



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

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

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**MARCH 14, 2021  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY**

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

# ***Fourth Sunday of Lent***

*11:00 a.m., Sanctuary*

## **The Words of Preparation**

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, shine upon us today. In this darkened world where we're encouraged to make up our own "truth" as we go along, shine upon us. May *your* Truth inform our lives, guide our steps, and awaken our hearts that we might know best how to serve your purposes. Shine upon us, Lord Jesus, Light of the world. Shine upon us --all the way home. Amen.

## **The Introit**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Worship Team*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not --as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses up above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love!

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide! Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

## **The Welcome**

Julia Metcalf, Director of University Ministries

## The Call to Worship

“Come to me,” Jesus said, “all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest!” *And then He adds:*

**“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me—for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls!”**

To the Samaritan woman, Jesus said, “Those who drink of the water that I give will never be thirsty again.” *And then he adds:*

**“The water I give is like a spring gushing up to eternal life!”**

Jesus astonished his hearers when he said, “I am the Light of the world.” *And then He adds:*

**“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the Light of life.”**

Who is this Jesus? Who is this who says He can bring rest to the weary, provide refreshment for those who thirst, and give light to those in darkness?

**He is the Lord God, *Immanuel*, “God with Us!” He is “the Way, the Truth and the Life.” To Him belongs all authority both in heaven and upon earth!**

Countless witnesses tell the story of how Jesus came, how they heard his voice and discovered that He *does* give rest and refreshment, and that He Himself *is* the Light in the darkest places of our world –and of our lives! His presence and power brings us victory over sin, death and the devil!

***Maranatha!* Even so come, Lord Jesus! Alleluia! Amen!**

### ◆ The Hymn

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me! I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory!

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!*

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing, how He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see! And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory!

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!*

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea, about the angels singing, and the old redemption story –and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory!

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!*

## ◆ The Prayer of Adoration

### The First Reading

Psalm 107:1-6, 10-14, 17-19, 23-29

### The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Almighty God, the psalm we've just heard is an account of Your power to meet us in our deepest needs. Wandering in desert wastelands, imprisoned in the darkness of circumstance or addiction, broken and hurting because of our sin, caught up in a

storm-tossed season of life –we can tell our own stories of all of this. Lord, as the psalmist cried to you in his trouble, so also we cry to you in ours. Forgive us and deliver us, we pray, and in your mercy, hear our prayers...(in silence)

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad!*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live!" I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him!*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light! Look unto me, your morn shall rise and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.*

## **The Invitation to Receive God's Grace**

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                      Come, Sing, O Church, In Joy!**

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

## ◆ **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 Blessing of the Young Disciples**      Let's Talk "Habits"!

*As was His custom (habit!), Jesus went into the synagogue  
on the Sabbath day... Luke 4:16*

## ◆ **The Joy of God's Word**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us— truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

## **The Gospel Reading**      Matthew 8:5-13, 23-27

## **The Sermon**    How Far Does the Lordship of Jesus Extend?    Dr. Miller

*...Only speak the word and my servant will be healed.    Mt. 8:8*

*...What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?    Mt. 8:27*

## **The Anthem**    Across the Lands You're the Word of God

Getty, Townend, arr. Brad Nix

*Choir Ensemble*

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began. Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand. All creation holds together by the power of Your voice. Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice! *You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of every man; and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.* Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea. Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty may go free. *Refrain.* With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave, and ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake. Now You stand before the Father interceding for Your own. From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home. *Refrain.*

## **The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

## **The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### ◆ **The Hymn**    Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun    DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head. His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud "Amen!".

## ◆ The Charge and Benediction

## ◆ The Postlude                      Improvisation on the tune DUKE STREET

◆ 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 Vespers service in the courtyard 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](https://www.livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa), our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa) page,  
and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

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[Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.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



**The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship** are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the faithful service of the pastoral, choir and support staff of First Church, given by Jim and Mary Diacon.

**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](http://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](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**We continue to pray for families affected by COVID.** And we're hopeful that this year this cloud of sadness and disruption is lifting. 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.

## **PARISH REGISTER**

**Prayers for Healing:** 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 Jones, Luke Fravel, Donna Gilliam, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, 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**

**Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. we gather for the Annual Congregational Meeting** in the Stephenson Hall. Join us for a "State of the Church" report ---and the always fun and informative, "FPC: *Year in Photos*"! Adult Sunday School classes will not meet next Sunday.

**This Wednesday night we continue the all-church *Lenten Conversations*.** Come at 6:15 p.m. in the Stephenson Hall, or join us for dinner if you like —at 5:15 p.m. This week, Dr. Miller leads the conversation with the pastoral staff. K-Groups are encourage to attend!

***Faith and Physics!* Professor Jerry McCoy** concludes his compelling teaching series this week. Next Sunday, there is no Pastor's Class due to the Annual Congregational meeting.

**This Spring Break: be the Church!** Serve with our local mission partners. Beginning tomorrow, and throughout the week, we'll be serving in local mission projects. Visit the events page on our website to learn more, and to register: [www.firstchurchtulsa.org/events](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org/events). Registration is required and space is limited. Register today!

**The Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae worship is set for Thursday night, April 1, at 7:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. The service of shadows, ending in total darkness, offers a series of first-person reflections from biblical characters --who were there on that dark night of betrayal and abandonment. Invite your friends!

**The Good Friday service: April 2** at noon in the sanctuary: *The Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross*.

**The Holy Week Prayer Vigil is an ancient practice** offering each of us an opportunity to seek the Lord's presence individually and together. Beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, FPC members will be praying around-the-clock in thirty-minute segments until 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Information is available at [firstchurchtulsa.org/prayervigil2021](http://firstchurchtulsa.org/prayervigil2021). Beginning Tuesday, March 16, you can register at that same site and download the prayer packet. Anyone unable to register online: Please call Mark or Paula Peterson at 918-296-5548.

**Precepts** continues the study 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** is Monday 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](mailto:helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org).

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

**Hearts for the Lord meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on Zoom.** The study focuses on “Room of Marvels” by James Bryan Smith. If you would like to join this study, please contact Janet Bull at [danut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:danut@sbcglobal.net).

**Want to wrap the arms of Jesus around children this summer?** Camp Loughridge is now hiring counselors, aged 17 and up. You can find the application online at [campploughridge.campbrainstaff.com](http://campploughridge.campbrainstaff.com).

## **COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**

*No adult classes next Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>!*

Join us at 9:30 a.m. for our annual congregational meeting, in the 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](mailto:helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org).*)

Covenanters    The Pursuit of God, led Tom Philp

Reflections    *Gospel accounts of the Resurrection*, led by Dr. Mark Hall  
(Meets Sunday's at 5:00 p.m.)

### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

#### **Today 3/14/21**

8:30 a.m.    Stephenson Hall  
9:30 a.m.    Congregational Meeting, Stephenson Hall  
11:00 a.m.    Sanctuary and Great Hall  
5:00 p.m.    Vespers, Courtyard

#### **Monday 3/15/21**

Little Lambs                      10:00 a.m., Bernsen Gym  
Monday School                  11:30 a.m., KRC  
Guy's Monday Bible Study      11:45 a.m., Room E103

#### **Tuesday 3/16/21**

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

#### **Wednesday 3/17/21**

Pastor's Study                      11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall  
WNDT Dinner                      5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall  
Gloria Choir                        5:45 p.m., Choir Room  
Lenten Conversations            6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall  
Choir Ensemble Rehearsal      6:45 p.m., Choir Room

#### **Thursday 3/18/21**

Hearts for the Lord                10:00 a.m., Zoom

#### **Saturday 3/20/21**

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

*March 14, 2021*  
*Sanctuary*

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Member \_\_\_\_\_ or Guest \_\_\_\_\_

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Back Left - Back Center - Back Right

Left Balcony - Center Balcony - Right Balcony

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