



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

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

**NOVEMBER 22, 2020
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Christ the King Sunday

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall

The Words of Preparation

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for Thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King –through eternity!
Matthew Bridges, 1851

The Welcome

The Call to Worship

In the midst of a raging pandemic, in the grief and sadness of a broken and hurting world, we're called to rejoice, give thanks and sing! For the Scriptures say:

Rejoice always, pray continually, *give thanks in all circumstances...*

I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and *thankful*.

Colossians 4:2

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And *be thankful*.

Colossians 3:15

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

No matter what the circumstances, we come to join hearts and voices; we come to sing our thanksgiving!

Come, let us worship God!

The Songs of Praise

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our
Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's
own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; first
the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear: Lord
of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest
home; from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the
fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home; gather
Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there
forever purified, in Thy presence to abide: come, with all Thine
angels come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing
soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart
and make me whole. Cause Your word to come alive in me. Give
me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for Your purity,
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin in each thought, and deed, and
attitude; kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that

sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace, breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

The First Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-6

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Prayer of Confession

Saviour King

Let now the weak say, "I have strength, by the Spirit of power that raised Christ from the dead." Let now the poor stand and confess that, "my portion is Him and I'm more than blessed."

Let now our hearts burn with a flame, a fire consuming all for Your Son's holy Name, and with the heavens we declare, You are our King!

We love You Lord. We worship You. You are our God. You alone are good.

Let now Your church shine as the bride that You saw in Your heart as You offered up Your life. And now, the lost be welcomed home by the saved and redeemed, those adopted as Your own.

Let now our hearts burn with a flame, a fire consuming all for Your Son's holy Name, and with the heavens we declare, You are our King!

The Invitation

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

We love You Lord. We worship You. You are our God. You alone are good. You asked Your Son to carry this, the heavy cross, our weight of sin. I love You Lord. I worship You. Hope which was lost now stands renewed. I give my life to honor this, the love of Christ; the Saviour King!

Let now our hearts burn with a flame, a fire consuming all for Your Son's holy Name, and with the heavens we declare, You are our King!

The Confession (Heidelberg Catechism, Q.31, 32, AD 1563)

Why is Jesus called “Christ”, meaning “anointed”?

Because Jesus has been ordained by God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our...only high priest. He has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and continually pleads our cause with the Father. He is our eternal king, governing us by His Word and Spirit, guarding us and keeping us in the freedom he has won for us.

But why are you called a Christian?

By faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. Amen.

The Epistle Reading Acts 19:1-7

The Sermon

Ignorant of Pentecost?

Dr. Jim Miller

We have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit. Acts 19:2

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 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*

The Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

Now thank we all our God! The symbols of blessing on the Lord's Table today Are given to the glory of God and in grateful memory of Richard Halliburton, and Mary Ellen and Walter Esser, by Sherye Halliburton and family.

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jim and Edith Favell and Carrie Bayouth, by John and Debbie Favell.

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 --perhaps once a month? Please contact Courtney Miller at 918-301-1009 or cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Vespers Evening Worship – Tonight we will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. Next Sunday, November 29, we will move the service to the courtyard at the church.

City-wide Thanksgiving Worship – Join us tomorrow, Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. We are honored to host this service which includes pastors from six other congregations.

Thanksgiving Day Worship – Thursday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Following the service, the Deacons will host a Thanksgiving lunch in the courtyard. If you would like your meal to go, please call Cathy Mitchell at 918-584-4701 by Monday at noon.

10:10 Pastor’s Message live on *Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa* every Tuesday and Thursday.

Advent Workshop, Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. – noon at Camp Loughridge. This year the Advent Workshop will look a little different. It will be held outside at Camp Loughridge. Bring your family and enjoy a nativity petting zoo, sleigh rides, coffee and cocoa, donuts and crafts.

Jammies for Jesus on Wednesday, December 9, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall and the Courtyard. Wear your “Jammies for Jesus” and enjoy this event that replaces the Ceilidh. We will be serving breakfast for dinner at 5:30 p.m. From 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We will read the Christmas story, and we will light and decorate the tree in the courtyard. Reserve your spot online at *firstchurchtulsa.org/JammiesforJesus*.

Celebrating Christmas Together is a Deacon Ministry which serves every child at Emerson Elementary (FPC’s Partner in Education). Members have the opportunity to select a child at Emerson for adoption (Pre-K through 5th grade). For \$50 the student will receive a warm hoodie jacket with Emerson logo, reusable face mask, socks, a children’s Bible, book, school supplies, and a game. Our celebration will look a little different this year but our goal to shine the light and love of Christ is the same. Sign up to sponsor a child at the table in the Atrium or online at *firstchurchtulsa.org*.

FPC University Ministries:

“**Gather**” is fellowship and worship for 18-24 year-olds, whether University students or not. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Miller Library.

“Grow” is Sunday School for 18-24 year-olds, whether University students or not, from 12:15-1:30. Join us this week for a “Serve” project, on Sunday in the Miller Library at First Church. Lunch will be served! Follow us at *@ukirktulsa* for updates.

Faith Partners Addiction Ministry is available for a confidential conversation and support during these difficult days. If you or a loved one is struggling with the effects of addiction we are here for you. You are not alone. We have either walked in your shoes or have professional training. Please don't hesitate to call a confidential team member at 918-407-4623, the staff liaison, Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or the church at 918-584-4701.

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.

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 at *kbrown@masterworkacademy.org* or call 918-370-0207.

Dear First Church families and friends,

We're all aware of the increasing transmission of this COVID virus. And we all want to do whatever we can to diminish the risk for those who gather here. As we make our way into our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations the First Church Session has enacted a "mask-always" protocol for events here at First Church, including worship.

It will be a great day when we can lift these protocols --but for now we ask you to abide by these expectations-- that we hope and pray will serve the common good.

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, SPenny 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.

The Joy of New Life! We Welcome: Adrian Dennis Remondet, son of Trevor and Jessica Remondet, was born on November 11.

Celebration of Christian Marriage: Emily Manring and Ethan Willard were married on November 15.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: David Burdette (Bur) Blue, a member since 2017, died on November 12.

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 11/22/20

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 11/23/20

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

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

All-City Thanksgiving Service 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Tuesday 11/24/20

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

Thursday 11/26/20

Thanksgiving Day Service 11:00 a.m., Chapel

Thanksgiving Day Lunch 12:00 p.m., Stephenson hall

Saturday 11/28/20

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 22, 2020, Stephenson Hall

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