



***O Lord,
How Shall I Meet You?***

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

**MARCH 12, 2023
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL
*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885***

Third Sunday of Lent

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Words of Preparation

Jesus meets this woman's conceptions as He had met those of Nicodemus [John 3]. To Nicodemus, He had unveiled Himself as the Son of God, and the Son of Man who came down from heaven, and is in heaven, and ascends to heaven. To this woman, Jesus reveals Himself as the Messiah, who will tell us all truth --and to both as the Giver of the gift which shall communicate and sustain and refresh the better life.

Alexander McClaren

Prelude

There is Hope

There is hope in grace unceasing, You withhold your wrath from me, poured it out upon my Savior on the cross of Calvary. There is hope now for the hopeless, there is victory all can know, for the tomb lies bare and broken, and death's power is overthrown.

*Jesus Christ my hope forever, hope unlike the world can bring,
Your steadfast love beyond all measure; there is hope in Christ my King.*

There is hope for sons and daughters who have wandered on their own. Hear the songs of joy from heaven as the lost are welcomed home. *Refrain*

Hallelujah! Hope of heaven, precious treasure of my life, all my joy is in your presence. I am yours and you are mine.

I will wait until I see Him, though the twilight turns to night, for my hope is not defeated, it will greet His dawning light. *Refrain*

Welcome

Dr. Miller

Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord, always! The Lord is near.

Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving —present your requests to God.

Rejoice in the Lord, always! In every season, we have every reason to lift up His name!

Alleluia! Amen!

Songs of Praise

Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; sing it again we rejoice!
Delight in the love he has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise; we
gather in his goodness, a family of grace.

With each breath he's given, Christ the Lord! In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord! Throughout every season I am sure we have every reason to praise the Lord!

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving, lay your requests at his feet.
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds in Christ
who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives. *Refrain*

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, tell of the good he has done;
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come. The
hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy; with praise
that's never ending we say again rejoice! *Refrain*

There is a Name

There is a Name, who reigns without contention, whose power
can't be questioned or contained. With humble fame, He rules the

earth and heavens, His glory knows no measure or refrain, and it's bursting past the border lines of space.

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts. Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all.

There is a Name, reaching past the margins, calling sons and daughters back to Him. And as He saves, we can hear the roar of Heaven, as prodigals are coming home again. Oh the triumph of His name will never end. *Refrain*

For every eye will see, every heart will know, there is no name above the name of Jesus. Death could not hold Him down, no grave could keep Him bound, all sin and sickness bow to the name of Jesus. *Refrain*

The First Reading

Psalm 51:1-10

Elder Dacia Bird

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, merciful Lord, cause our hearts today to say "Yes!" to the invitation of the prophet psalmist: *Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.* As we return, meet us in our special places of need. Have your own way with us; I remind us that our worth, our value, our sense of who we are, comes straight from the cross —and the costly wounds of Jesus, inflicted on behalf of each of us, out of His infinite love. Lord, grant us contrite hearts —and, in your mercy, hear our prayers... *(in silence)*

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*

The Assurance of Pardon

Believe the good news! 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 Jesus Christ there is forgiveness for all who call upon Him. **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.

Passing of the Peace

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

Song of Preparation

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood; to every believer the promise of God! The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain.*

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see! *Refrain.*

Charge and Benediction

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First Church Updates

Today

Our Letter of Love is directed to: *Dr. Tony Dehner, Director of Music, Oral Roberts University – and ORU Chorale.*

Israel Review today! : 9-30, Stephenson hall. Join us for photos and stories of our recent pilgrim to Israel!

This Week

It's time to sign up for the All-Church Retreat! Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2023, at New Life Ranch Frontier Cove. We welcome our keynote speaker, Dr. Wes Vander Lugt, and his family. Reserve your place. Sign up at the table in the Atrium or contact Laura Stevens at 918-301-1019

Join us tomorrow for “Seasons”, a space for women in all seasons of life to connect with one another and be transformed by the Word and presence of God. Meet us in Stephenson Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Stay Close to the Master: Wednesday nights during Lent, Wednesdays, in Stephenson Hall, 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We gather for a time of worship followed by discussion around the tables. Dr. John Ortberg, who will preach here on the Sunday after Easter, offers a ten-minute video devotional, followed by questions and conversations at the tables. First Baptist Church, North Tulsa, and their pastor, Rev. Anthony Scott, will be joining us.

Mark Your Calendar

Our Annual Congregational meeting is set for next Sunday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. Dr. Miller will offer his “State of First Church” message, a number of reports will be shared, and the “Year-in-Pictures” will be viewed.

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 www.firstchurchtulsa.org/EasterLily23 by March 20.



Informational meeting for the Petra Kids Ministry Mission trip to Uganda is Sunday, March 26 at 12:15 p.m., in room E101.

Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

Young Adults – First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at [@fpcyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/fpcyoungadults), or contact Dan Hutchinson at 918-301-1040.

Internship Opportunity– Are you a college student who loves the Lord Jesus and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. For more information, contact Steve Wilson at swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Presbyterian Women’s March Mission project benefits the Lindsay House. They are collecting money to make Easter baskets for the children who live at Lindsey House, which provides transitional housing and programs to help newly homeless mothers with children get back on their feet and achieve financial independence. There will be an acrylic collection box at the reception desk for contributions.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Beth Campbell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Linda Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Elaine Horkey, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, Anne Nunnelee, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Cat Thompson, Mike Tidwell, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

Sympathy and Prayers to: John Frame on the death of his mother, Lucille Frame, on February 19.

Worship Notes

The flowers in today’s Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gordon McCune and Margaret Blair McCune given by Anne McCune.

Services are broadcast and on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or *FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube*.

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.

Do you believe in the power of prayer? The Guild of Intercessors is a group of FPC members who believe there is great power in prayer. Members of the Guild intercede for the needs of others every day. If you would appreciate prayer for yourself, a loved one, or a friend, please call Paula Peterson, Guild Chairman at 918-296-5548, text her at 918-688-2163 or email her at *mandppeterson@msn.com*. Request are shared with the Guild members and pastors.

**There will be no adult Sunday School classes next week!
The entire first church family is invited to the
Congregational Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson
Hall.**

THIS WEEK

TODAY 3/12

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 3/13

11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
 11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103

Tuesday 3/14

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 3/15

11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204
 12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206
 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
 6:15 pm Lenten Study, Stephenson Hall
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 3/18

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

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| Cornerstone | Minor Prophets | E102 |
| Covenanters | <i>Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms</i> | E101 |
| Faith and Family | <i>Neuroscience: The Impact of Technology on Our Kids: "Faith"</i> | Prayer Room |
| Forum | <i>All the Places to Go</i> | E200 |
| Harbingers | <i>The Me I Want to Be</i> | E202 |
| Morning Glory | Mastering Your Emotions | B318 |
| New Parents | Theology and Parenting | E205 |
| Pastor's Study 1 | Faith and Physics | Stephenson Hall |
| Pastor's Study 2 | New Testament Overview | E104 |
| Reflections | <i>Judges</i> | E103 |
| Shepherds | <i>Old Testament Connections/Fulfillment</i> | E203 |
| Sojourners | Karl Barth <i>Dogmatics</i> | E204 |
| UKirk | New Testament Overview | E104 |
| The Vine | <i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i> | E100 |
| Westminster | <i>The Book of Easter</i> | Tower Room |
| Young Adults | New Testament Overview | E104 |