



***God's Covenant
Faithfulness:
In Season and Out of
Season***

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

MARCH 3, 2024
8:30 AND 11:00 AM
STEPHENSON HALL

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

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 and 11:00 a.m., Stephenson Hall

We Prepare

Words of Preparation...

Prelude

While I'm Waiting

We Gather

Welcome and Call to Worship

The LORD is my light and my salvation—**whom shall I fear?**

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—**of whom shall I be afraid?**

I remain confident of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;

be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. *Psalm 27:1-2; 13-14*

We Prepare

Songs of Praise

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Oh You Bring (*11:00 a.m. only*)

There is Hope

First Reading: Psalm 27

Elder Brett Crane (8:30 a.m. only)

Elder Mark Brown (11:00 a.m. only)

Prayer of Confession

Lord, forgive us when we forget your salvation and try to be our own saviors; when we fear the things around us and disregard your deliverance. "Do not turn your servant away in anger," but hear our voices and be merciful. You are our helper. Lead us in the straight path and help us to wait for you, your guidance and your deliverance...*(in silence)*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and receive the good news, that God has heard your cries. He is your refuge and your strength. Look and see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living knowing that Jesus Christ is your Savior and Deliverer. We proclaim: **Thanks be to God!**

Passing The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

We Proclaim

Affirmation of Faith

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.

Children's Moment *(11:00 a.m. only)*

Offering

Desert Song

Second Reading: Numbers 20:1-13

Sermon: Rev. Julia Metcalf

We Respond

Communion

Announcements and Minute for Mission

Mission Study Team: B. J. Dollahon and Mark Brown (8:30 a.m. only)

John Harper (11:00 a.m. only)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

We Go

Song of Sending

This is Amazing Grace

Charge and Benediction

For worship notes and upcoming events click the QR code below:



Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Nifemi Aruna, Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Lara Elias-Campbell, Neil Cluck, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Judy Doyle, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Elaine Horkey, Joyce Kunkel, Judith Land, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Cyndi Russell, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Bob Swofford, Larry Tromp, Marcia Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Dayne Weierbach.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Cynthia Wiles, a member since 1989, died on February 22.

Our *Letters of Blessing* today go to Paul, Lea and Gabby Mungai.

Mark Your Calendars with these events:

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| March 28 | Seder Dinner |
| March 28 | Maundy Thursday Service |
| March 28-31 | Holy Week Prayer Vigil |
| March 29 | Good Friday Service |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday |

Planning our future together.

We are inviting you to complete the Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an online instrument that will help leaders gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping the leaders of First Church as they make decisions about the future.

You will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. Beginning March 4th, we are asking you to go online by clicking on the link that will be provided and tell us about your experiences in and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey or your answers with others as this may influence their answers.

If you feel you might need some assistance filling out a survey online, we will have computers and electronic devices available with help from the Mission Study Team to aid you in filling out the survey. This will be offered after church services on Sundays during the three weeks the survey is available to congregants.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact any of the following Mission Study Team at fpctransition@firstchurchtulsa.org

For His blessings we pray together: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.
Psalm 25:4-5

The First Church Pastors

Daniel Hutchinson, M. Div., *Interim Senior Pastor*

James Estes, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*

Wambugu Gachungi, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*

Julia Metcalf, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*