



***The People
of
God in Worship***

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

**AUGUST 16, 2020
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

Christians should be confusing to the surrounding world, speaking bilingually: *grace and truth*. You see that in Stephen's life: one minute he's pointing his finger at the religious leaders and calling them out for their heartless persecution (truth), and the next—*as they're stoning him*—Stephen prays for their forgiveness (grace). It's not commonplace to find somebody who switches gears like that. **Our society has no category for someone speaking prophetic truth with tender grace.**

J. D. Grear

The Prelude

Tremble

Worship Team

Peace, bring it all to peace, the storms surrounding me, let it break at Your name. Still, call the sea to still, the rage in me to still, every wave, at Your name.

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear. Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus. Jesus.

Breathe, call these bones to live, call these lungs to sing, once again I will praise.

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear. Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus. Jesus.

Your name is a light that the shadows can't deny; Your name cannot be overcome. Your name is alive forever lifted high; Your name cannot be overcome. Your name cannot be overcome.

Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus, Jesus, You silence fear. Jesus, Jesus, You make the darkness tremble. Jesus. Jesus.

The Welcome

Sing! Global 2020 · Getty Music Worship Conference

Dr. John Frame, President of the Chancel Choir

The Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all. Remember, the Lord is near.

So do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:4-7)

In Him we have every confidence; in Him we have every reason to trust. In Him, the story of God's promised redemption is fulfilled!

There's victory in Him --now, forever, and always.

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ The Hymn

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how
He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me! I heard
about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning --then I
repented of my sins and won the victory!

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and
bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me 'ere I knew
Him and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood!*

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing,
how He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to
see! And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken
spirit" And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the
victory!

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and He
bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me 'ere I knew
Him and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood!*

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory. And I
heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea, about
the angels singing, and the old redemption story --and some
sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory!

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and He
bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me 'ere I knew
Him and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood!*

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Courtaney Miller

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 20:1-21

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to
hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to
name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has
become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from
a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which
we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and

more in your likeness and image, through Jesus our Savior.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...(in silence)

The Good News He Will Hold Me Fast Matthew Merker

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for
my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves
me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let
my soul be lost; His promises shall last; bought by Him at
such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves
me so, He will hold me fast.*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with
Him to endless life, He will hold me fast. 'Till our faith is
turned to sight, when He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves
me so, He will hold me fast!*

The Invitation to Receive God's 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**

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! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father, through Jesus His Son, and give Him the glory – great things He has done!

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Rev. James Estes

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 Acts 6:8-15, 7-1, 51-60

The Sermon What Stephen Has to Teach Us Dr. Jim Miller
"Lord Jesus," he prayed. "Receive my spirit." Acts 7:59

The Anthem Hymn of Promise Natalie Sleeth
Choir Ensemble

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity. In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

The Time with the Young Disciples

Courtaney Miller

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ The Hymn My Hope is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found, dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune SOLID ROCK

◆ Please Stand

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Bob Balch, Billy Boyd, Kitty Brumbaugh, Sandra Cousins, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Fred Droege, Allan Edwards, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Eugene Gilbert, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Linda Hunter, Larry Don Johnson, Maggie Jones, Charla Kitch, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Dottie and Walt MacMillan, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Karen McCay, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, David Osterholt, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, David Perkins, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Rick Spellman, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Laurie Sundborg, Nancy Tholen, and Jack Williams.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Ed Lawson, a member since 1947, died on August 7.

Worship Notes

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of MaryJo Pauls by Carol, Mark and Jacob Tipton.

Worship

We are open for Sunday worship and welcome you to attend! Currently, there are three live services each week:

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

If you would like to continue viewing from home, two of our services are broadcast on [Livestream.com](https://www.livestream.com) and our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) page. Additionally, you can view our traditional service at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Cable, Channel 3.

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[Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa)

Cox Cable Ch. 3 at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. – Tulsa International Fellowship Worship - Great Hall

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Youth and Children's updates - Sunday school for children, Middle and High school will resume next Sunday, August 23. You will need to RSVP for the **Children's Ministry** programs by contacting Kiona Tyler at [ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kyler@firstchurchtulsa.org) or on the Children's Facebook page.

The Pastor's Class, led by Dr. Miller, resumes next Sunday, August 23, with a four-week study of John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. The same class will also be held on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in room E104. Please RSVP which class you will be attending to Hannah Elliott at helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Some adult Sunday School classes have resumed in person with CDC protocols in place.

Sunday Afternoons

2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. - First Family Summer Swim: Sundays,
Camp Loughridge Aquatic Center.

5:00 p.m. – Summer Vespers: Camp Loughridge K-Dome

Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Bring your own water; refreshments will not be provided due to the COVID-19 protocols.

Weekday Events

Prayer Service - This Thursday, *5:30 Prayers*, in the Miller Library. Invite your friends.

10:10 Pastor's Message live on [Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa) every Tuesday and Thursday.

Storytime with Courtney Miller – Tune in on Saturdays at noon for the next episode of George McDonald’s “The Princess and the Goblin”.
Facebook.com/FPCChildrens

Events Happening This Week

Deacons Day of Care - Join us on Saturday mornings in August for the Deacon Days of Care. We will be serving congregation members who need help on outside home projects. Volunteer teams will be small to allow for social distancing, will be asked to wear masks and will stay outside of members’ homes. Sign up to volunteer at *www.firstchurchtulsa.org*. Contact Elizabeth DeVore (*eldevore7@gmail.com*) or Joe Land (*dogfaceboy@aol.com*) for more information or if you know of someone in need.

Mark Your Calendar

Monday School begins on September 14 at 12:00 p.m. Dr. Arden Autry will continue his study on Revelation. This study provides an overview of the entire book, followed by examples of how Revelation has been interpreted in different eras of the Church. For more information, contact Hannah Elliott at *helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

Precepts – beginning on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Led by Denise Rounds, the class will be studying Philippians and how to have joy in any circumstance.

Wednesday Night Downtown Tulsa Fall 2020 begins on Wednesday, September 16, with dinner at 5:15 p.m. and classes at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday nights are a vibrant time of fellowship and spiritual growth at First Church. We hope that you will join us for an optional church dinner followed by AWANA and POW for children and several adult offerings. For more information on the children’s programs, contact Kiona Tyler at at 918-301-1008 or *ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org*. For more information on Adult programming check our website calendar at *firstchurchtulsa.org/events* or contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or *helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

To register your child for **Awana** or to volunteer you can click on the QR code below.



Financial Peace University –This life-changing class—taught by Dave Ramsey and his team on video—will help you achieve your financial goals by showing you how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. Cost is \$129 per person/couple. This class is taught by Judith Land and will begin on September 16 at 6:15 p.m. Learn more and register at daveramsey.com/fpu. Limited scholarships are available. Please contact Hannah Elliott at helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org for more questions about scholarships. To purchase materials go to bit.ly/FirstChurchFPU.

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises informational session will be held on Saturday, September 19, breakfast at 9:30 a.m., meeting begins at 10:00 a.m., in Room E104. Learn the process, experience the prayer and find out what you can expect from the upcoming Ignatian groups this fall. To register or for more information, contact Duff Points at 918-301-1018.

The 13th Annual Helping Hand Golf Tournament is on Monday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. at Meadowbrook Country Club. This year's tournament is in memory of George and Geordie Matson. To register, go to the Church's website at www.firstchurchtulsa.org or Realm. For questions, please contact Braigen Hubbard at bhubbard@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Other Announcements

Join us on REALM - Connecting with others online has become extremely important recently, and First Church has a new tool to make that easier than ever. Chat with members of your groups, update your information, on-line giving, register for events, and more, all from your home desktop or mobile device. Log in today and start connecting! For more information email contactus@firstchurchtulsa.org or contact Kathy Wilson or Braigen Hubbard at (918) 584-4701.

Sing! Global Virtual Worship Conference

Organized by Keith and Kristyn Getty

Join us Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in Stephenson Hall for ***Sing! Global 2020*** - an immersive digital conference connecting leaders, families, and churches around the world to encourage and deepen worship - as we focus on the centrality of God's Word in our worship.

This conference features not only world-class composers and musicians, but also some of the finest Christian speakers from around the world.

****Register through the church website event calendar by Monday, August 24.*** Seating will be limited to allow for social distancing. All other current FPC protocols will be in place. Masks are required for this event.

An optional \$5.00 box dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. each night. Advance reservation and payment are required for the meal.

Monday, August 31 | *The Wonder and Power of the Word of God*

- Singing led by Keith and Kristyn Getty and by City Alight
- Plenary Messages by John Lennox and Alistair Begg
- *Behind the Artist* talks with visual artist, Ross Wilson, and violinist, David Kim

Tuesday, September 1 | *Scripture in the Sunday Service*

- Singing led by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, and Matt Merker
- Plenary messages by Ligon Duncan, Conrad Mbewe, John MacArthur
- *Behind the Artist* talk with soprano soloist, Joanne Lunn
- Panel Discussion: *Church Services During Quarantine*

Wednesday, September 2 | *The Word in the World: Singing, Suffering, and Witness in the 21st Century*

- Singing led by Keith and Kristyn Getty with the Getty Band
- Plenary Messages by John Piper and Trip Lee
- *Behind the Artist* talk with bass guitarist, John Patitucci

Please help us with contact tracing and attendance by filling out the information below and leaving the program on the pew as you leave.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Member _____ or Guest _____

Seating Location: (Please circle where you are sitting.)

Front Left - Front Center - Front Right

Back Left - Back Center - Back Right

Left Balcony - Center Balcony - Right Balcony

or

going to the link: bit.ly/fpcregister;

or

using the QR code below.



August 16, 2020, Sanctuary



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