



In Christ's School of Prayer
Lord, teach us to pray...

- 1) A Holy Father
- 2) A Coming Kingdom
- 3) A Daily Need
- 4) A Final Caution**

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

September 4, 2022
11:00 a.m., Stephenson Hall

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

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Stephenson Hall, 11:00 am

Words of Preparation

Here Christ explains the reason why that condition was added, *forgive us, as we forgive*. God will not be ready to hear us, unless we also show ourselves ready to grant forgiveness to those who have offended us. Unless we are harder than iron, this exhortation ought to soften us, and render us disposed to forgive... and on no other condition does he admit us to pardon, but that we pardon our brethren whatever offenses they have committed against us. Those who refuse to forget the injuries which have been done to them, devote themselves willingly and deliberately to destruction, and knowingly prevent God from forgiving them.

John Calvin

Prelude

This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness; whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder; who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love; that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross. You would lay down Your life that I would be set free; Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order; who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice; shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

Refrain

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave. *Refrain*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. James Estes

Ah Lord GOD! It is you who made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm!

Nothing is too hard for you.

You show steadfast love to the thousandth generation...

Nothing is too hard for you.

Almighty God, great in counsel and mighty in deed; whose eyes are open to all the ways of mortals, rewarding all according to their ways and according to the fruit of their doings.

Nothing is too hard for you.

You showed signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and you brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror;

Nothing is too hard for you.

Now let us stand in honor,

And Let us Worship God

Songs of Praise

There is a Name

There is a Name, who reigns without contention, whose power can't be questioned or contained. With humble fame, He rules the earth and heavens, His glory knows no measure or refrain, and it's bursting past the border lines of space.

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts. Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all.

There is a Name, reaching past the margins, calling sons and daughters back to Him. And as He saves, we can hear the roar of Heaven, as prodigals are coming home again. Oh the triumph of His name will never end. *Refrain*

For every eye will see, every heart will know, there is no name above the name of Jesus. Death could not hold Him down, no grave could keep Him bound, all sin and sickness bow to the name of Jesus. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Elder Shannon Bair

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Wally Johnson

Response

Light a Fire

Restore in me the joy of my salvation. Take me back to where it all began, where all I ever wanted was Your presence. How I long to be there once again.

Light a fire that the world can't burn out. Fan the flame 'til nothing between us remains; my life is an altar to You. Breathe

again on the embers that burn in my heart, a love taken back to the start; my life is an altar to You.

Renew in me a pure and willing spirit. Take me back to where it all began before it all became so complicated. How I long to be there once again. *Refrain*

God, I'm sorry. Please forgive me for when I've gone cold. Lord, I need you; how I need you to awake my soul. *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we obtained access to this grace.

We boast now in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.

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.

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

Blessing of the Young Disciples

Rev. Wally Johnson

Song of Preparation

My Roving Heart

Let worldly minds the world pursue, it has no charms for me.
Once I admired its trifles too but grace has set me free. Its
pleasures now no longer please; no more content afford. Far
from my heart be the joys like these; now I have seen the Lord.

As by the light of opening day the stars are all concealed, so
earthly pleasures fade away when Jesus is revealed. Creatures no
more divide my choice, I bid them all depart. His name, His love,
His gracious voice, have fixed my roving heart.

Now Lord, I will be Thine alone and wholly live to Thee, but I may
hope that You will own a worthless soul like me. Yes, though of
sinners I am the worst, I cannot doubt Thy will. For if Thou had
not loved me first, I had refused Thee still.

Creatures no more divide my choice, I bid them all depart. His
name, His love, His gracious voice, have fixed my roving heart.

Scripture

Matthew 6:13-15

Sermon

A Dish Served Cold?

...in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured...

Matthew 18:34

The Celebration of Communion

Words of institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Closing Song

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light, that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ. May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife, with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad! All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Jesus.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard; may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name, to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim. *Refrain*

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious Name. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alma and Nick Robson, Fred N. Davis, Jr. and in loving honor of Marilyn I. Davis, by Hannah and Joe Robson and Family.

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 here, —and the warmth of this community.

Today is the last of our “Summer Swims at Loughridge”: 1:45 – 5:00 p.m. at the Camp Loughridge pool.

Thank you! Helping Hand Ministries is grateful for all the Bibles gifted for our clients! They've taken joy in leaving with a Bible, and touched that they were lovingly gifted by church members.

Sarah Savage, our Director of Childrens' Ministry, invites you to a Parenting Book Discussion on *Raising Emotionally Strong Boys*: Join us every other Thursday through Dec. 1: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in room E101. Bring a brown-bag lunch!

Come and wrap Jesus' arms around His children! Become an Awana leader! Please contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Awana Kick-off: this Wednesday, September 7! Drop in anytime between 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., in Stephenson Hall. Join us for cookies and milk and pick up your Awana gear! You can register by going to First Church website.

People grieve for many reasons: the loss of a loved one, losing a job or career, the end of a marriage or relationship, etc. ***Pathways to Hope*** is a five-week class, led by Rev. Wally Johnson, that explores ways to cope with grief, utilizing the Psalms of Lament. Join us in Room 206 on Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. —from this Wednesday, September 7 and continuing through October 5. Lunch is available for \$7. To register and make weekly lunch reservations, use the QR code, or call Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029.



Breakfast on Boston

Home-coming!

Next Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.

—literally on Boston Avenue

A delicious “Chef Joseph” hot breakfast, good fellowship,
live music from Grady Nichols.

For young families: pony rides and face painting!

Breakfast:

\$3 for children, \$6 for adults

\$20 for families.

To register go to First Church website.

If you pay in advance, you can go right to the food, no waiting in
line to pay.

Presbyterian Women’s Upcoming Events:

Dedication Day Luncheon on Thursday, September 8 at noon in room E104. There will be an introduction of this year’s Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight*. Cost of lunch is \$10., please make reservation by Monday, September 5 to Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Priscilla Circle meets the first Wednesday, (starting September 7) of each month at 6:30 p.m. in room E101.

Esther Circle meets the third Thursday (starting September 15) of each month at 10:30 a.m. in room E202.

Soup Group meets the third Thursday (starting September 15) of each month at noon in room E104.

PW September Mission - we will be collecting items for Helping Hands. They need full-sized toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors), toilet paper,

hand sanitizer, and feminine products. You can drop-off your donation on Wednesdays and Sundays in the atrium.

Dr. Miller's weekly Pastor's Class resumes on Wednesday, September 14 (11:30 a.m.) and Sunday, September 18 (9:30 a.m.) in 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. *See the "Special Lecture" (Sept. 18) by Ross Wilson (below), that kicks off our series.*

Special Pastor's Class Lecture: Irish Artist Ross Wilson offers a reflection on the life and faith of Vincent Van Gogh: Sunday, September 18, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall. He will be available between worship services to meet guests in the exhibition area around Miller Library.

Gallery Opening, Atrium Art – *The Calling of Lazarus*, Friday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Distinguished sculptor and painter Ross Wilson discusses his work, *The Calling of Lazarus*, --47 portraits that are symbolic of the 60 seconds that framed the miracle call of Jesus, *"Lazarus, come out!"*

Matson Cup: Save the date for the *Helping Hand Golf Tournament* on Monday, September 19 with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Maybe your strength is on the green? You'll enjoy the brand-new *putting contest!* All proceeds go to serve the impoverished in our city through our *Helping Hand Ministry*. Please visit our website for more information by using the QR Code.



Wednesday Night Downtown, begins on Wednesday, September 14 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, astronomy take turns investigating the creation story (Genesis chapter 1) --clear evidence of God's mighty hand and amazing ingenuity. Dr. Miller introduces each speaker. Beginning Wednesday, September 14, Stephenson Hall, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Drawing from Life – Join local visual artist Laura Voth for a four-week life drawing course. Celebrate and learn about God's artistry and cultivate your drawing skills using graphite, charcoal, and pastels in a classical art studio environment. From 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. on the 5th floor of the Bernsen Center. Register and pay online (class fee is \$15 for art supplies) or contact Laura Stevens at 918-584-4701 or lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Precept Bible study – What is true faith? How are we to live as followers of Christ? Gather with fellow students of the Word as we delve into the book of James and explore the answers to these questions. Class led by Denise Rounds begins on Tuesday, September 13, 9:30 a.m., room E100.

Music Lovers! The Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, founded in 1922, is celebrating its Centennial Year with an invitation to experience an organ “Open House” at the seven downtown churches in the coming year. *Beginning at FPC on Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.*, we'll have the opportunity to learn fascinating details about our Sanctuary organ, with the console rolled out in full view. Ron Pearson will tell you about its history and you'll enjoy a short musical program. Please join us!

Monday School begins on Monday, September 26 in the Kirkland Library, lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the lesson starting at 12:00 p.m. Rev. Wally Johnson will be teaching on *Leviticus*. This book explains the priesthood, the sacrifices, the Day of Atonement, and helps us fully grasp the person and work of Christ and what He has done on our behalf.

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 last week of September. Please contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or pbowman@gmail.com for more information.

Confirmation begins on Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Powerhouse, this is for all freshmen and any high school youth interested in exploring their faith. Confirmation students will be engaged in a six-month lesson and small group discussion series about different aspects of our faith. Our hope is that each student will grow in their understanding of what they believe 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.

Intercessory Prayer: Members of the Guild of Intercessors believe prayer is powerful and produces wonderful results. Please let us know if we can pray for you, your family members, or your friends. Over sixty-five Guild members offer earnest prayers daily for concerns both within and beyond this congregation. Your prayer requests will also be shared with the pastors. To submit a prayer request, please contact Paula Peterson, Guild Chairman at 918-296-5548. You can email her at mandppeterson@msn.com or send a text to 918-688-2163.

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Hugh Hawkins Shipley, son of Reid and Margo Shipley, was baptized on August 28.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Billy Boyd, a member since 2013, died on August 28; Bob Prater, a member since 1983, died on August 31.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 9/4/22

9:30 am Gatherings and Classes

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

Monday 9/5/22 – Labor Day, church offices closed.

Wednesday 9/7/22

11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204, Phillip Bowman

12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206, Rev. Wally Johnson

4:00 pm Awana Kick-Off & Leader Training, Stephenson Hall

Thursday 9/8/22

12:00 pm PW Dedication Day, E104

Saturday 9/10/22

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

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Covenanters	<i>Evangelical Theology</i>	E205
Faith and Family	<i>Raising a Modern Day Joseph</i>	Prayer Room
Reflections	<i>The Character of God</i>	E103
Shepherds	Class Fellowship	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Understanding the Old Testament</i>	E204
The Vine (singles/couples)	<i>Revelation Bible Study</i>	E100
Westminster	<i>Theology Brewed in an African Pot</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	E201

No Sunday School classes next Sunday, join us for Breakfast on Boston



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