



Prison Reflections:

To Live is Christ!

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

AUGUST 7, 2022
8:00 AM KERR CHAPEL

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 a.m., Chapel

The Words of Preparation

The majestic Creator of all things would have received glory forever from radiant cherubim and seraphim, even without paying the terrible price of sending his Son to the cross. God's flawless heavenly servants would have adored him endlessly for his limitless power and wisdom, his holiness and justice, and so much more. But there is one dimension of the great Creator's worthiness to be worshipped that, it seems, could not be displayed in any other way than for the Son to become the Servant, to walk down the path of obedience to death on a cross, and then to ascend to life and lordship above all earthly powers. The divine attribute that could be displayed only through the gospel is God's amazing grace. Dennis Johnson

The Prelude

As the Deer

arr. Lloyd Larson

Julia and Jeffrey Metcalf, soloists

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you. *You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.* You're my friend and you are my brother even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.
I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. *Refrain. from Psalm 42*

The Welcome

Rev. Wally Johnson

The Call to Worship

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end! Alleluia! Amen.

◆ **The Hymn** 276 Great is thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS

The Prayer of Adoration

Elder Karen Woolman

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 24:19-21

The Prayer of Confession

Giving and Loving Lord, we are reminded that you are the giver of all good gifts. You love with abandon, and you give with extravagance. You give to us every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. But we've missed the mark in so many ways. We've poorly reflected your love and kindness. We are often consumed by greed and fear. We know little of godly contentment. Good Lord, forgive us and awaken us to faithfulness by your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...
(in silence)

The Invitation to Embrace God's Blessing

Friends, the good news of the gospel is that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus. In Jesus Christ there is forgiveness –for all who call upon Him!
Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Response**

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

◆ **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 Second Reading Philippians 4:15-23

The Sermon Extravagant Generosity

And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People

The Hymn 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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◆ The Charge and Benediction

◆ The Postlude

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving honor of Tom and Mary Anne Marberry, by Beth Addy, Katie Feroldi, Scott Marberry and their eight grandchildren.

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.

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

The Summer Choir Welcomes You! You're 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.

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

Helping Hand is almost out of Bibles. If you would like to donate Bibles to people in need, please drop them by the welcome center in the Atrium.

A taste of Masterwork Academy: Sundays through August 28, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., 2022; Bernsen Center. Have you ever wondered what takes place at a Masterwork Academy class? Now is your chance. Every Sunday at noon, Masterwork Academy is opening their doors to facilitate a free one-hour arts experience for all interested adults. Experience the joy of music, the freedom of dance, and the creativity of visual art through classes led by Masterwork Academy Instructors. Please join us and allow the arts to awaken your imagination while connecting with your community!

Inquirers' Class Interested in learning more about First Church? The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to meet others, get to know our pastors and ask your questions. Join us every Sunday through August 28 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1028.

Annual Ping Pong Tournament – Sign-ups today, in the atrium. The tournament is on Sunday, August 21 in Stephenson Hall, following the 11:00 worship services. This year's "Ping Pong with a Purpose" will benefit Anderson Elementary students. Bring a child's coat, backpack, or cash donation for these items. Join the fun and find out more about the Anderson Lunch Buddy Program and enjoy the cookout in the Courtyard.

Equipping your Marriage for the End Times Conference, on August 12-13 in Stephenson Hall. Our Tulsa International Fellowship (TIF) is hosting a marriage conference with guest speakers, Pastors Charity and Carl Taylor of Higher Life Outreach Ministries. The fee is \$30 per person.

Camp Sunshine, this 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.



Women of First Church: Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement as we find connection and transformation together.

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.

Matson Cup: Save the date for the Helping Hand Golf Tournament on Monday, September 19 with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. There will be a putting contest and new events for ladies this year. Please visit our website for more information by using the QR Code.



Monday School begins on Monday, September 12 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.

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 65 Guild members will offer earnest prayers for your concerns. 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, Billy Boyd, Nick Broline, Laurie Brumbaugh, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Dorothy Gibbons, Glenda Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Claudia King, Joyce Kunkel, Susan Lawence, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Clint McQueen, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, 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, Terry Thomas, Mike Tidwell, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 8/7/22

9:30 am Gatherings and Classes

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

Tuesday 8/9/22

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 8/10/22

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

Saturday 8/13/22

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH! NEXT SUNDAY 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>Paul's Letter to the Galatians</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>The Case for Heaven</i>	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>The Book of Esther</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>Philippians</i>	E201

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8:00 Kerr Chapel

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

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Email _____

Phone _____

Member _____ or Guest _____

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or
using the QR code below.



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