



Prison Reflections:

To Live is Christ!

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

JULY 3, 2022

8:00 AM

SANCTUARY

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

Born by grace in 1885

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m., Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

Let us weigh the gains and the losses in wagering that God exists. Let us estimate these: if you believe God exists, and He does exist, you gain everything; if you believe God exists and He doesn't exist, you lose nothing. Wager, then, without hesitation that He exists.

Blaise Pascal, *Pensees*, adapted

The Welcome

Dr. Miller

◆ The Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness. America! America! God mend thine every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears. America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

◆ The Prayer for the Nation

◆ The Call to Worship

What does the Lord require of us?

The LORD has told us what is good, and what He requires of us: *to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.*

Micah 6:8

What is your prayer as we begin this service:

Lord of glory, come among us –hear us as we sing your praise!

Let us stand in honor, lift our voices, and let us worship God!

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** Lord of Glory, Come Among Us

HYMN TO JOY

Lord of glory, come among us; tune our hearts to sing your praise.
For your mercy is enduring, God of kindness, King of grace. Let
the world embrace this wonder: in Christ Jesus love abounds.
Alleluia! Sweet Hosannas! Let the joyful news resound!

To the sinner Christ grants mercy, to the lost He shows the Way.
Lift your hearts and sing His praises for He comes again today.
Praise and glory to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, Power
and blessings to the Spirit: ever-three and ever One.

Draw us close, Lord, by your Spirit, make us faithful, strong and
pure. Come and work your re-formation, in our sinful hearts, your
cure. Send us out renewed, awakened, grant that fruitful we may
be, doing justice, loving kindness, walking in humility.

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 33:12-22

Kelsey Wilberforce

The Preparation for Confession

O God, Show Mercy to Us

Gustav Holst

Emma Cantrell, soloist

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; and
cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, so that your
way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every
people your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise
you; let all the nations sing, in every land let praises and songs of
gladness ring. For you will judge the peoples in truth and
righteousness, and on the earth all nations will your just rule

confess. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing. Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send, and all the earth will worship to its remotest end. *Psalm 67*

The Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, our hope and shield, let your saving grace be known; pour out your steadfast love upon each of us and all of us. By your Holy Spirit, deepen our trust in you –and cause us to anchor our hope in your redemptive work. Cause the brightness of your face to shine upon our sinful and scrambled lives. As we kneel at the foot of your cross, may we see (and embrace) the love that brought you to that cross. Mark us as people of abiding gratitude and glad hearts. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...

The Invitation to Embrace Forgiveness

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

At the sign of triumph, Satan's host doth flee --on then, Christian soldiers, on to victory! Hell's foundations quiver at the shout of praise; friends, lift up your voices, loud your anthems raise!
Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war –with the cross of Jesus going on before!

◆ 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.

The New Testament Reading Philippians 2:14-30

The Sermon

Dr. Miller

Why Not Gamble Big for Christ's Sake?

[Epaphroditus] came close to death for the work of Christ...
risking his life....

Philippians 2:30

The Invitation to the Table

Words of institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn** 289 O God of Every Nation

LANCASHIRE

◆ **The Benediction**

The Postlude

Fugue on the tune AMERICA

Eugene Thayer

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Teddy Woolman, by his 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.

Fun in the Courtyard today at 12:15! Celebrate our American heritage with watermelon, lemonade, and friends!

Don't forget: *First Family Summer Swim* happens every Sunday, 1:45 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge! Everybody's welcome!

Joyful News! The congregation voted last Sunday to approve the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee's recommendation to call Ms. Julia Metcalf into pastoral ministry among us. The Presbytery will announce the date of Julia's service of Ordination and Installation later this Summer or early Fall. Special thanks to the APNC for the many hours they gave in prayer and conversation: Elizabeth DeVore, Chair, Jimmy Inhofe, Jessica John-Bowman, Allan Kanyeki, and Anne McCoy.

Called to Wrap Jesus' arms around children! Check out the table in the Atrium each Sunday in July. Sign up for one or more Sunday mornings and help guide our young ones through stories, crafts, games and more. We're developing our regular volunteer and substitute lists and would love to have you on board! Drop by the table or E-mail Sarah Savage, Director of Children's Ministries, ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1011.

Inquirers' Class: Interested in learning more about First Church? The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to come meet others, get to know our pastors and ask your questions. Join us every Sunday, August 7 - 28. Contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1028.

Hope Is Alive Supply Drive: Sundays, July 10, 17, and 24. *Hope is Alive* is a Christian addiction recovery program that provides sober-living group homes for people coming out of addiction. First Church pastors and deacons have been meeting regularly in the men's and women's *Hope is Alive* homes, providing residents with a meal and the Gospel message. During the last three Sundays of July, we will be collecting supplies to support this mission. Containers will be placed in the Atrium. Please help by contributing household supplies such as Windex, disinfectant wipes, toilet paper, paper towels.

UKirk Bible Study (age 18–24) Meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard for dinner, the Gospel of Matthew, and new friends! Kate Swan leads our study. Contact Julia Metcalf at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org with any questions.

Young Adult Summer Gatherings (20's – early 30's) Join us Monday evenings throughout the summer. For more information contact Elizabeth DeVore at eldevore7@gmail.com.

Global Leadership Summit August 4-5 – Online. GLS is an online event that will allow you to gather with a global community of change-driven, growth-minded, hope-filled people like you. Discover how to voice your vision for a better future. Please visit our events calendar for more information.

Women of First Church: you are invited to three summer events specifically for women in Stephenson Hall. Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement as we find connection and transformation together.

Monday, July 18, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Janet Bull will encourage us to be in relationship with each other.

Monday, August 22, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Nicole Pugh will encourage us to be involved in the life of our church.

Reservations are required for childcare. For more information, contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org or Julia Metcalf at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Dust off your paddles and start practicing! Ping Pong with a purpose on Sunday, August 21, after 11:00 worship.

Do you yearn for a quiet day to draw close to the Lord? On Saturday, August 6, slip away to the historic lodge at Camp Loughridge for a spiritual retreat that allows time for prayer, reflection, and rich conversation with fellow Christians growing in their faith. The retreat will be led by Julia Metcalf, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. For more information, contact Duff Points at 918-301-1018 or dpoints@firstchurchtulsa.org.

The Summer Choir Welcomes You! You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. The only time requirement is a brief rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. If you've always wanted to give it a try, here's your opportunity

– please join us! For more information, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012/gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Mission Partners, Ireland: Oct. 14-24: A First Church mission team, led by Rev. James Estes and Eric Baird, is headed to Discovery Church, IR and Donemana Presbyterian Church, Northern IR. You can learn all about it by following the QR code below. Anyone over the age of 18 and minors accompanied by an adult are welcome! **Deadline to signup: Sunday, July 31.** Meetings in preparation begin on Sunday, August 7. Please contact Britani Di Santi by email at bdisanti@firstchurchtulsa.org



Camp Sunshine, Saturday, August 13, 11.00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. This annual event is sponsored by the Board of Deacons, offers a day camp experience for children fighting cancer. Medical personnel are on site to provide any support needed. The Deacons need thirty FPC cheerleaders from the congregation to help. Minimum age to volunteer is 14. If you can spend a few hours helping to supervise an activity, assist with crafts or food, or help with set up or clean up, please sign up using this QR code, clicking the link on the church's web calendar, or call Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029.



First Church cancer list - Do you or a loved one have cancer? Members of the Guild of Intercessors pray every day for those on the Guild's Cancer List. If you would like to add yourself, a loved one, or a friend or colleague to this list, please contact Paula Peterson at 918-296-5548/mandppeterson@msn.com or Monte Prater at 918-605-9719/monteprater@aol.com

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Glenda Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Claudia King, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Ann McKellar, Clint McQueen, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Jackie Poe, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, David Raybourn, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Tom Sherrill, Helen Marie Sisler, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Shannon Thomas, Terry Thomas, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, Bill Weinrich, and Carolyn Wilcott.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Jude Phillip Butts, son of Olivia and Phillip Butts, was baptized on June 26.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Barbara LaBenske, a member since 1986, died on June 28.

THIS WEEK

Today 7/3/22

9:30 a.m. Gatherings and Classes

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Tuesday 7/5/22

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 7/6/22

6:00 pm UKirk Bible Study, Courtyard

6:30 pm TIF Backyard Bible Study, Wambugu's residence

Saturday 7/9/22

Before the Rooster Crows

8:45 a.m., E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!
NEXT SUNDAY Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Cornerstone	<i>The History of Acts</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Evangelical Theology</i> by Karl Barth	E205
Reflections	<i>Paul's Letter to the Galatians</i> , Rev. Wally Johnson	E103
Shepherds	"If you want to walk on water, you better get out of the boat", John Ortberg	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>History of the Church</i> , Phil Rounds	E204
The Vine (singles/couples)	<i>Revelation Bible Study</i> , class led	E100
Westminster	<i>"Theology Brewed in an African Pot"</i> by Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator	Tower Room
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	Bible Study, Rev. Dan Hutchinson	E201

**July 3, 2022
8:00 Sanctuary**

Please register your attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Member _____ **or Guest** _____

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using the QR code below.**



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