



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

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

**NOVEMBER 15, 2020
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday *after Pentecost*

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall

The Words of Preparation

If we compare the great fruit which ensued immediately upon his preaching with such a base entrance, the power of the Spirit of God shall [more] plainly appear. Also we may see how the Lord, by his singular counsel, turneth those things to his glory, and the salvation of the godly, which seem contrary to the flesh, and unhappy. John Calvin

The Welcome and Call to Worship

◆ The Songs of Praise Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing; worthy of all the praise we could ever bring; worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You.

Jesus, the name above every other name. Jesus, the only one who could ever save, worthy of every breath we could ever breathe, we live for You. We live for You.

Holy; there is no one like You. There is none besides You. Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are and fill me with Your heart, and lead me in Your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation. I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken. *Refrain*

The First Reading Hebrews 3:7-19

The Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and merciful God, you know us inside and out, and nothing in us is hidden from your sight. You know our sin. You know our hardness of heart. You know the ways in which we have failed to listen to your voice and refused to believe your word. You invite us to share in Christ, and yet we are too busy seeking after the rest this world offers, which cannot bring peace or joy or fullness of life. Lord, we are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Forgive us our sins, we pray, and turn our hearts back to you through the indwelling presence of your Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord we pray...*(in silence)*

The Response to Confession We Confess

Almighty God, we confess our sin; what we have done, what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy. Have mercy on us. Have mercy. Have mercy on us.

Most gracious God, we have lost our way. Like wandering sheep, we have gone astray. We're truly sorry and we turn back. Now, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ.

Have mercy. Have mercy on us. Have mercy. Have mercy on us.

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ prays for us. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel, that in Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name!

Alleluia! Amen!

The Response of Gratitude Tremble

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** (The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our

salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. AMEN.

The New Testament Reading Acts 18:1-7

The Sermon Who's in Charge? Rev. Dan Hutchinson
Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent, for I am with you...
Acts 18:10a

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Closing Song May the Peoples Praise You
You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light,
that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife, with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad! All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Jesus.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard; may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name, to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim.

Refrain

May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad! All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Jesus.

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious Name. *Refrain*

The Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Crane, Ruth Crane Ferguson, C. S. Steinsiek, and Mary Ann Steinsiek Rich, by Brett and Cheryl Crane.

You may give your weekly tithe and offering to the Lord electronically at www.firstchurchtulsa.org or text 405-276-4141.

For those who need assistance in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

To notify the church of a birth, death, illness, hospitalization, change of address/phone number in your family or to request a pastoral visit at home or in the hospital, please contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

First Church Update

We're grateful for a congregation that continues to give generously in ways that further the ministries of Christ. In this stewardship season each of us is urged to ponder our blessings and to make our commitment to the Lord's work in 2021.

"Let the little children come to me!" More children are returning to Sunday School at 9:30 and to the nursery at the 11:00 o'clock hour! Everybody's delighted by this --but it also presents us with an urgent need. During this season when many are not able to serve, would you be willing to wrap the arms of Jesus around these little ones --say once a month? Please contact Courtney Miller at 918-301-1009 or cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org.

The Guild of Intercessors has updated the Armed Forces Prayer List for 2020-2021. Copies are available in the Narthex and Atrium literature racks. Please take one and pray for these service men and women who are connected to First Church members.

Bridging the Divide! This Wednesday night: Bishop Mel Cooper, World Won for Christ shares his perceptions on chasms that divide us. (6:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall, optional dinner at 5:15 p.m., please RSVP for dinner.)

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

FPC University Ministries:

"Gather" is fellowship and worship for 18-24 year-olds, whether University students or not. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Miller Library.

"Grow" is a Sunday class for 18-24 year-olds, whether University students or not. Meet us in the Miller Library today from 12:15-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served! Follow us at [@ukirktulsa](https://www.instagram.com/ukirktulsa) for updates.

Interested in theological discussions? If so, please join the Downtown Theological Roundtable for a study of A.W. Tozer's book, *The Pursuit of God*. The study will start Wednesday, November 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. You will be responsible for purchasing the book. We would love to add you to our discussion. Please contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org to sign up or with any questions.

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held on Thursday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Following the service, the Deacons will host a lunch in Stephenson Hall. If you will be home alone and without family during the holidays, please join us. Call the church at 918-584-4701 or reserve online at: www.firstchurchtulsa.org/ThanksgivingLuncheon by Friday, November 13.

First Church seeks a full-time administrative assistant who will serve in the areas of local and global mission. In addition, this individual will support our Tulsa International Fellowship, our new members and women's ministries. We're looking for a team player who possesses strong verbal and writing skills, and proficiency in Microsoft Office applications. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Tonye Briscoe at tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org.

First Church is a praying community! You'll find a prayer request card in the sanctuary pew or the Friendship Register. Place it in the offering plate at the doors of the sanctuary, or in the prayer request box at the *Welcome Center* in the Miller Atrium. Pastors and members of the Guild of Intercessors will uphold your concerns in prayer.

Thursdays: Weekly Prayer Service - 5:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. Invite your friends. Come join us!

Serve the Master and love on His children! The Masterwork Academy welcomes you! Perhaps you can give an hour, perhaps a day. Leaders are needed from noon-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. If you'd like to know more about how you can be a part of this beautiful ministry, email [Kelly Brown](mailto:KellyBrown@masterworkacademy.org) at kbrown@masterworkacademy.org or call 918-370-0207.

**Reminder of FPC Protocols during the COVID Pandemic:
*Masks, Six-Foot Distancing, and Hand-washing***

Thank you for “masking up” as you enter the First Church facilities, walk through the corridors --and arrive at your destination. Masks are available throughout the church if you do not have one.

Please do your best to sit six feet or so from others outside your own household.

Don't forget: hand sanitizers are stationed throughout the facility.

Weekday visits with staff:

In most cases, our staff will be glad to meet you in the Atrium or a smaller gathering area. Please call upon arrival. If it is necessary for you to go into the staff office area, please speak with Cathy Mitchell at the reception desk in the Atrium.

During this pandemic season, we are privileged to be able to worship the Lord together in this place. These precautions are intended to diminish the risk of any transmission of COVID as we gather. We look to the day when such precautions will no longer be needed.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Roy Cail, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Fred Droege, Allan Edwards, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Donna Gilliam, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Larry Don Johnson, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Dottie and Walt MacMillan, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, David Osterholt, Elsie Osterholt, 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, Ben Thomas, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: Pat Cawiezell on the death of his father, Joe Cawiezell, on November 10; Shannon Thomas on the death of her step-mother, Pam Peacher, on November 10; Larry and Anita Ewing on the death of their son, Logan Swearingin, on November 10; Tim Clement on the death of his mother, Evelyn May Geer Clement, on November 11.

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 11/15/20

Worship and Events

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. **Sanctuary and Great Hall**

5:00 p.m. Vespers Evening Worship – Camp Loughridge

Monday 11/16/20

Little Lambs 10:00 a.m., Outdoor Playground

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

Monday School 12:00 p.m., Kirkland Library

Tuesday 11/17/20

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

Wednesday 11/18/20

Downtown Theological

Roundtable 11:00 a.m., Miller Library

Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., E104

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

Bridging the Divide 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall

Gloria Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m., Choir Room

Ensemble Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 11/19/20

All City Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m., Miller Library

Saturday 11/21/20

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

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.



November 15, 2020, Stephenson Hall

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