



In Christ's School of Prayer  
*Lord, teach us to pray...*

- 1) *A Holy Father*
- 2) *A Coming Kingdom*
- 3) *A Daily Need*
- 4) ***A Final Caution***

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

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September 4, 2022  
8:00 a.m., Kerr Chapel

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

# ***Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

*8:00 a.m. Kerr Chapel*

## **The Words of Preparation**

...we pray: that God would so overrule the world and all in it, subdue the flesh, and restrain Satan, order all things, bestow and bless all means of grace, and quicken us to watchfulness in the use of them, that we and all his people may by his providence be kept from being tempted to sin; or, if tempted, that by the Spirit we may be powerfully supported and enabled to stand in the hour of temptation; or, when fallen, raised again and recovered out of it, and have a sanctified use and improvement thereof; that our sanctification and salvation may be perfected, Satan trodden under our feet, and we fully freed from sin, temptation, and all evil forever. Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 195

## **The Welcome**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

## **The Introit**

How Lovely are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle

*Emma Cantrell, soloist*

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even Thine altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. *Psalms 84*

## **The Call to Worship** (Philippians 2:6-11)

Though Christ was in the form of God, he did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

So let us stand!

**And let us crown him Lord of all!**

◆ **The Hymn** 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Elder Laurel Baird

**The Old Testament Reading** Psalm 23

**The Prayer of Confession** Rev. Wally Johnson

Our Father in heaven, holy and magnificent is Your name. Your works are good and Your will is perfect. Holy Father, You provide everything that we need. You tend to our needs like a shepherd their flock. Even in the darkness, You are with us. Yet, we confess that we are like wandering sheep, prone to go astray. We do not love You wholeheartedly. We fail to trust You. We seek our own path. Lord, we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us. Hear us now as we pray...*(in silence)*

**The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that in Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name! **Alleluia! Amen!**

- ◆ **The Response of Gratitude**    The Doxology  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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.

## **The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

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

- ◆ **The Hymn**                                    Be Thou My Vison  
 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 and sleeping, Thy presence my light.  
  
 Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.  
  
 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance now and always; Thou and Thou only first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory 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.

**The Gospel Reading**     Matthew 6:7-13

**The Sermon**             The Challenge of Trusting God

*Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*     Matthew 6:13

**The Celebration of Communion**

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

◆ **The Lord's Prayer** (*sung by the congregation*)

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

**The Postlude**     A Mighty Fortress Is Our God             arr. Johann Walther

We welcome Bruce Wilkin, guest organist, and thank him for his  
musical contribution to our service today.

## **Worship Notes**

**The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alma and Nick Robson, Fred N. Davis, Jr. and in loving honor of Marilyn I. Davis, by Hannah and Joe Robson 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](mailto: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.

## **First Church Updates**

**A heartfelt welcome to worship!** We pray that you'll sense the presence of Christ here, —and the warmth of this community.

**Today is the last of our “Summer Swims at Loughridge”:** 1:45 – 5:00 p.m. at the Camp Loughridge pool.

**Thank you!** Helping Hand Ministries is grateful for all the Bibles gifted for our clients! They've taken joy in leaving with a Bible, and touched that they were lovingly gifted by church members.

**Sarah Savage, our Director of Childrens' Ministry, invites you to a Parenting Book Discussion on *Raising Emotionally Strong Boys*:** Join us every other Thursday through Dec. 1: 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in room E101. Bring a brown-bag lunch!

**Come and wrap Jesus' arms around His children! Become an Awana leader!** Please contact Sarah Savage at [ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Awana Kick-off: this** Wednesday, September 7! Drop in anytime between 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., in Stephenson Hall. Join us for cookies and milk and pick up your Awana gear! You can register by going to First Church website.

**People grieve for many reasons:** the loss of a loved one, losing a job or career, the end of a marriage or relationship, etc. ***Pathways to Hope*** is a five-week class, led by Rev. Wally Johnson, that explores ways to cope with grief, utilizing the Psalms of Lament. Join us in Room 206 on

Wednesdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. –from this Wednesday, September 7 and continuing through October 5. Lunch is available for \$7. To register and make weekly lunch reservations, use the QR code, or call Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029.



***Breakfast on Boston  
Home-coming!***

Next Sunday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.  
*–literally on Boston Avenue*

A delicious “Chef Joseph” hot breakfast, good fellowship,  
live music from Grady Nichols.

For young families: pony rides and face painting!

Breakfast:

\$3 for children, \$6 for adults  
\$20 for families.

To register go to First Church website.

If you pay in advance, you can go right to the food, no waiting in  
line to pay.

**Presbyterian Women’s Upcoming Events:**

**Dedication Day Luncheon** on Thursday, September 8 at noon in room E104. There will be an introduction of this year’s Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight*. Cost of lunch is \$10., please make reservation by Monday, September 5 to Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Priscilla Circle** meets the first Wednesday, (starting September 7) of each month at 6:30 p.m. in room E101.

**Esther Circle** meets the third Thursday (starting September 15) of each month at 10:30 a.m. in room E202.

**Soup Group** meets the third Thursday (starting September 15) of each month at noon in room E104.

**PW September Mission** - we will be collecting items for Helping Hands. They need full-sized toiletries (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors), toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and feminine products. You can drop-off your donation on Wednesdays and Sundays in the atrium.

**Dr. Miller's weekly Pastor's Class** resumes on Wednesday, September 14 (11:30 a.m.) and Sunday, September 18 (9:30 a.m.) in Stephenson Hall. His discussion is titled: *"Contemporary Concerns and the Christian Faith*. Dr. J. I. Packer's classic, *Knowing Christianity*, a brilliant systematic theology of the Bible's message, serves as the driver of our reflections. The Wednesday and Sunday classes cover the same ground. *See the "Special Lecture" (Sept. 18) by Ross Wilson (below), that kicks off our series.*

**Special Pastor's Class Lecture: Irish Artist Ross Wilson offers a reflection on the life and faith of Vincent Van Gogh:** Sunday, September 18, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall. He will be available between worship services to meet guests in the exhibition area around Miller Library.

**Gallery Opening, Atrium Art – *The Calling of Lazarus***, Friday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Distinguished sculptor and painter Ross Wilson discusses his work, *The Calling of Lazarus*, ---47 portraits that are symbolic of the 60 seconds that framed the miracle call of Jesus, *"Lazarus, come out!"*

**Matson Cup:** Save the date for the *Helping Hand Golf Tournament* on Monday, September 19 with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Maybe your strength is on the green? You'll enjoy the brand-new *putting contest!* All proceeds go to serve the impoverished in our city through our *Helping Hand Ministry*. Please visit our website for more information by using the QR Code.



**Wednesday Night Downtown,** begins on Wednesday, September 14 with dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. Adult Class Offerings include:

***Glimpsing the Glory of God! Examining His Handiwork*** --Experts in physics, meteorology, geology, horticulture, astronomy take turns investigating the creation story (Genesis chapter 1) --clear evidence of God's mighty hand and amazing ingenuity. Dr. Miller introduces each speaker. Beginning Wednesday, September 14, Stephenson Hall, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

***Seeker's Bible Study*** – Pastor Wambugu takes a deep dive into the sermon texts on Leviticus, in room E104, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

***Drawing from Life*** – Join local visual artist Laura Voth for a four-week life drawing course. Celebrate and learn about God's artistry and cultivate your drawing skills using graphite, charcoal, and pastels in a classical art studio environment. From 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Bernsen Center. Register and pay online (class fee is \$15 for art supplies) or contact Laura Stevens at 918-584-4701 or [lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Precept Bible study** – What is true faith? How are we to live as followers of Christ? Gather with fellow students of the Word as we delve into the book of James and explore the answers to these questions. Class led by Denise Rounds begins on Tuesday, September 13, 9:30 a.m., room E100.

**Music Lovers!** The Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, founded in 1922, is celebrating its Centennial Year with an invitation to experience an organ “Open House” at the seven downtown churches in the coming year. *Beginning at FPC on Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m.*, we’ll have the opportunity to learn fascinating details about our Sanctuary organ, with the console rolled out in full view. Ron Pearson will tell you about its history and you’ll enjoy a short musical program. Please join us!

**Monday School** begins on Monday, September 26 in the Kirkland Library, lunch at 11:30 a.m. with the lesson starting at 12:00 p.m. Rev. Wally Johnson will be teaching on *Leviticus*. This book explains the priesthood, the sacrifices, the Day of Atonement, and helps us fully grasp the person and work of Christ and what He has done on our behalf.

**It’s K-Group time! Regroup or join a K-Group as we head into the Fall.** This year we’re exploring E. James Wilder’s book *Renovated: God, Dallas Willard and the Church that Transforms*, starting the last week of September. Please contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or [pbowman@gmail.com](mailto:pbowman@gmail.com) for more information.

**Confirmation** begins on Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Powerhouse, this is for all freshmen and any high school youth interested in exploring their faith. Confirmation students will be engaged in a six-month lesson and small group discussion series about different aspects of our faith. Our hope is that each student will grow in their understanding of what they believe and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For more information you can go to the First Church website and find confirmation in the events.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Members of the Guild of Intercessors believe prayer is powerful and produces wonderful results. Please let us know if we can pray for you, your family members, or your friends. Over sixty-five Guild members offer earnest prayers daily for concerns both within and

beyond this congregation. Your prayer requests will also be shared with the pastors. To submit a prayer request, please contact Paula Peterson, Guild Chairman at 918-296-5548. You can email her at [mandppeterson@msn.com](mailto:mandppeterson@msn.com) or send a text to 918-688-2163.

### **Parish Register**

**Prayers for Healing:** Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, Laurie Brumbaugh, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Glenda Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Elaine Horkey, Meg Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Susan Lawrence, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Tom Sherrill, Helen Marie Sisler, Bill Smith, Isla Smith, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Terry Thomas, Mike Tidwell, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Hugh Hawkins Shipley, son of Reid and Margo Shipley, was baptized on August 28.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Billy Boyd, a member since 2013, died on August 28; Bob Prater, a member since 1983, died on August 31.

## THIS WEEK

### **TODAY 9/4/22**

9:30 am Gatherings and Classes

11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

**Monday 9/5/22** – Labor Day, church offices closed.

### **Wednesday 9/7/22**

11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204, Phillip Bowman

12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206, Rev. Wally Johnson

4:00 pm Awana Kick-Off & Leader Training, Stephenson Hall

### **Thursday 9/8/22**

12:00 pm PW Dedication Day, E104

### **Saturday 9/10/22**

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103, Phil Rounds

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**  
**TODAY Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.**

#### **On Site:**

Covenanters	<i>Evangelical Theology</i>	E205
Faith and Family	<i>Raising a Modern Day Joseph</i>	Prayer Room
Reflections	<i>The Character of God</i>	E103
Shepherds	Class Fellowship	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Understanding the Old Testament</i>	E204
The Vine (singles/couples)	<i>Revelation Bible Study</i>	E100
Westminster	<i>Theology Brewed in an African Pot</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	E201

**No Sunday School classes next Sunday, join us for Breakfast on Boston**

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**8:00 Kerr Chapel**

Please register your attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

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