



Encountering the Great “I AM”

*...Walking with Jesus
To Golgotha...*

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

**MARCH 20, 2022
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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

Third Sunday of Lent

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

There is nothing that you need between here and heaven that is not provided by Jesus Christ. Charles Spurgeon

The Prelude

What Wondrous Love Is This arr. Vandall
Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross arr. Vandall
Doris Herald and Nancy Strimel, *pianists*

The Welcome

Dr. Miller

The Introit I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Kathleen Thomerson
Erin Barnhart, soloist

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus. *In him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.* I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain.* I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain.*

The Call to Worship

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

"There is no other God besides me," says the Lord, "a righteous God and Savior; there is no one besides me. So turn to me and be saved –all the ends of the earth –for I am God and there is no other!"

And then the Lord said, "To me every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess." Isaiah 45:22-24

The Apostle Paul declares that text fulfilled in Jesus: “At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father!” Philipians 2:10-11

This is the deep love of Jesus: His presence is Light, His grace is blessing, His mercy is greater than our sin! In Him we have Life!
This is the deep love of Jesus –let us stand and sing our praise!
Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus EBENEZER

Acolytes: Worship 101, 4th grade students

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless,
free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me
–underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love–
leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to
shore; how He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore!
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His
own; how for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the
throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus, love of every love the best! 'Tis
an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep,
deep love of Jesus, 'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me! And it lifts me
up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Jeff Roblyer

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 59:20-21, 60:1-3

The Preparation for Confession Light of the World, Shine Brightly

Soloist

Light of the World, shine brightly in this place, come now, we pray! Draw near in mercy, beam your Light of grace upon our way; in our dark world, Your presence is our Light, undimmed and glorious in the darkest night.

Congregation joins

Christ, hear our prayers as we your people kneel, benighted we; come, Lord of love, come shine, come bless and heal that we may see. Blinded are we to blessings of your grace; O Lord, we pray, grant sight within this place.

Rise, glorious Son, in fullness not in part, and beam your love; awaken joy and mercy in our heart, like that above. Shine, Christ, shine on, 'til shadows flee away, and morning breaks in fullness of the Day.

Glory to you, O Triune God, we sing; hear now, our praise.
Father and Son and Holy Spirit, One, great Fount of grace.
Light of the world, Dispeller of all sin, we bless your Name,
come, now, and enter in.

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and ever-tender God: we confess that we have sinned against you and one another --in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our Light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word, empower us by your Spirit, so our lives might reflect the radiance of Christ's glory. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers....*(in silence)*

The Invitation to Receive Forgiveness

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

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 a mountain, sparkling like a fountain, all-sufficient grace for even me! Broader than the scope of my transgression, greater far than all my sin and shame! O magnify the precious name of Jesus –praise His name!

◆ The Affirmation of Faith (From: *Our World Belongs to God, A Contemporary Witness*)

We believe that the world, bent under the weight of sin, belongs to the living God who in Jesus Christ, and by the power of His Spirit, is at work to redeem it. Reconciling the world to Himself, Christ gathers a new community, called the Church.

We believe that though Satan and his demonic forces seek whom they may confuse and devour --Jesus builds His Church, His Spirit empowers, and grace abounds.

We believe that Jesus equips and sends His Church –calling us to make disciples of all nations, to feed the hungry, and to proclaim the good news that in Christ there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe –thus convincing the nations that our world belongs to God. *Christian Reformed Church*

The Blessing of the Young Disciples What's a Disciple?

Go, therefore, and make disciples... Mt. 28:19

The Hymn May the Mind of Christ My Savior

May the mind of Christ, my Savior, live in me from day to day, by
His love and power controlling all I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea; Him
exalting, self-forgetting, this is victory.

May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus, as I onward go!

The New Testament Reading John 8:12; 9:1-5

The Sermon I AM: *The Light of the World*

Whoever follows me...will have the light of life. John 8:12

The Anthem The Light of the World Andrew Carter

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice,
and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him,
and he with me. Jesus said, I am the light of the world: he that
followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light
of life. Jesus said, I am the good shepherd: that giveth his life for
the sheep. Jesus said, I am the way, the truth, and the life. Jesus
said, I am the resurrection and the life. Behold, I stand at the
door and knock: I will come to you. Behold, I stand at the door
and knock...

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn** 289 O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Congregational Response**

AZMON

Christ's will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above!
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.

Let living waters satisfy the thirsty without price. Come, live for
Him, the Light of Life --*all glory be to Christ.*

*All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ! His rule and
reign we'll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!*

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

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David and Sally Cordell, by Carol Cordell Mullins and David R. Cordell.

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

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.

First Church Updates

Welcome to First Church! We pray that you'll sense the warmth of this congregation and the presence of Jesus, the Author of every blessing.

We join together TODAY(!) at 9:30 in the Stephenson Hall for our Annual Congregational meeting. The ever-popular "year in photos" will be premiered ---and we'll look back over 2021 and consider "The State of First Church, Tulsa".

Wednesday Lenten Conversations: Testaments of Faith - this week
Rev. Wally Johnson offers his story of the Lord's interruptive presence in his life. He'll also lead us into a deeper study of today's sermon text. Optional dinner at 5:15 p.m. Testament of Faith, 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall.

Tomorrow (Monday) is the last chance to register for our March 25-26 All-Church Retreat (New Life Ranch, Dry Gulch location). We welcome back Dr. Ryan Moore as our Keynote Speaker –and the entire Moore family. You can register by going online at FirstChurchTulsa.org/All-churchRetreat22 or contacting Britani DiSanti at 918-301-1039 or bdisanti@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Seats are still available for the Getty Music Concert, Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary! You can purchase tickets online or at the table in the Atrium today. Why not invite your friends and neighbors. You will not be disappointed. The entire chancel will be filled with Irish musicians and dancers, including Keith and Kristyn Getty, both from Ireland. If you are interested in volunteering to help the day of the concert, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012.

Interested in enabling others to hear the Getty Concert? Why not give a gift that will allow them to attend? *Hope is Alive* is a ministry to those coming out of addictions. What a joy it would be for them to experience this Getty musical event together! If you were to give \$100.00, three members of *Hope is Alive* will be our guests at no cost to them! We're also hoping to invite young men and women. Maybe you'd like to be their gateway into this concert. Please give generously.

Drivers needed to serve Afghan neighbors: Are you able to help get an Afghan neighbor to a medical appointment or English class? To learn more or join the volunteer transportation team, please contact Rev. James Estes 918-301-1010 or jestes@firstchurchtulsa.org

Dr. Moore preaches at 8:30 and 11:00 on Sunday, March 27. Please note: there will be only one early service at 8:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall and two 11:00 worship services, one in the Sanctuary and one in the Great Hall.

Take some time in the atrium and ponder the new art exhibit: *“The Book – The Bible Through Time and Space”*. *The Word in Art* features a mid-1800 edition noted for black and white engravings, the John Brown Bible published in 1859 and *The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ* published in 1899 with engravings by French painter, J. James Tissot. For docent tour information, call the church at 918-584-4701.

Are you interested in “Discussion Theology”? Please join the Downtown Theological Roundtable on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in room E206 for a discussion of G. K. Chesterton’s book, *Orthodoxy*. Contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org for more information.

Weekly Lenten Groups! Why not join a six-week Lenten study, *“Encountering the Great I Am”*, continuing through Easter? Please contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786 to join a group. You can also sign up at <https://onrealm.org/firstchurchtulsa/Registrations/Info/f3832f2d-45eb-4038-94c9-ae2f0147f9b2>.

Musicians’ Easter Brunch - Help us say “Thank you!” to the singers, ringers and instrumentalists who provide music for our Easter services by participating in the Musicians’ Easter Brunch. You may sign up to bring a dish at www.firstchurchtulsa.org/choirlunch22 no later than April 12. For details, please contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Save the date for the next Inquirers Class! It begins Sunday, April 3 at 9:15 a.m. Come and ask your questions about First Church, make new friends and meet our pastors. For more information, please contact Patricia Hall 918-301-1028/phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.



Petra Kids Ministries Banquet – Save the date, Friday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. This annual fund-raiser for children in Uganda leads with the theme: *Pamoja Tunashinda, “Together We Win”*.

Called to serve? First Church is seeking a part-time Ministry Assistant for Discipleship and Congregational Life. You will serve with pastors, teachers, and guest speakers to coordinate and resource our Christian education offerings. For more information, please go to firstchurchtulsa.org/about/employment or call Duff Points at 918-584-4701. To apply, send your resume to Tonye Briscoe, tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Faith Partners Addiction Ministry of First Church has a table in the Atrium today with resources and literature about addiction. If you or a loved one is suffering from an addiction, Faith Partners can provide information and direct you where to find help. All inquiries are confidential. Materials are always available in the NW corner of the Miller library and in the literature rack by the Welcome Desk in the Atrium.

Parish Register and Prayer Concerns

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Kari Caldwell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Luke Fravel, Glenda Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Caroline Fravel Jones, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Ray Kenney, Claudia King, Joyce

Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Ann McKellar, Clint McQueen, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, David Raybourn, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Shannon Thomas, Terry Thomas, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, Bill Weinrich, and Carolyn Wilcott.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Oliver James Field, son of Kara and Andrew Field; and Elizabeth Jane Trotzuk, daughter of Jane and Dylan Trotzuk, were baptized on March 13.

**With Gratitude and Joy
We Welcome These
New Members!**

Reaffirmation of Faith

Regina Masabarakiza

Ben Peterson

Dr. Richard and Alicia Ranne

Bill Smith

Will and Julia Thomas

Shiphra Wairire

Certificate of Transfer

Renee Bright

Cynthia Phillips

Dr. Jim and Emilie Simon

Karli Smith

*May the peace of Christ, which
surpasses all understanding,
guard your hearts and minds...*

Philippians 4:7

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Classes for NEXT Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Bible Walk	<i>Bible Study</i>	E101
Cornerstone	Forensic Faith	E102
Covenanters	<i>Making Sense of the Bible</i>	E205
Faith and Family	Old Testament Survey	E104
Forum	The Walk	E200
Harbingers	<i>God is Closer than You Think</i>	E202
Pastor's Study	<i>Mere Christianity</i>	Stephenson Hall
Reflections	<i>Life without Lack</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Jonah</i>	E204
UKirk Grow	F.A.I.T.H. Unfolded	KRC
The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>Ephesians</i>	E100
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	Old Testament Survey	E104

On Site and/or Zoom:

Shepherds	The History of the Church	E203
Westminster	<i>Thoughts Matter</i>	<i>Zoom Only</i>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 3/20/22

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

Monday 3/21/22

- Monday School 12:00 p.m., E104
- Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., E103

Tuesday 3/22/22

- Precepts 9:30 a.m., E100

Wednesday 3/23/22

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall
- Youth Praise Band 5:00 p.m., Powerhouse
- WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- AWANA 6:00 p.m.
- POW and Amass Exodus 6:00 p.m., Powerhouse
- Lenten Conversations 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 3/24/21

- Hearts for the Lord Zoom Only

Saturday 3/26/21

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

All Church Retreat Schedule

Detours and Turning Points

March 25 – 26

The Cove (formerly Dry Gulch)

Friday (March 25)

- 6 p.m. Families begin to arrive
- 6 - 7:00 Check-in and Getting Settled
 - Free time with activities near playground
 - Lawn Games
- 7:00 - 8:15 Gather in Theatre
 - Praise and Worship
 - Welcome and Orientation
 - What you need to know (about the camp/the weekend/activities, etc.)
 - Testimony/share detours and turning points
- 8:30 –10:30
 - Adult Bonfire and S'mores behind the Dining Hall
 - 5th grade and up kids Bonfire and S'mores at enclosed fire area outside Blackwell Trading Co and Pool Hall in center of camp.
 - Younger kids with parents/bedtime

Saturday (March 26) – snacks available throughout the day in the Depot

- 7:15 - 7:45 Optional Morning Worship/Devotional Time by the Cove
 - Music led by Eric
 - Ryan to lead devotional

- 8:30: Breakfast, dining hall
- 9:00 - 10:15: Gather in Theatre
(childcare in Theatre for children under 5th grade)
 - Worship and songs, Eric Baird
 - Ryan, Keynote
- 10:30 - 10:45: Kids' time led by Ryan, pond / fishing
- 10: - Noon: fishing and soccer, frisbee open area play, canoes and kayaks
- 12:00 lunch, dining hall
- 12:30: Ryan and Heather, personal testimony, update on their lives
- 1 – 5 p.m. Free Time and Activities
 - 1-4 p.m. open
 - Craft/Art Project led by Joyce Johnson available for any interested/come and go in the Depot
 - Naps, Walks
 - 1-3: Archery (Archery Range)
 - 1-3: Go-Karts
 - 2-3: Whiffle Ball Game (Sports field)
 - 3-4 Pony Rides (Barn)
 - 3-4: OK Corral (Nerf Wars)
 - 4-4:45 p.m.: Dodgeball with pastors (Hudson Field House)
- 4:45 p.m. Kids youth band/singing
- 5 p.m. Dinner
- **Departure following dinner**

March 20, 2022
Sanctuary

Please register your attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Member _____ or Guest _____

go to the link: bit.ly/fpcregister;
or
using the QR code below.



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