



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

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

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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

First Sunday of Lent

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

The presence of Christ

- 1) be ever in my mind
- 2) proclaimed by my lips,
- 3) piercing the heart.

leading me to deeper communion with you, Lord Jesus.

The Introit

Authority

Worship Team

Creation knows the voice that spoke into the void; the breath that brought the dust to life and sang the stars to form. The darkness fears Your voice, that drove it back before, and though the night is long I know Your light will drive it back once more.

One word from You; things change on Your authority. Your Word, it's true, things change on Your authority.

My fight is not my own; its end is in your hands. I worship You because I know all things must bow to Your command.

One word from You; things change on Your authority. Your Word, it's true, things change on Your authority.

Will heaven not prevail and strongholds not be moved? Will spirits not be silenced and cower at His rule? For if my God is for me then what have I to fear? And I will not deny Him the glory that is His.

Heaven will prevail and strongholds will be moved. Spirits will be silenced and cower at His rule. I know my God is for me, so what have I to fear? For nothing will deny Him the glory that is His.

One word from You; things change on Your authority. Your Word, it's true, things change on Your authority.

The Welcome

Julia Metcalf, Director of University Ministries,
Sarah Savage, Director of Children's Ministries

The Call to Worship

Join me in echoing God's great invitation:

"Turn to me and be saved all the ends of the earth," says the Lord. For I am God and there is no other. To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess." (Isa. 45:23)

The Apostle Paul brings this into crystal clear focus:

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow --in heaven and on earth and under the earth-- and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father! (Phil. 2:10—11)

Indeed. One day every one of us will bow before Him. One day we will all see Him as He is: the Lord and Giver of life!

Come, let's join in lifting our voices in worship this morning, singing together:

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Alleluia! Amen!

◆ The Hymn All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

You chosen seed of Israel's race, now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe responsive to his call, to him all
majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty
ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll
join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all! We'll join
the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be released
and prisoners will be freed.

He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the Lord's favor has come,
and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies.

To all who mourn in Israel, he will give a crown of beauty for
ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning,
festive praise instead of despair.

In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks
that the Lord has planted for his own glory.

The Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we are among those who mourn —for we've
gone our own way and find ourselves lost in a dangerous
world. We are among the poor —for we've chased that which
has no eternal value, and sold our souls for a bowl of pottage.
We are among the brokenhearted —for in sin we've wounded

those we love the most. Meet us in our need, O Lord, with your transforming grace. *Maranatha*: even so come, Lord Jesus!
(in silence)...

Come as You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, O sinner, come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame; all who are broken, lift up your face. O wanderer, come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame; all who are broken, lift up your face. O wanderer, come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are. There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame; all who are broken, lift up your face. O wanderer, come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

The Invitation to Forgiveness

Rev. James Estes

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 Affirmation of Faith

(The Foundations, the Presbyterian Book of Order)

We believe that in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and, through Christ, God reconciles to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross.

We believe that almighty God raised Jesus from the dead, set Him above all rule and authority, and has given to Him all power in heaven and on earth, not only in this age but in the age to come.

We believe that all things are under the Lordship of Jesus; indeed, the Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work. This we believe. Alleluia! Amen!

The Time with the Young Disciples

Sarah Savage

The Response

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world! Every child in every land, He holds each one in His hand. Jesus loves the little children of the world!

Lord, we praise Your love for children, all the children of the world! *May we love them as you do, teaching them the Way that's true; may we love the little children of the world!*

The New Testament Reading Matthew 4:1-11

(to be read responsively)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.' "

Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.' "

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

"Get away from me, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil went away —and angels came and took care of Jesus.

The Sermon By *Whose* Authority?

Next, the devil took Jesus to the peak of a high mountain, showing Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. "I will give it all to you" he said...

Matthew 4:8-9

The Response

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Wallingford Riegger

Gloria Women's Ensemble; Gretchen Bashforth, director

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer the woodlands, robed in flowers of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune CORONATION

◆ Please Stand

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you to the First Church community! We gather to exalt the Lord each Sunday morning in three live services, and an outdoor Vesper's service at 5:00 p.m.:

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.)

5:00 p.m. – Vespers (Regular Sunday Evening Worship): Courtyard
(Not Meeting Tonight.)

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Annette Vickery, given by Gene Vickery and family.

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 hearing 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*.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Chris Arthur, Challa Ashlock, Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Roy Cail, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Caroline Fravel, Luke Fravel, Dr. Munson Fuller, Donna Gilliam, 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, 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.

First Church Updates

This Wednesday night we begin the first in our all-church Lenten study.

Focusing on the K-Group book titled, *The Hole in Our Holiness*, the conversation begins at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. Join us for dinner if you like — at 5:15 p.m. This Wednesday begins with a pastoral discussion, led by Rev. James Estes and the pastoral staff. K-Groups are encourage to attend!

We continue to pray for families affected by COVID. And we're hopeful that later this year this cloud of sadness and disruption will lift. Until then, we're all asked to follow the Session's guidelines regarding protocols on campus: "masking up" and distanced by six feet from non-family members. Thanks to each for your efforts in this regard.

For such a time as this? Rental house or garage apartment is needed by FPC staff. If you have such property, or know of someone who does, please call Dionna Schooley (918-301-1013).

Faith and Physics! Professor Jerry McCoy continues his seven-week series in the Stephenson Hall each Sunday at 9.30 a.m. 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.

Precepts continues a new study over the books of Colossians and Philemon every Tuesday, February 23 in E100 at 9:30 a.m. Denise Rounds leads this study focused on equipping us with a true knowledge of Christ so that we can increasingly live complete in Him.

Monday School begins on March 8 at 12:00 p.m. in the Kirkland Library. This semester we will be studying the Sermon on the Mount with Dr. Arden Autry. There will be an optional lunch beforehand in the Bernsen Reception Room. If you would like to reserve a lunch, please contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.

FPC University Ministries: Check out our Gather, Grow, and Serve gatherings this week. (Follow us at [@ukirtulsa](https://twitter.com/ukirtulsa) for updates)

UKirk Spring Retreat will be held at Goodland Boys Home from March 12- 14. If interested, please contact Julia at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 9:30

On Site:

Faith and Family	E204
Sojourners (All Ages)	E204
The Vine (<i>Singles/couples</i>)	E100
Young Adults (<i>20's and 30's</i>)	E201
<i>Faith and Physics</i>	Stephenson Hall

Via Zoom: (*If you would like to join a Zoom class, please contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.*)

Covenanters The Pursuit of God, led by Tom Philp
Front Porch

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 2/21/21

Worship and Events

- 8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and Great Hall
5:00 p.m. Vespers, Courtyard (**Not Meeting Tonight**)

Monday 2/22/21

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

Tuesday 2/23/21

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

Wednesday 2/24/21

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall
WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Gloria Choir 5:45 p.m.
Awana, POW, Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
Confirmation
Lenten Conversations 6:30 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Choir Ensemble Rehearsal 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

Saturday 2/27/21

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

*February 21, 2021
Sanctuary*

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.



709 SOUTH BOSTON AVENUE
TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74119-1609
918.584.4701 • WWW.FIRSTCHURCHTULSA.ORG