



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

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

**MARCH 5, 2023
11:00 AM
STEPHENSON HALL
*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885***

Second Sunday of Lent

Stephenson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Words of Preparation

First of all it is necessity that the continuity of the old life be cut. And this is impossible unless one is born again, according to the Lord's word. For the regeneration, as indeed the name shows, is a of a second life. So before beginning the second, it is necessary to put an end to the first. For just as in the case of runners who turn and take the second course, a kind of break and intervenes between the movements in the opposite direction, so also in making a change in lives it seems necessary for death to come as mediator between the two, ending all that goes before, and beginning all that comes after. St. Basil

Prelude

Come Thou Fount

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing
Thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of
loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by
flaming tongues above. Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon
it; mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come,
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold
of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His
precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be; let Thy grace Lord, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

Welcome

Rev. James Estes

Songs of Praise

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King. Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.

Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him. He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done, till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord. His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise! *Refrain*

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home! *Refrain*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty, early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see. Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God Almighty, all Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty, God in three persons blessed Trinity.

The First Reading

Hosea 6:1-6

Elder Dacia Bird

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in breaking your commands, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. In your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

All this we ask through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior...*(in silence)*

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us; how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away, as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold, the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom, but I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer, but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

The Assurance of Pardon

Believe the good news! God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In Jesus Christ there is forgiveness for all who call upon Him. **Alleluia! Amen!**

The 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.

Passing of the Peace

Blessing of the Young Disciples

Song of Preparation

God So Loved

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water; come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, come find His mercy, come to the table, He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell, forever defeated, now it is well; I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love. *Refrain*

The Second Reading John 3:1-21

Sermon Come by Night to the Light of the World
He came to Jesus by night. John 3:2

The Celebration of Communion

Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Joys and Concerns of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Song of Sending

I Thank God

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide, this weary soul this bag of bones. I try with all of my might but I just can't win the fight. I'm slowly drifting; a vagabond. And just when I ran out of the road, I met a man I didn't know, and He told me that I was not alone.

You picked me up, You turned me around, and placed my feet on solid ground. I thank the Master. I thank the

Savior. Because You healed my heart, You changed my name, forever free, I'm not the same. I thank the Master. I thank the Savior. I thank God.

I cannot deny what I've seen; got no choice but to believe. My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind. So, "so long" to my old friends burden and bitterness. You can just keep them moving. They ain't welcome here. From now 'til I walk streets of gold, I'll sing of how You saved my soul. This wayward son has found his way back home. *Refrain*
Hell lost another one I am free. I am free. I am free.
Refrain

Charge and Benediction

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First Church Updates

A heartfelt welcome today to the Oral Roberts University Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Tony Dehner, Director of Choral Studies and Associate Professor. We're grateful for your contribution to our worship this morning!

Our Letter of Encouragement is directed to: Mr. Porter Shults
—on the death of his wife, Susan.

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 each member of his family. Reserve your place. Sign up at the table in the Atrium or contact Laura Stevens at 918-301-1019.

This Week

Stay Close to the Master: Wednesday nights during Lent, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. Join us in Stephenson Hall, 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.

Presbyterian Women’s Mission Luncheon – this Thursday, March 9 at noon in the Miller Library. Speakers are Dr. Horton and Marcia Graham, directors of the Coffee Bunker. They will describe the work they do with the veterans in this area. Lunch is \$10. Please make your reservations to Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 by March 6.

Mark Your Calendar

Join us this Spring at “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. on Monday, March 13.

Our Annual Congregational meeting is set for Sunday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. Dr. Miller offers 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 trumpet lilies adorn our worship spaces! If you’d like to honor a loved-one by providing a lily --click the link below or go to www.firstchurchtulsa.org/EasterLily23 by March 20.



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.

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*.

Presbyterian Women’s February Mission project benefits the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*. You’re invited to bring hand- towels, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bath-sized individually wrapped bars of soap, new toothbrushes, and band-aids. Look for their mission box in the atrium.

Opportunities to Serve the Master

Children’s Ministry opportunities – Share Jesus’ love with the youngest members of our congregation!

Two Second Grade Sunday School Classroom Assistants - Once a month assist the lead Sunday school teacher in the classroom. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Two Awana Substitute Leaders - Wednesday evenings, 6:00 -7:30 p.m. Serve as a group leader on an as-needed basis, moving children to activity stations and helping with scripture memory.

Infant/Nursery/Preschool: Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

1) Baby-rockers in the infant room.

2) Sunday School Assistant - Help the Lead teacher with lesson, craft and general playtime.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1011.

Chancel Choir: Add your voice to the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Contact Ron Pearson at rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1013 or Gretchen Bashforth at gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1012.

Memorial Service Greeting Ministry: Serve as a greeter for memorial services, with approximately a one-hour commitment. Contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1029.

Assist in printing weekly bulletins: Thursday afternoons for 3 – 4 hours each week. If interested, contact Dionna Schooley: dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1015.

Masterwork Academy - We're not looking for skill, we're looking for heart! If yours beats with the love of Christ and you have one weekday afternoon from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to spare, contact Jenette McEntire at jmcentire@masterworkacademy.org.

Seeking writers and photographers - Serve in our communications area as a writer or photographer. We publish a quarterly magazine and semi-monthly newsletter; we're seeking people who'd love to tell or illustrate FPC stories.

Contact Louann Buhlinger at
lbuhlinger@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-740-7055.

Do you enjoy the gift of hospitality? Join a team who assists with all kinds of hospitality opportunities! Contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-3001-1028.

Check out the two new choirs for children and youth! Registration is now open: the *First Church Choristers* children's choir (for grades K-4), and the *Celebration Singers* youth choir (for grades 5-12). Rehearsals, Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. For more information and to register contact Gretchen Bashforth at gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1012 or scan the code below.

First Church Choristers



Celebration Singers



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, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Cat Thompson, Mike Tidwell, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Susan Shults, a member since 2001, died on March 1.

Sympathy and Prayers to: John McCormack on the death of his sister, Nancy Young, on February 25; and to Jerry Hall on the death of his brother, Calvin Wayne Hall.

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Allan J. and Vivienne Couper Edwards and in honor of their youngest grandchild, Ema.

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.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3/5

- 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 3/6

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

Tuesday 3/7

- 9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 3/8

- 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 Lenten Study, Stephenson Hall
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 3/11

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.

Cornerstone	Minor Prophets	E102
Covenanters	Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms	E101
Faith and Family	Neuroscience: The Impact of Technology on Our Kids: "Faith"	Prayer Room
Forum	All the Places to Go	E200
Harbingers	The Me I Want to Be	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	Judges	E103
Shepherds	Old Testament Connections/Fulfillment	E203
Sojourners	Karl Barth Dogmatics	E204
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
The Vine	The Life You've Always Wanted	E100
Westminster	The Book of Easter	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104