



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

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

**AUGUST 30, 2020  
8:30 AM  
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

# ***Thirteen Sunday after Pentecost***

*8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall*

## **The Introit**

Promises

## **The Welcome and Call to Worship**

Rev. James Estes

### Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night; waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou my great Father, I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee, one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight. Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight. Thou my soul's shelter and Thou my high tower, raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance now and always. Thou and Thou only, be first in my heart; High King of heaven my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won; may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall; still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame; all who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. *Refrain*

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. *Refrain*

**The First Reading** Matthew 5:1-16

Anne McCoy

## **The Prayer of Confession**

## **The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for all those 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 the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He hath done.*

## **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 Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **The Prayers of the People**

#### Promises

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant, of faithful promises. Time and time again You have proven You do just what You say.

Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow, I'll remain steadfast, and let my heart learn when You speak a word it will come to pass.

*Great is Your faithfulness to me. Great is Your faithfulness to me. From the rising sun to the setting same I will praise Your name. Great is Your faithfulness to me.*

God from age to age, though the earth may pass away, Your word remains the same. Your history can prove there's nothing You can't do; You're faithful and true. *Refrain*

Oh, Your faithfulness, it never runs out, it never runs out. Oh, Your faithfulness, it never runs out (Never runs out). It never runs out (Never runs out). I put my faith in Jesus, my anchor to the ground. My hope and firm foundation, He'll never let me down. *Refrain*

## **The New Testament Reading** Acts 9:1-19

**The Sermon** God's Not Finished with You Rev. Dan Hutchinson  
*And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4)*

## **The Invitation to the Table**

**Words of Institution**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

## **The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**The Closing Song** The Lion and The Lamb

He's coming on the clouds, kings and kingdoms will bow down, and every chain will break as broken hearts declare His praise, for who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah; He's roaring with power and fighting our battles, and every knee will bow before Him. Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain for the sins of the world; His blood breaks the chains. And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb; every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings. The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free, for who can stop the Lord Almighty? *Refrain*

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? Who can stop the Lord  
Almighty? *Refrain*

## **The Charge and Benediction**

### **Kindergarten Blessing and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Bible Celebration**

#### **Kindergarten**

Bliss Agbiji  
Elijah Berman  
Isla Bristow  
Claire Bundren  
Addisyn Chaney  
Perry DeBoer  
Jessica Ebil  
Abigail Estes  
Athena John-Bowman  
Forester Morgan  
Madeleine Schuster  
Charlie Shepherd  
Grant Speier  
Oliver Stulen

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Eden Bristow  
Jacob Case  
Marne Cavin  
Kamryn Chaney  
Judah DeSpain  
Samuel Donohue  
Lucy Doverspike  
Peoria Fehlauer  
Lucy Gingerich  
Samuel Hand  
Imani Matee  
Benjamin Miller  
Savannah Nsien  
Michael Shelton  
Erlend Stulen  
Lucy Sullivan  
Madison Tubb

## 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, 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, Nancy Tholen, and Jack Williams.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Charla Kitch, a member since 2000, died on August 23.

**Our Sympathy and Prayers to:** Leslie Pritchard on the death of her father, Donald Atkins, who died on August 21.

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### Worship Notes

**The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Denise Rounds by Phil Rounds.

### 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](#) 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.

[Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa)

[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**

[Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa)

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

**Youth and Children** - Sunday school for children, Middle and High school classes are meeting. Parents: please, if your child/children will be attending, RSVP to Kiona Tyler at [kytler@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kytler@firstchurchtulsa.org) or on the Children's Facebook page.

**The Pastor's Class**, led by Dr. Miller is offered today and every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. This class repeats (and will be Livestreamed) on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. The theme is John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. After the four-week study we examine C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Please RSVP to Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or [helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**

**Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 9:30**

Faith and Family	204
Sojourners (All Ages)	E204
The Vine ( <i>Singles/couples</i> )	E100
Young Adults ( <i>20's and 30's</i> )	E201
Pastor's Class	Stephenson Hall

**Sunday Afternoons**

**2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. - First Family Summer Swim** – The final swim at Camp is this Sunday at Camp Loughridge Aquatic Center.

**5:00 p.m. – Summer Vespers: Camp Loughridge K-Dome** - Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Please bring your own water.

## 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* 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/FPCCchildrens*

## Mark Your Calendar

### **Bumpers on Boston – Sunday, September 13, 9:30–10:30 a.m.**

Join us for a modified celebration of fellowship at the new, Bumpers on Boston. This event also serves as the kick-off for fall programming at First Church. We will parade in our cars around the Church to pick up breakfast and then park to eat and enjoy fellowship in the Stephenson parking lot. Attendees can stay in their cars or step outside while wearing a mask.

We encourage you to decorate your car or make signs for the parade. All services will meet at their regularly scheduled times, however, there will be no Sunday school for children or adults at 9:30 a.m. Sign up for breakfast in advance here *www.*

*FirstChurchTulsa.org/BumpersonBoston*

**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 918-301-1019 or *helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org*. Optional lunch at 11:30 a.m.

**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. A workbook is needed for this class, which can be purchased at the first class for \$21.

**Wednesday Night Downtown:** Wednesday, September 16, dinner at 5:15 p.m., classes 6:15 p.m. (Reservations for dinner can be made online.)

Wednesday nights are a vibrant time of fellowship and spiritual growth at First Church. We hope you'll join us for an optional church dinner followed by AWANA and POW for children and several adult offerings (See below).

**AWANA** - Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Downstairs in the Children's Center  
AWANA will be on Wednesday, September 16 (from two years of age up to fourth grade). Please RSVP that we may plan drop off and pick up. To register your child for **Awana** or to volunteer please click on the QR code below.



**Dr. Miller's Class—The Spiritual DNA of First Church, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Classroom TBA**

In this four-week course, we'll be looking at the meaning behind our heritage as Orthodox, Reformed and Evangelical believers.

**Seeker's Bible Study: The Gospel of John, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Room E103**

Pastor Wambugu Gachungi leads an in-depth, verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of John. Come enjoy praying together, studying scripture, and engaging in lively questions and discussions.

**Financial Peace University, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Classroom TBA**

Learn how to achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving 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. Register at [daveramsey.com/fpu](http://daveramsey.com/fpu). Limited scholarships are available. Please contact Hannah Elliott at [helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org) for more questions about scholarships. To purchase materials go to [bit.ly/FirstChurchFPU](http://bit.ly/FirstChurchFPU).

**Theology of Parenthood, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Classroom TBA**

Join Rev. Dan Hutchinson, Sarah Savage and guest speakers as we talk about aspects of our faith, how these aspects influence our homes and family life, and how to teach these to our children.

*For more information on the children's programs, contact Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or [ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org).*

*For more information on Adult programming check our website calendar at [firstchurchtulsa.org/events](http://firstchurchtulsa.org/events) or contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or [helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org).*

**The 13th Annual Helping Hand Golf Tournament** tees off on Monday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. at Meadowbrook Country Club. This year's tournament honors the lives of George and Geordie Matson. To register, go to the Church's website at [www.firstchurchtulsa.org](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org) or Realm. For questions, contact Braigen Hubbard at 918-301-1039 or [bhubbard@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:bhubbard@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Inquirers class - Sundays in October beginning October 3, time TBD in**

**Room E104** - Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about First Church? The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to come meet others, get to know some of our pastors and ask your questions. If you are interested please contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Other Announcements**

**FPC's Helping Hand Ministry** has been assisting a surplus of people in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. To make a gift, go to the Helping Hand Ministry calendar event on the website or send a check to the church with a memo line that reads *Helping Hand Donation*.

### ***Resources On Sexual Ethics***

“Current reflection about sexual ethics...is a mess.” So says Stanley Hawerwas, Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke Divinity School. He goes on to add: “Dr. Robert Johnson, Director of Adolescent Medicine at the New Jersey College of Medicine, cites statistics that two of every ten girls in junior and senior high school in New Jersey will get pregnant this year. No matter what one thinks about premarital sexuality, that is a shocking statistic, and we feel we need some ethical guidance on how to deal with such problems.”

Indeed. And the issues have only become more complex and compelling since Hawerwas published his book in 1988 (*Community of Character: Toward a Constructive Christian Social Ethic*).

First Church believes it important to provide resources for understanding these issues and addressing them in both loving and faithful ways.

We have sought to follow this counsel: before embracing a new sexual ethic consider (and carefully examine) the historic position of the Church when it comes to such matters.

Here are three resources that can help us do just that:

On Christian Marriage: Timothy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

On Same-Sex Attraction: Wesley Hill, *Washed and Waiting*.

*Hill's story is especially helpful and compelling because he speaks directly about his own same-sex attractions, and how he has sought to be faithful.*

An online class on *The Bible and Homosexuality*: Robert Gagnon, Houston University. Gagnon is arguably the finest exponent of the historic view of the church on this subject. This week his online class begins (Tuesday nights or Thursday nights). Follow this link to register as an “auditor”:

<https://hbu.edu/school-of-christian-thought/auditors-surveyors/>

## **Sing! Global Virtual Worship Conference**

Organized by Keith and Kristyn Getty

Join us tomorrow (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.

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](https://bit.ly/fpcregister);

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using the QR code below.



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