



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

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

**ALL SAINTS DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2020
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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

ALL SAINTS DAY

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

The Words of Preparation

Q. 55: What do you understand by “the communion of the saints”?

A. *First, that believers one and all, as members of this community, share in Christ and in all His treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.*

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563

The Prelude

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Ensemble and Worship Team

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King. Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace. Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him. He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done, till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord. His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace, that all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise!

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light. No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life. He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown. We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home!

Oh sing my soul, and tell all He's done till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

The Welcome

Patricia Hall

A warm and heartfelt welcome to these new members!

The Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born

or you brought forth the earth and the world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

A thousand years in your sight

are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.

Teach us to number our days aright,

that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (from Psalm 90)

◆ The Hymn Our God, Our Help in Ages Past ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Beneath the shadow of Your throne, Your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is Your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting You are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Your sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be yet our guide while troubles last, and our eternal home.

◆ The Prayer of Adoration

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you who have promised to swallow up death and wipe away tears from all faces, look upon us here today. We wait for you –so that you might save us. Come to us, good Lord, and bring your healing balm. Meet us amid our suffering and our sin. Meet us amid our addictions to that which is not life-giving. We wait for you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers... *(in silence)*

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new every morn; our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father so tender is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

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What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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The Joy of God's Forgiveness

Embrace this good news with all your hearts: in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness ---for those who call upon Him! **Alleluia! 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 Blessing of the Young Disciples Who's a Saint?

The Hymn I Sing a Song of the Saints of God GRAND ISLE

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved
and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one
was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of
God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too!

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

The New Testament Reading Acts 17:1-17

The Sermon When You Vote, Remember This Dr. Jim Miller
... there is another king named Jesus... Acts 17:7

The Anthem Shepherd of My Heart Francis O'Brien

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want; green are the pastures where I'm led to repose. Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul. I am led onward in ways true to the Name. *Guide me, O shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting. Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight. May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.* If I should walk one day into the vale of darkness, no evil shall I fear with God at my side. There with your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort; you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes. *Guide me, O shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting. Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight. May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.* You anoint my head with oil, my cup is overflowing; goodness and kindness crown the days of my life. Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace forever; within the house of God my soul is at rest. *Guide me, O shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting. Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight. May my life never part from the shepherd of my heart.*

Psalm 23

The Time of Remembrance and the Prayers of the People

Amazing Grace

Mr. David Marshall, Piper

The Solo

We Shall Rise Again

Jeremy Young

Julia Metcalf, soloist

Come to me, all you weary, with your burdens and pain. Take my yoke on your shoulders and learn from me: I am gentle and humble, and your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. *We shall rise again on the last day with the faithful, rich and poor. Coming to the house of Lord Jesus, we will find an open door there.* At the door to greet us, martyrs, angels, and saints, and our family and loved ones, everyone freed from their chains. We shall feel their acceptance, and the joy of new life. We shall join in the gathering, reunited in God's love! *We shall rise again on the last day with the faithful, rich and poor. Coming to the house of Lord Jesus, we will find an open door there.*

The Litany

Hear our prayers, dear Christ: for the good news of resurrection:

glory to your Name!

For those who've gone before us, wrapped in your grace: **glory**

to your Name!

For those who've nourished us, encouraged us, prayed for us:

glory to your Name!

For the promises that are anchored deep in the gospel: **glory to your Name!**

For all the saints, who from their labors rest: **glory to your Name!**

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ The Hymn 526 For all the Saints

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who Thee by faith before the world confessed; Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

You were their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might; You, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; You, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But when there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune SINE NOMINE

◆ Please Stand

Worship Notes

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dick and Barbara Horkey, by Elaine Horkey.

You may give your weekly tithe and offering to the Lord electronically at 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.

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.

"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.

Little Lambs meets on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. We will now meet indoors in room 105. For more information or to register contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786.

Bridging the Divide! This Wednesday night: Pastor Anthony Scott, First Baptist Church, North Tulsa shares his perceptions on chasms that divide us. (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](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa) every Tuesday and Thursday.

FPC University Ministries:

"Gather" is fellowship and worship for 18-24 year-olds, whether University students or not. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Miller Library.

"Grow" is a Sunday class for 18-24 year-olds, whether University students or not. Beginning THIS week, Sunday, November 1 from 12:15-1:30 p.m. in room E201. Lunch will be served. Follow us at [@ukirktulsa](https://www.instagram.com/ukirktulsa) for updates.

Thursdays: Weekly Prayer Service - 5:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. Invite your friends.

Interested in theological discussions? If so, please join the Downtown Theological Roundtable for a study of A.W. Tozer's book, *The Pursuit of God*. The study will start Wednesday, November 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. You will be responsible for purchasing the book. We would love to add you to our discussion. Please contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org to sign up or with any questions.

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held on Thursday, November 26, at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Following the service, the Deacons will host a lunch in Stephenson Hall. If you will be home alone and without family during the holidays, please join us. Call the church at 918-584-4701 or reserve online at: www.firstchurchtulsa.org/ThanksgivingLuncheon by Friday, November 13.

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 or call 918-370-0207.

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, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Nancy Tholen, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

The Joy of New Life! We Welcome: Tinsley McClain Rowland Fries, daughter of Rebekah and Robert Fries, was born on October 1.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Rick Spellman, a member since 2003, died on October 24.

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Dear Lord Jesus, we offer our gratitude for the dear ones listed below – deeply loved and much missed within this congregation.

According to your promises in baptism, they are lambs of your own flock, sheep of your own fold, and sinners of your own redeeming.

In hopeful confidence, we commend them to you until that day when hands will be held and hearts treasured again in that resurrection life that comes alone from you.

For this we give you thanks and praise, now and forevermore! AMEN!

November, 2019

4 – Vida Culvern
5 – Helen Reecher
5 – Nancy Rinier
5 – Geordie Matson
24 – Dick Horkey

December

1 - Bill Templeton
13 – Jarl Johnson
19 – Kim Wallace
25 – Ginny Rierson
31 – G.O. Nolley, Jr.

January, 2020

18 – Clay Roblyer
20 – Diane Cherry
26 – Lloyd Elliott

February

2 – Jimmie Mathews
7 – Jerry Nixon

March

3 – Bill Ball
15 – Ralph Kitch
18 – Beverly Jacobs
31 – Teddy Adair

April

4 – Frank Efron
15 – Jerry Langenkamp
19 – Bill Ayers

May

5 – E. Marie Scribner
22 – Robbie Burke
23 – Bill Grant, Jr.
27 – Jan Johnson

June

2 – Ellen Ryan
13 – Ruthie Huffman
15 – Laura Vickery
18 – Detta Butler
22 – Tom Mason
27 – Vivienne Edwards

July

14 – Sandi Willhite
27 – Jim Boswell
30 – Jim Bost

August

7 – Ed Lawson, Jr.
23 – Charla Kitch
31 – Linda Hunter

September

9 – Sandra Cousins
14 – Betty Wills
15 – Katherine Reid
19 – Kitty Brumbaugh
26 – Bob Balch

October

1 – Gene Gilbert
6 – Dr. Robert Perryman
12 – Karen McCay
24 – Rick Spellman

The names on this list – members of First Presbyterian Church who have died over the past year – does not include the many friends and family connections of First Church who have also died this past year.

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 11/1/20

Worship and Events

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

Monday 11/2/20

- 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 11/3/20

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

Wednesday 11/4/20

- Downtown Theological Roundtable 11:00 a.m., Miller Library
- 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
- Gloria Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m., Choir Room
- Ensemble Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 11/5/20

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

Saturday 11/7/20

- 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.

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.



November 1, 2020, Sanctuary

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