



Encountering the Great “I Am”

*Walking with Jesus
To Golgotha...*

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

MARCH 27, 2022
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL
*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885*

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Words of Preparation

Salvation, in the end, isn't something God does for our sake...salvation is something God does for God's own sake, because God has decided never to rest until we dwell in the heart of the Trinity forever. Sam Wells

Prelude

Morning by Morning

Daily, daily I surrender; grace for today is all that I need. Surprised by a mercy that's new every morning, awaken, my soul, to sing. Oh, awaken my soul to sing.

I will trust where You lead. I will trust when I can't see. Morning by morning, great is Your faithfulness to me.

Breath by breath, overtaken by wonder. One step at a time when I'm overwhelmed. Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Awaken my soul to sing. Awaken my soul to sing.

I will trust where You lead. I will trust when I can't see. Morning by morning, great is Your faithfulness to me. I will trust with all my heart, You are good, You always are. Morning by morning, great is Your faithfulness to me.

All fear be reminded, my future is secure. My Father has spoken and He keeps His every word. *Refrain*

Welcome

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Call to Worship

Colossians 1:13-20

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;

For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible...

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

And through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

So let us stand in honor!

And let us worship God!

The Hymn of Praise

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.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Wally Johnson

Most merciful God our heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to amend what you are, and direct what we shall be, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Response to Confession**My Worth is Not in What I Own**

My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone; but in the costly wounds of love, at the cross. My worth is not in skill or name; in win or lose, in pride or shame; but in the blood of Christ that flowed, at the cross.

*I rejoice in my Redeemer; greatest treasure; wellspring of my soul.
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.*

As summer flowers, we fade and die; fame, youth, and beauty hurry by; but life eternal calls to us, at the cross. I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light; but I will boast in knowing Christ, at the cross. *Refrain*

Two wonders here that I confess; my worth and my unworthiness; my value fixed, my ransom paid, at the cross. *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. In him, we have confidence to draw near to the throne of God's grace. So believe the good news that in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness for all who call upon Him. **Alleluia! Amen!**

Affirmation of Faith

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

The Solo

Shepherd of My Heart

Francis O'Brien

Randie Lewis, soloist

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want; green are the pastures where I'm led to repose. Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul. I am led onward in ways true to the Name. *Guide me, O shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day. Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight. May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.* If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness, no evil shall I fear with God at my side. There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort; you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes. *Refrain.* You anoint my head with oil, my cup is overflowing; goodness and kindness crown the days of my life. Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace forever; within the house of God my soul is at rest. *Refrain.*

Psalm 23

Old Testament Reading John 10:11-18

Sermon

I AM: *The Good Shepherd*

Dr. Ryan Moore

The Celebration of Communion

Words of institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'til from Heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word. From a
throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost. To
redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross. For
even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side. Knowing this
was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died. *Refrain*

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath, 'til
that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered
death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood
in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His
blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free for the
love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chris Traband, by Bob Traband 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.

First Church Updates

Welcome to First Church! We pray that you'll sense the warmth of this congregation and the presence of Jesus, the Author of every blessing.

Wednesday Lenten Conversations: Testaments of Faith - this week
Rev. Wambugu Gachungi offers his story of the Lord's interruptive presence in his life. He'll also lead us into a deeper study of today's sermon text. Optional dinner at 5:15 p.m. Testament of Faith, 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall.

Seats are still available for the Getty Music Concert, Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. You can purchase tickets online (www.firstchurchtulsa.org/Getty22) or at the table in the Atrium today. The entire chancel will be filled with Irish musicians and dancers, including Keith and Kristyn Getty, both from Ireland.

Interested in enabling others to hear the Getty Concert? Why not give a gift that will allow them to attend? *Hope is Alive* is a ministry to those coming out of addictions. What a joy it would be for them to experience this Getty musical event together! If you were to give \$100, three members of *Hope is Alive* will be our guests at no cost to them! We're also hoping to invite young men and women. Maybe you'd like to be their gateway into this concert. Please give generously. If you would like to donate, please contact the church.

Drivers needed to serve Afghan neighbors: Are you able to help get an Afghan neighbor to a medical appointment or English class? To learn more or join the volunteer transportation team, please contact Rev. James Estes 918-301-1010 or jestes@firstchurchtulsa.org

Take some time in the atrium and ponder the new art exhibit: *“The Book – The Bible Through Time and Space”*. *The Word in Art* features a mid-1800 edition noted for black and white engravings, the John Brown Bible published in 1859 and *The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ* published in 1899 with engravings by French painter, J. James Tissot. For docent tour information, call the church at 918-584-4701.

Are you interested in “Discussion Theology”? Please join the Downtown Theological Roundtable on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in room E206 for a discussion of G. K. Chesterton’s book, *Orthodoxy*. Contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org for more information.

Weekly Lenten Groups! Why not join a six-week Lenten study, *“Encountering the Great I Am”*, continuing through Easter? Please contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786 to join a group. You can also sign up at <https://onrealm.org/firstchurchtulsa/Registrations/Info/f3832f2d-45eb-4038-94c9-ae2f0147f9b2>.

Easter Lilies - On Easter Sunday, bright white lilies will adorn the church building. As each flower silently trumpets the resurrection, it also serves to remind us of the life of someone who was, or is, special to a church member. If you wish to honor someone by contributing to the lily fund, click the link below or go to <https://1stchurchtulsa.wufoo.com/forms/s1vdl0hj0swl1a3/> by April 10.



Musicians' Easter Brunch - Help us say "Thank you!" to the singers, ringers and instrumentalists who provide music for our Easter services by participating in the Musicians' Easter Brunch. You may sign up to bring a dish at www.firstchurchtulsa.org/choirlunch22 no later than April 12. For details, please contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Save the date for the next Inquirers Class! It begins next Sunday, April 3 at 9:15 a.m. Come and ask your questions about First Church, make new friends and meet our pastors. For more information, please contact Patricia Hall 918-301-1028/phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.



Petra Kids Ministries Banquet – Save the date, Friday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. This annual fund-raiser for children in Uganda leads with the theme: *Pamoja Tunashinda, "Together We Win"*.

Mark your calendar for a Kids Fishing Tournament on May 14 at Camp Loughridge from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. The tournament will benefit the camp scholarship fund.

Called to serve? First Church is seeking a part-time Ministry Assistant for Discipleship and Congregational Life. You will serve with pastors, teachers, and guest speakers to coordinate and resource our Christian education offerings. For more information, please go to firstchurchtulsa.org/about/employment or call Duff Points at 918-584-4701. To apply, send your resume to Tonye Briscoe, tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Parish Register and Prayer Concerns

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

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Ray Kenney, a member since 1976, died on March 20.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Gail Maercklein on the death of her mother, Gwen Hammersley, on March 22.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Classes for NEXT Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Bible Walk	<i>The End of the World as We Know It</i>	E101
Cornerstone	<i>Forensic Faith</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>	E205
Faith and Family	Old Testament Survey	E104
Forum	<i>The Way</i>	E200
Harbingers	<i>God is Closer than You Think</i>	E202
Pastor's Study	<i>Mere Christianity</i>	Stephenson Hall
Reflections	<i>Life without Lack</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Jesus, Our Savior and Redeemer</i>	

E204

UKirk Grow	F.A.I.T.H. Unfolded	KRC
The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>The great "I AM"</i>	E100
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	Old Testament Survey	E104

On Site and/or Zoom:

Shepherds	The History of the Church	E203
Westminster	<i>Thoughts Matter</i>	<i>Zoom Only</i>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 3/27/22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary, and Great Hall

Monday 3/28/22

- Monday School 12:00 p.m., E104
- Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., E103

Tuesday 3/29/22

- Precepts 9:30 a.m., E100

Wednesday 3/30/22

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall
- Youth Praise Band 5:00 p.m., Powerhouse
- WNDR Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- AWANA 6:00 p.m.
- POW and Amass Exodus 6:00 p.m., Powerhouse
- Lenten Conversations 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 3/31/21

- Hearts for the Lord Zoom Only

Saturday 4/2/21

- Before the Rooster Crows 8:45 a.m., E103

March 27, 2022
8:30 Stephenson Hall

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and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

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Member _____ or Guest _____

go to the link: bit.ly/fpcregister;
or
using the QR code below.

