the Stephenson Hall, 9.30 each Sunday. The class is repeated every Wednesday at 11:30 in E-104 (lunch, optional).

Don't forget! Because of the TPS Fall Break, *Wednesday Night Downtown*, including *AWANA*, does not meet this Wednesday.

Deacons *Days of Care* –This Saturday, October 22, 9:00 – noon, we meet at the home of FPC members to help with basic yard care, home chores and maintenance jobs. Interested in a team visiting your home? Or to serve on a team? Contact Adam Smith at 918-633-1710 –or use *the QR code below.*



Today! Come and find a good book! Check out the Atrium book table: 9:30 – 1:00 p.m. Choose from an array of titles on sale for \$1 - \$5.

FPC to Israel: *In the Footsteps of the Master*: February 12 - March 1, 2023. Interested? Dr. Miller holds the second of two brief informational meetings next Sunday, October 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel. This trip includes an excursion to Jordan and Petra. Come and see the brochure, ask your questions and consider your participation.

Fall Festival – next Sunday, October 30, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.;
Camp Loughridge: the famous First Church *Pit-Masters* serve up the barbeque! Hayrides, live music, trunk or treat, inflatables (and more!) add to the fun. Contact Laura Stevens at 918-301-1019 for more information or go online at firstchurchtulsa.org.

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 this week. Please contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org.com for more information.

Registration is open for the Christmas Eve Live Nativity! Sign up online no later than Monday, October 31. Our first rehearsal and parent meeting will be Sunday, October 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Wiseman Hall. There are parts for everyone ages 3 through high school! This year, we're using a script and songs from the Christmas musical *Light of the World*. For more information, contact Gretchen Bashforth at gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org or Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org.



For Veteran's Day, the Guild of Intercessors is updating its Armed Forces Prayer list. If you have loved ones who are on active duty, please contact us by October 18: Sandy Curtis (918-742-6249, sd.curtis@cox.net), Monte Prater (918-605-9719, monteprater@aol.com), Paula Peterson (918-296-5548, mandppeterson@msn.com)

Inquirers' Class – Interested in learning more about First Church? The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to meet others, get to know some of our pastors and ask your questions. Join us: Sundays, October 23, 30, November 6, and 13, at 9:15 a.m. in the Miller Library. For more information contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1028. You can register by clicking on the QR code below.



A six-month “Confirmation Reflections” course for freshmen and interested high school youth begins this 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 see the First Church website and locate “confirmation” in the events.

All Saints' Day Worship Service, Tuesday, November 1 at 11:00 p.m. in the Kerr Chapel: a service of remembrance for loved ones who died over the past year. After worship join us for a luncheon hosted by the Deacons. Reservations needed for the lunch: please RSVP by October 24 to Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

College of Elders and Deacons dinner: Tuesday, November 1, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. Open to all those who have ever served as an elder or deacon. Please RSVP to Dionna: 918-301-1015.

In honor of Dr. Miller’s thirtieth anniversary among us, a gift of \$2,000 was presented last Sunday to the Mission Fund of the First Baptist Church of North Tulsa. This reflects the joy of sharing life and ministry as *one Church*!

Come and support Camp Loughridge! *Bonfire of Belonging*, Friday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Temple Conference Center at the Camp. A festive evening with friends, including BBQ dinner, music, silent and live auctions. Donations will help enhance the Camp’s outdoor Lakeside Sanctuary. Register at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/BonfireofBelonging>.



The Presbyterian Women's October mission is the *Tulsa Day Center for the Homeless*. Hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, coats, sweaters, new underwear and socks are all needed! Items can be dropped off on Wednesdays and Sundays in the black PW mission container in the atrium.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Mary Fitzpatrick, 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, David Raybourn, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Tom Sherrill, Bill Smith, Isla Smith, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Terry Thomas, Mike Tidwell, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 10/16/22

9:30 am Gatherings and Classes
 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

Monday 10/17/22

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

Tuesday 10/18/22

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 10/19/22

11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204
 12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 10/22/22

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

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

Cornerstone	The History of Acts	E102
Covenanters	<i>Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Raising Children Faithfully</i>	3rd floor Pastors Study
Forum	<i>Your Are Never Alone</i>	E200
Harbingers	<i>Soul Keeping</i>	E202
Morning Glory	Prayers and Bible Study	E201
New Parents	Theology and Parenting	E205
Pastor's Study 1	<i>Contemporary Concerns & the Christian Faith</i>	SH
Pastor's Study 2	New Testament Overview	E104
Reflections	<i>Daniel</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Who is This Man?</i>	E203
Sojourners	<i>Understanding the Old Testament</i>	E204
The Vine	<i>Revelation Bible Study</i>	E100
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
Westminster	<i>Theology Brewed in an African Pot</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104