



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

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

**OCTOBER 11, 2020
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall

The Words of Preparation

It is no exaggeration to say that Acts 15 is the most crucial chapter in the whole book. Ben Witherington, Professor of New Testament, Asbury Seminary

The Welcome and Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! (Romans 16:20)

And also with you!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us,

And we have seen His glory,

glory as of the only Son from the Father,

--full of grace and truth! (John 1:14)

His grace is greater than our sin. Where shall our praise begin? Let's stand in honor, lift up our voices,

And let us worship God!

The Songs of Praise

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

WONDERFUL GRACE

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin; how shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free: O the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me!

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea; higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me! Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame: O, magnify the precious Name of Jesus, praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost! By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost! Chains have been torn

asunder, giving me liberty: O the wonderful grace of Jesus,
reaches me!

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Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled! By its
transforming power, making us God's dear child! Purchasing
peace and Heaven, for all eternity; and the wonderful grace of
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rolling sea; higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
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The First Reading Psalm 145:1-13

Julia Metcalf

The Prayer of Confession

Lord, what a blessing to remember that you are “gracious
and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love”!
And to consider that you know our hurts, our sin, our grief.
Remind us that you’ve come to bring healing and wholeness.
Help us sense your presence here, standing before us with
your arms open wide --in love and mercy. And give us the
good sense to welcome you afresh, wrapped by the
reconciling embrace of your only begotten Son. Lord, in your
mercy, hear our prayers.....

O Come To The Altar

Are you hurting and broken within, overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes; come today, there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy; from the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling.
Refrain

O what a Savior! Isn't He wonderful? Sing alleluia; Christ is risen! Bow down before him for he is Lord of all. Sing alleluia; Christ is risen!

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; tell the world of the treasure you've found. *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. James Estes

Friends, hear the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for all who call upon Him!
Alleluia! Amen!

The Response

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 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 New Testament Reading Acts 15:1-21

The Sermon Astonishing Grace, Unifying Grace, Saving Grace!

Peter said, "We believe we will be saved by the grace of the Lord Jesus –just as the Gentiles will." Acts 15:11

The Invitation to the Table
Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing
Sharing of the Bread and Cup
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns Rev. Dan Hutchinson

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.

All the earth is Yours and all within, each harvest is Your own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ known.

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. *Refrain*

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

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

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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 memory of James R. Eagleton, Sr.

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

FPC Legacy Society: keeping the "Lord's Will" in "our Will" gives us an opportunity to advance the Kingdom beyond our lifetime! Have you included the *First Church Foundation* in your will?

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 Beverly Carter (918)301-1015 or bcarter@firstchurchtulsa.org.

First Church Update:

Today: Stewardship Sunday: Thank you for your faithful and steady support of the mission and ministries of this congregation. We simply cannot out-give the Lord. As we give of ourselves to His purposes --our time, talents, and treasure-- He multiplies His blessings in and through us!

Organ concert: this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary! Ronald J. Pearson presents his 47th Annual Organ Concert. Bring your family and

invite your friends! This concert will also be broadcast on [Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa).

Family fun is to be found here this Wednesday night (Oct. 14)! It's true there's no AWANA or adult classes (fall break), BUT the Pastors are hosting the FPC first annual: Pastors' Game Night! Egg roulette, pie face, stacking up the cups! You name it. Even ping pong! Box dinners are served at 5:15 in the Stephenson. Games start at 5:45 and continue to 7:00 or so. Bring your whole family and let's have some fun! Please RSVP how many are coming! No childcare –but you're welcome to bring everybody!

Bridging the Divide! Beginning Wednesday night, Oct. 21, you're invited to a new WNDT series on the city we love and the ongoing racial divide. We begin with an FPC all-pastors' panel. Beginning the second week, African-American pastors Terry Buxton, Anthony Scott, and Mel Cooper will join us, each taking a Wednesday night to share their perceptions. Join us: Wed., Oct. 21, 6:15 p.m. in the Stephenson Hall.

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

FPC University Ministries:

"Gather" A UKirk fellowship event. Open to 18-24 years old, whether a university student or not. Join us every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at Woodward Park (by the teaching garden) for fellowship, food, and fun. Invite your friends! Follow along for updates on Instagram: [@ukirktulsa](https://www.instagram.com/ukirktulsa).

UKirk Fall Party! 18-24 year-olds are invited for socially-distanced s'mores, pumpkin painting, great food, and more on Friday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m. We will be in the backyard of the Metcalf house. Contact jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org for the address. Invite your friends!

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

Storytime with Courtney Miller – Tune in on Saturdays at noon on [Facebook.com/FPCChildrens](https://www.facebook.com/FPCChildrens).

First Church is a praying community! Would you (or someone you know) like to have others praying for concerns you carry? You'll find a

prayer request card in the Sanctuary pew or the Friendship Register. Fill it out and 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.

Fall Festival: Sunday, October 25, 3 p.m., Camp Loughridge! Carnival games, pony rides, a hayride for family units and fair-themed food trucks. Tickets, \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, \$20 per family. Because it will be difficult to socially distance, masks are encouraged for this event. Carnival-goers are invited to attend the Vespers' worship service at 5 p.m. Tickets available at the event or you may purchase your tickets at firstchurchtulsa.org/FallFestival20.

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:Kelly.Brown@masterworkacademy.org) at kbrown@masterworkacademy.org or call 918-370-0207.

For Veterans Day, November 11: the Guild of Intercessors is updating its Armed Forces Prayer List. If you have loved ones on active duty and would like to include them on this list, please contact the Guild by Friday, October 16: Paula Peterson (918-296-5548 or mandppeterson@msn.com), Monte Prater (918-446-6418 or monteprater@aol.com).

Presbyterian Women: For the month of October, the Presbyterian Women's Circle is collecting items for the *Day Center for the Homeless*. This includes hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks. There is a box in the Atrium to donate items.

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, 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, Karen McCay, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, David 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, Rick Spellman, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Nancy Tholen, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Linda Campbell on the death of her sister, Phyllis Joan Loerch, on October 3.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Eugene Gilbert, a member since 1997, died on September 30; Dr. Robert Perryman, a member since 1933, died on October 6.

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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 10/11/20

Worship and Events

- 8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and Great Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Ron Pearson's 47th Annual Organ Concert – Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers Evening Worship – Camp Loughridge

Monday 10/12/20

- 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 10/13/20

- Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Room E100
- UKirk fellowship 6:00 p.m., Woodward Park (by the Teaching Garden)

Wednesday 10/14/20

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., E104
- Gloria Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Ensemble Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

NO Wednesday Night Downtown –BUT....!

- Dinner, 5:15 p.m.
- Pastors' Game Night: all are welcome! Please RSVP, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10/17/20

- 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.



October 11, 2020, Stephenson Hall

