



*The Gospel According
to Leviticus:*

*The Singular Story
of Salvation*

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

Christ the King

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

11:00 A.M. STEPHENSON HALL

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Born by grace in 1885

Christ the King

Stephenson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Words of Preparation

It is something like that with Christ and us. The more we get what we now call 'ourselves' out of the way and let Him take us over, the more truly ourselves we become...The more I resist Him and try to live on my own, the more I become dominated by my own heredity and upbringing and surroundings and natural desires. C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Prelude

God is on the Throne

Why should I worry? Why should I fear? Why should I run when Jesus is here? I'm safe in His arms. Safe in His heart. Nothing can take me away from His love.

God is on the throne. He reigns forevermore. Just think about it. Just think about it. God is always good. He loves like a father should. Just think about it. Just think about it.

When I am anxious, when I'm afraid, I find strength when I call on His Name. I'm safe in His arms. Safe in His heart. Nothing can take me away from His love. He's the King of power. The King of kings. He is the Lord over everything. To Him be the glory, the honor and praise, forever and ever, amen, always. *Refrain*

Hallelujah, He reigns. Hallelujah, He saves. Hallelujah, always. He's never gonna let me down. *Refrain*

Welcome and Call to Worship

I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever!

With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Ps. 89:1

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,

For he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Ps. 98:1

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him and bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Ps. 100:4-5

Songs of Praise

Graves into Gardens

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me. Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough. Then You came along and put me back together, and every desire is now satisfied here in Your love.

Oh, there's nothing better than You. There's nothing better than You. Lord, there's nothing, nothing is better than You.

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness. My failures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all and You still call me friend. 'Cause the God of the mountain is the God of the valley, and there's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again. *Refrain*

You turn mourning to dancing. You give beauty for ashes. You turn shame into glory; You're the only one who can. You turn graves into gardens. You turn bones into armies. You turn seas into highways; You're the only one who can. *Refrain*

Saviour King

Let now the weak say, "I have strength, by the Spirit of power that raised Christ from the dead." Let now the poor stand and confess that, "my portion is Him and I'm more than blessed."

Let now our hearts burn with a flame, a fire consuming all for Your Son's holy Name, and with the heavens we declare, You are our King! We love You Lord. We worship You. You are our God. You alone are good.

Let now Your church shine as the bride that You saw in Your heart as You offered up Your life. And now, the lost be welcomed home by the saved and redeemed, those adopted as Your own.

Let now our hearts burn with a flame, a fire consuming all for Your Son's holy Name, and with the heavens we declare, You are our King! We love You Lord. We worship You. You are our God. You alone are good. You asked Your Son to carry this, the heavy cross, our weight of sin. I love You Lord. I worship You. Hope which was lost now stands renewed. I give my life to honor this, the love of Christ; the Saviour King!

Let now our hearts burn with a flame, a fire consuming all for Your Son's holy Name, and with the heavens we declare, You are our King!

The First Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Elder Adam Doverspike

Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Estes

Almighty and most gracious God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, but what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Lord, we are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Pardon and cleanse use that we might walk in your way and delight in your will. Amen

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do. But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do. Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is. Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is. Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory; He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does. And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Assurance of Pardon

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

Blessing of the Young Disciples

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Preparation

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.

Scripture Reading Leviticus 18:1-5

Sermon The Call to Holiness Rev. Dan Hutchinson
You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. Leviticus 18:4

The Celebration of Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom. My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing "all is mine", yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid, for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released. I can sing I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim and Edith Favell and Carrie Bayouth by John and Debbie Favell.

Today's "Letter-of-Well-Wishing" is directed to the Fitzpatrick family on the death of their sister, Mary.

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, the warmth of this community that He has called together, and the joy of serving this world that He loves – in His name!

The Blessing of Stewardship! The Session is already at work shaping the vision for FPC's ministries in 2023. Your "Estimate of Giving" will make all the difference in their efforts. Please remember the Lord's Church as you consider how your blessings will be shared, and submit your "Estimate of Giving" card for 2023. Let's resolve to give of our best to the Master!

For the last two years, we've shared the joy of ministry with Pastor Wally and Joyce Johnson. Each of them has been a blessing to many here at First Church. Recently, Wally received a call to return to his former congregation, the First Presbyterian Church in Sapulpa. Believing this to be the Lord's call, Wally's last Sunday here will be November 27. A reception honoring Wally and Joyce will be shared in the Atrium next Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Today

Young Adult Friendsgiving this evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us for fun, food, and fellowship at Dan and Hanna Hutchison's home (4430 E. 13 Pl.)

Come, thankful people, come! Tomorrow, Monday, the All-City Thanksgiving service gathers right here (in the sanctuary) at 7:00 p.m. Diverse musical styles from a variety of congregations lift our gratitude to the Lord! Donald Ryan and Ron Pearson offer an extended prelude at the piano and organ. Rev. Andrew Forrest, the new pastor at Asbury Church serves as our preacher. Pastors Tom Harrison and Jessica Moffatt will be honored for their service within both the church and our city. Come, sing your gratitude! Bring your family and friends!

This Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 11:00 a.m. we gather for worship in the Chapel, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving meal in Stephenson Hall. This meal is hosted by the Deacons for First Church members who don't have nearby family. Guests are welcome. Although there is no cost for this meal, your RSVP is important as it will ensure enough food for all. Call Cathy Mitchell by Tuesday: 918-584-4701.



Mark the Date!

Add your voice to the Chancel Choir during our Christmas services this year! You're invited to join the choir on Christmas Music Sunday, Dec. 18, and our Christmas Eve services. The rehearsals are a joy: Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. You'll make new friends and be blessed by singing the message of the angels: *Glory to the newborn King!* For details, contact Ron Pearson at rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1013.

Advent Workshop – Sunday, December 4 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. Celebrate the season and create special memories at Advent Workshop! We'll provide all the supplies for crafts. Cost is \$10.

Jammies for Jesus – Wednesday, December 14, dinner at 5:30 p.m. and program at 6:00 p.m., in Stephenson Hall. Cost is \$10 per family

All-Church Retreat: March 24-25, 2023: New Life Ranch

Don't Forget: Faith Partners Addiction Ministry – First Church is a member of a nationwide fraternity called *Faith Partners*. They provide intervention, education, and recovery support to individuals and families suffering from addiction. If you need help or resources, visit the *Faith Partners* table in the atrium today. If you have further questions, please call the Church office (918-584-4701) and leave your number. A team member will return your call.

Parish Register

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

The Celebration of Christian Marriage: Emma Cantrell married Dalton Myatt on November 7.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Jane Sneed on the death of her daughter-in-law, Travis Gay, on October 26.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 11/20

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 11/21

11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
 11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103
 6:30 pm Seasons: Women's Gathering, Stephenson Hall
 7:00 pm All-City Thanksgiving Worship Service, Sanctuary

Tuesday 11/22

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 11/23

11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104

Thursday 11/24

11:00 am Thanksgiving Day Worship Service, Kerr Chapel
 12:00 pm Thanksgiving Lunch, Stephenson Hall

Saturday 11/26

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

Cornerstone	The History of Acts	E102
Covenanters	Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms	E101
Faith and Family	Leviticus	3rd floor Pastors Study
Forum	The Prayers of Jesus	E200
Harbingers	<i>All the Places to Go</i>	E202
Morning Glory	Prayers and Bible Study	E201
New Parents	Theology and Parenting	E205
Pastor's Study 1	Contemporary Concerns & the Christian Faith	Steph. Hall
Pastor's Study 2	New Testament Overview	E104
Reflections	Christian Life in Ordinary Time	E103
Shepherds	King David	E203
Sojourners	Women in the Genealogy of Jesus	E204
The Vine	Revelation Bible Study	E100
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
Westminster	Theology Brewed in an African Pot	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104