



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

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

**JANUARY 17, 2021
VESPERS**

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

**Vespers Service
January 17, 2021**

Welcome & Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise

How Great Thou Art!

O STORE GUD

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee, how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: how great Thou art,
how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do. But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do. Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is. Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is. Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory; is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does. And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me? I was lost but He brought me in; Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, O, is free indeed; I'm a child of God, Yes I am!

Free at last, He has ransomed me; His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, O, is free indeed; I'm a child of God, yes I am! In my Father's house there's a place for me; I'm a child of God, yes I am!

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am. *Refrain*

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 sits at 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.

Reading Acts 20:20-28

I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that my hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

And when Paul had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping by everyone; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again.

And they accompanied him to the ship.

Message The Prayer for the Church and Those Called to Lead

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Songs of Response

More than Conquerors

When my hope and strength is gone, You're the One who calls me on; You are the life; You are the fight that's in my soul. Oh, Your resurrection power burns like fire in my heart. When waters rise I lift my eyes up to Your throne.

We are more than conquerors through Christ. You have overcome this world, this life. We will not bow to sin or to shame; we are defiant in Your name. You are the fire that cannot be tamed; You are the power in our veins, our Lord, our God, our conqueror!

I will sing into the night, "Christ is risen and on high." Greater is He, living in me, than in the world. No surrender, no retreat, we are free and we're redeemed. We will declare, over despair, You are the Hope!

Refrain

Nothing is impossible, every chain is breakable. With You we are victorious. You are stronger than our hearts; You are greater than the dark. With You we are victorious. *Refrain*

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you to worship! We gather to exalt the Lord each Sunday morning in three live services:

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

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

Also broadcast on **Livestream.com**, our **Facebook** page,
and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa

Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa

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

(See above for Livestream and Facebook links.)

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

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries of First Church!

Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at *firstchurchtulsa.org* or text 405-276-4141.

For those who need assistance in the Sanctuary, audio headsets are available from the ushers.

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 Update

The Session is preparing the 2021 budget. Thank you for returning your "estimate-of-giving" cards, which will enable the Session to do its best work.

"Let the little children come to me." During this season when many are not able to serve in children's Sunday School or in the nursery at 9:30 a.m.

or during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, would you be willing to wrap the arms of Jesus around these little ones – perhaps once a month? Please contact Courtney Miller at 918-301-1009 or cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Faith and Physics! Stephenson Hall, 9.30. We're glad to welcome this morning **Professor Jerry McCoy**, physicist at the University of Tulsa! Jerry begins a seven-week series today at 9.30 in the Stephenson Hall. This very popular offering will be available on video through the FPC website, and will be recast on Wednesdays at 11:30 and 6:15 p.m.

FPC University Ministries: (Follow us at [@ukirtulsa](https://twitter.com/ukirtulsa) for updates)

“**Grow**” resumes this Sunday in the Miller Library.

“**Gather**” will meet this Tuesday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m in Sharp Chapel at TU.

Considering First Church as your spiritual home? We'd love to welcome you to our “no-strings-attached” Inquirers Class. **Beginning next Sunday at 9:15 a.m in E-104.** For more information please contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.

The January Series, 15-day lecture series from Calvin College continues this week. The Series is completely virtual this year. Each presentation is available through January 26, from 11:30 to 12:30. You can find the link at <https://calvin.edu/january-series/>.

Wednesday Night Downtown

5:15 p.m. dinner and 6:15 p.m. classes

AWANA! One of the great ways of wrapping Jesus' arms around our children.

Seekers with Rev. Wambugu, E103: an in-depth study of the Gospel of John.

Faith and Physics (video recast), Professor Jerry McCoy, TU physicist, E-104 Dr. Miller leads discussion following the video.

First Church is a praying community. You'll find a prayer request card in the sanctuary pew or the Friendship Register.

Do you or a loved one have cancer? Members of the Guild of Intercessors pray every day for those on the Guild's Cancer List. If you would like to add yourself, a loved one, or a friend or colleague to this confidential list, please contact Paula Peterson (918-296-5548 mandppeterson@msn.com) or Monte Prater (918-605-9719; monteprater@aol.com).

God has prepared a good work for you! Masterwork Academy needs your heart and hands to encourage and support budding artists in this after school ministry. No artistic skill is necessary, and any amount of service is welcome. Beginning Monday, January 25, we need champions from Monday - Friday between 3:15 and 5:15 p.m. Join us in the work of cultivating in children a love for Jesus through mastery in the arts. Email **CREATE@MASTERWORKACADEMY.ORG** or call/text 918-370-0207 to register.

Presbyterian Women's January Mission Project will be collecting items for Emerson School to help re-stock teachers' supplies. Donations can be deposited in the receptacle in the Atrium.

Friday Food Distribution - consider joining us as we partner with First Baptist Church North Tulsa in sharing food with needy families of North Tulsa. For more information, contact Allison Biggs at allisonobiggs@gmail.com.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Challa Ashlock, Jane Azlin, MaryAnn Blackburn, Billy Boyd, Roy Cail, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Donna Gilliam, Sherye Halliburton, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, David Perkins, Don Perry, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Janie Quint, Stephen Riungu, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Allan Edwards, a member since 1943, died on January 10.

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 1/17/21

Worship and Events

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and Great Hall

Monday 1/18/21

Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., Room E103

Tuesday 1/19/21

Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Room E100

Wednesday 1/20/21

Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall

WNDD Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall

Awana, POW, Life Groups 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation

Adult classes 6:15 p.m.

Ensemble Choir Rehearsal 6:15 p.m., Choir Room

Saturday 1/23/21

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

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going the to link: bit.ly/fpcregister;

or

using the QR code below.



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