



***O Lord,
How Shall I Meet You?***

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

February 26, 2023
Sanctuary, 11:00 AM

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

First Sunday of Lent

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

What this means is that the temptations Jesus encounters are not his alone; they are his, of course, but they are also the temptations of all God's people. Israel faced them; Jesus faces them; and—what is also important for us today—the church continues to face them. The ways in which Jesus was tempted symbolize all of the possibilities for doubt, misdirection, faithless choices, and unholy distraction to which God's people are ever at risk...Unlike others, Jesus resisted the temptations and remained faithful to his calling. His role as God's obedient Son was placed in the crucible of temptation, and he emerged obedient and true to his identity. Thomas C. Long, *Matthew*

The Prelude *What Wondrous Love is This* arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Overtones Bell Choir; Gretchen Bashforth, director

The Welcome Rev. Dan Hutchinson
(Please sign, pass, and return the blue Friendship Register)

The Introit Lamb of God Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson
Gloria Women's Ensemble; Gretchen Bashforth, director

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God. Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died, the humble King they named a fraud, and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the holy Lamb of God. O wash me in his precious blood; my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

I was so lost I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain.*

The Call to Worship (Ephesians 1:3-5a & 7)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

He chose us in him before the foundation of the world,
That we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ...

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Therefore let us stand in honor,
And let us worship God!

◆ **The Hymn** 467 How Great Thou Art O STORE GUD
Acolytes: Goodness Usigbe, Lucy Gingerich, and James Doverspike

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Elder Karen Woolman

The First Reading Deuteronomy 8:1-6

The Prayer of Confession Rev. James Estes

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in breaking your commands, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. In your mercy forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall

be, so that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. All this we ask through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior...*(in silence)*

◆ **The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. In Christ Jesus, there is forgiveness, for all who call upon his name. **Alleluia, Amen!**

◆ **The Response of Gratitude**

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◆ **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 Blessing of the Young Disciples

Song of Preparation It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows
like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me
to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my
helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
more; raise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

The Second Reading Matthew 4:1-11

The Sermon Those Who Are Tempted

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be
tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1*

The Anthem Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross arr. Ron Pearson

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.
*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured
soul shall find rest beyond the river.* Near the cross,
a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the
bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

Refrain. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting
ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

Refrain.

Words by Fanny Crosby, 1869

The Celebration of Communion

The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Prayers of the People

- ◆ **The Lord's Prayer** (sung by the congregation)
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune O STORE GUD

First Church Updates

Today

Our *Letter of Well-Wishing* (placed just outside the door of this space) is directed today to Lauralee Dick.

Thank you to all who gave generously to the Souper Bowl of Caring on Youth Sunday. You gave a total of \$2,291 for the Helping Hand Ministry to help those in need in the Tulsa area.

This Week

Stay Close to the Master: Wednesday nights during Lent, beginning Wednesday, in Stephenson Hall, 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We gather for a time of worship followed by discussion around the tables. Dr. John Ortberg, who will preach here on the Sunday after Easter, offers a ten-minute video devotional, followed by questions and conversations at the tables. First Baptist Church, North Tulsa, and their pastor, Rev. Anthony Scott, will be joining us.

Mark Your Calendar

All-Church Retreat: Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2023, at New Life Ranch Frontier Cove. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Wes Vander Lugt. For more information contact Laura Stevens at 918-301-1019 or Hannah Damron at 918-301-1039.

Ongoing Ministries

Young Adults – First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at *@fpcyoungadults*, or contact Dan Hutchinson at 918-301-1040.

Internship Opportunity– Are you a college student who loves the Lord Jesus and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. For more information, contact Steve Wilson at *swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

Presbyterian Women's February Mission project benefits the Presbyterian Disaster Resistance. Please bring items for hygiene kits: hand towels, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bath-sized, individually wrapped bars of soap, new single toothbrushes, and band-aids. Look for their mission box in the atrium.

Opportunities to Serve the Master

Children's Ministry opportunities – Invest your time with the youngest members of our congregation!

Two Second Grade Sunday School Classroom Assistants - Join us once a month to assist the lead Sunday school teacher in the classroom. Duties include assisting with crafts and helping with the lesson. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Two Awana Substitute Leaders - Join us on Wednesday evenings 6:00 -7:30 p.m. when needed. Fill in as a group leader by moving children to activity stations and helping with scripture memory.

Infant/Nursery/Preschool 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Baby Rockers - Help rock babies in the infant room. Sunday School Classroom Assistant - Help the classroom lead teacher with lesson, craft and general playtime.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1011, Rachael Tsuma at rkamaru@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1006 or Erin Barnhart at ebarnhart@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1004.

Chancel Choir: If you love to sing and spread the Good News through music, you're invited to add your voice to the Chancel Choir.

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Contact Ron Pearson at rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1013 or Gretchen Bashforth at gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1012.

Memorial Service Greeting Ministry: Serve as a greeter for memorial services, with approximately a one-hour commitment. Memorial services are usually on weekday afternoons and sometimes on Saturdays. If interested, please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1029.

Volunteers are needed to help print the weekly bulletins. We have an opportunity for you to work with us on Thursday afternoons for 3 – 4 hours each week. If you are interested, please contact Dionna Schooley at dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1015.

Masterwork Academy is all about the arts—of serving, of being available, of encouraging, and of being a friend. Of course, we're all about dance, art, music, theater, fitness and learning the Bible too. We're not looking for skill, we're looking for heart. If yours beats with the love of Christ and you have an weekday afternoon from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to spare, please contact Jenette McEntire at jmcentire@masterworkacademy.org or Laura Voth, lvoth@masterworkacademy.org/918-954-1100.

Seeking writers and photographers - We have volunteer opportunities to serve in our communications area as a writer or photographer. We publish a quarterly magazine and semi-monthly newsletter; we are seeking people who would love to tell or illustrate our stories. To volunteer, contact Louann Buhlinger at lbuhlinger@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-740-7055.

Do you enjoy the gift of hospitality? Assist with First Family dinners, Pentecost Sunday and Pancake Breakfast; host dinners in your home or help with special events such as Fall Festival and Breakfast on Boston. For more information, please contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-3001-1028.

Introducing two new choirs for children and youth! Registration is now open for both the *First Church Choristers* children's choir (for grades K-4), and the *Celebration Singers* youth choir (for grades 5-12). These choirs will sing for special events and services in the life of FPC and in the community. Join by February 26 to sing with us for the Chancel Choir Spring Concert on Sunday, April 23. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. For more information and to register contact Gretchen Bashforth at gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1012 or scan the code below.

First Church Choristers



Celebration Singers



Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Beth Campbell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Linda Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Elaine Horkey, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, 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, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Cat Thompson, Mike Tidwell, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Paul Dick, a member since 2003, died on February 18.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Gary Mathews on the death of his brother, Robert Mathews, on February 19.

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jackson and Lena Nafe by Carol, Griffin, and Stephanie Elrod.

Services are broadcast and on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or *FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube*.

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*.

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.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2/26

- 8:00 am Worship, Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship, Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

Monday 2/27

- 11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
- 11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103
- 6:30 pm Season's Women's Gathering, Stephenson Hall

Tuesday 2/28

- 9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 3/1

- 11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
- 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204
- 12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206
- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
- 6:00 pm Awana, Children's Area, POW, Amass Exodus, Powerhouse
- 6:15 pm Lenten Study, Stephenson Hall
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 3/4

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY: Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.

Cornerstone	Minor Prophets	E102
Covenanters	<i>Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Neuroscience: The Impact of Technology on Our Kids: "Faith"</i>	Prayer Room
Forum	<i>All the Places to Go</i>	E200
Harbingers	<i>The Me I Want to Be</i>	E202
Morning Glory	Mastering Your Emotions	B318
New Parents	Theology and Parenting	E205
Pastor's Study 1	Faith and Physics	Stephenson Hall
Pastor's Study 2	New Testament Overview	E104
Reflections	<i>Judges</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Old Testament Connections/Fulfillment</i>	E203
Sojourners	<i>Karl Barth Church Dogmatics</i>	E204
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
The Vine	<i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i>	E100
Westminster	<i>The Book of Easter</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104