



***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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**REFORMATION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 25, 2020  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY**

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

# Reformation Sunday

## *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

### **The Words of Preparation**

At last thinking over the matter for days and nights, God showed me mercy and connection of these words with the following sentence 'The just shall live by faith.'...I saw the meaning in the verse to be: 'Through the Gospel is revealed that righteousness of God by which the merciful God declares the believers righteous'...The one justified by faith shall live.

Martin Luther

### **The Prelude**

More Than Conquerors  
*The Worship Team*

### **The Welcome**

### **The Introit**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Kevin McChesney  
*Overtones Bells; Gretchen Bashforth, director*

### **The Call to Worship** (Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood, has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil.**

Christ protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head.

**Indeed, everything must fit his purpose for my salvation.**

By his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life,

**And makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Therefore let us stand in honor!

**And let us worship God!**

◆ **The Hymn** 260     A Mighty Fortress

EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper  
He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing: for still our ancient  
foe doth seek to work us woe; His craft and power are great, and,  
armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own  
choosing: dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, and He must  
win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo  
us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph  
through us: The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure, one little word  
shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth:  
let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may  
kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

**The First Reading**

Romans 5:1-11

Eli Wilson

**The Prayer of Confession** (by John Calvin)

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before  
your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born  
in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own  
power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your  
holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we

repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord...*(in silence)*

## **The Response to Confession** I Will Wait for You

*Worship Team and Ensemble*

(Lord, from the depths I call to you, Lord, hear me from on high, and give attention to my voice when I for mercy cry!)

Out of the depths I cry to You, in darkest places I will call; incline Your ear to me anew and hear my cry for mercy, Lord!

Were You to count my sinful ways, how could I come before Your throne; yet full forgiveness meets my gaze, I stand redeemed by grace alone!

*I will wait for You; I will wait for You. On Your Word, I will rely. I will wait for You, surely wait for You till my soul is satisfied.*

So put your hope in God alone; take courage in His power to save, completely and forever won by Christ emerging from the grave! *Refrain*

Now He has come to make a way and God Himself has paid the price that all who trust in Him today find healing in His sacrifice! *Refrain*

I will wait for You, I will wait for You through the storm and through the night. I will wait for You, surely wait for You --for Your love is my delight!

(I pray my soul waits for the Lord, my hope is in His Word; more than the watchman waits for dawn, my soul waits for the Lord!)

## **The Assurance of Pardon** (Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.047)

The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of the Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel that in Christ Jesus there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon His name. **Alleluia! Amen!**

### ◆ **The Response of Gratitude**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

### ◆ **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 Time with the Young Disciples**

**The Hymn of Preparation 482** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul,  
praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear,  
now to His temple draw near; praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath  
life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the amen  
sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him.

**The Second Reading** Acts 16:25-34

**The Sermon** Making the Most of a Bad Situation Rev. Dan Hutchinson  
*...Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,  
and the prisoners were listening to them...* Acts 16:25

**The Anthem** By Faith Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend

By faith we see the hand of God; in the light of creation's grand design, in  
the lives of those who prove His faithfulness; who walk by faith and not by  
sight. *We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him,  
our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is done; we'll walk  
by faith and not by sight.* By faith the prophets saw a day when the  
longed-for Messiah would appear with the power to break the chains of  
sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave. By faith the church was  
called to go; and the power of the Spirit to the lost; to deliver captives and  
to preach good news in every corner of the earth. *We will stand as  
children of the promise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till  
the race is finished and the work is done; we'll walk by faith and not by  
sight.* By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the Gospel  
shall prevail; for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call  
upon His name. *We will stand as children of the promise; we will fix our  
eyes on Him, our soul's reward. Till the race is finished and the work is  
done; we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

**The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

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

### ◆ **The Closing Hymn** 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him  
as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, rich  
wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and  
praise: His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time; Creator of  
the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou has died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

### ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

### ◆ **The Postlude** Overture from *Water Music* G. F. Handel

◆ Please Stand

*We welcome and thank the instrumentalists Steve Haefner,  
Rob Bailey, Michael Olefsky, and Rod Clark for their contribution  
to our worship today.*

## Worship Notes

**The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God and in memory Marshall Milligan by his family.

**You may give your weekly tithe and offering to the Lord** electronically at [www.firstchurchtulsa.org](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org) or text 405-276-4141.

**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](mailto:bcarter@firstchurchtulsa.org).

## First Church Update

**We're grateful for a congregation that continues to give generously** in ways that further the ministries of Christ. In this stewardship season each of us is urged to ponder our blessings and to make our commitment to the Lord's work in 2021.

**Fall Festival: Today at 3:00 p.m., Camp Loughridge!** Carnival games, a hayride for family units and a fair-themed food truck. Tickets, \$8 for adults, \$4 for children, \$20 per family. Masks will be provided for this event. Carnival-goers are invited to attend the Vespers worship service at 5:00 p.m. Tickets available at the event.

**"Let the little children come to me!"** More children are returning to Sunday School at 9:30 and to the nursery at the 11:00 o'clock hour! Everybody's delighted by this --but it also presents us with an urgent need. During this season when many are not able to serve, would you be willing to wrap the arms of Jesus around these little ones --say once a month? Please contact Courtney Miller at 918-301-1009 or [cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:cmiller@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Bridging the Divide! This Wednesday night:** The Rev. Terry Buxton from Agape Bible Fellowship shares his perceptions on chasms that divide (6:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall, optional dinner at 5:15 p.m. please RSVP for dinner.)

**10:10 Pastor's Message** live on *Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa* every Tuesday and Thursday.

**FPC University Ministries: "Grow" A UKirk 'Lunch and Learn.'** Open to all 18-24 year-olds. Lunch is served alongside a lesson that intertwines faith and life. Every Sunday beginning November 1 at 12:15 p.m. in classroom E201.

**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*.

**Helping Hand Ministry Needs servant-leaders** – Be the presence of Christ among the most needy in our city. Come join us on Mondays/or Tuesdays from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Whether you can commit weekly, or just once a month, please contact Emma Smith at *smithb440@aol.com* or call Betty Price at 918-301-1039.

**First Church seeks a full-time administrative assistant** who will serve in the areas of local and global mission. In addition, this individual will support our Tulsa International Fellowship, our new members and women's ministries. We're looking for a team player who possesses strong verbal and writing skills, and proficiency in Microsoft Office applications. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Tonye Briscoe at *tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

**First Church is a praying community!** You'll find a prayer request card in the sanctuary pew or the Friendship Register. 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.

**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 at [kbrown@masterworkacademy.org](mailto:kbrown@masterworkacademy.org) or call 918-370-0207.

**Presbyterian Women:** 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, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, David Osterholt, Elsie 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.

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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 10/25/20**

##### **Worship and Events**

- 8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and Great Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Fall Festival – Camp Loughridge
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers Evening Worship – Camp Loughridge

#### **Monday 10/26/20**

- 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 10/27/20**

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

#### **Wednesday 10/28/20**

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., E104
- WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Bridging the Divide 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Theology of Parenting 6:15 p.m., Miller Library
- Gloria Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Ensemble Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

#### **Thursday 10/29/20**

- All City Prayer Gathering 5:30 p.m., Miller Library

#### **Saturday 11/1/20**

- 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.

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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](https://bit.ly/fpcregister);

or

using the QR code below.



*October 25, 2020, Sanctuary*

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