

*The Gospel According
to Leviticus:*

*The Singular Story
of Salvation*

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

November 13, 2022
Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

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

Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

Yet, in order that this might be done, it is necessary that we, who are contaminated by stains of sin, be cleansed in him, because nothing defiled shall enter the kingdom of God. Christ, therefore, makes us participants in himself in order that we, who are in ourselves sinners, may be, through Christ's righteousness, considered just before the throne of God. And in this manner being stripped of our own righteousness, we are clothed with the righteousness of Christ; and, being unjust by our own deeds, we are justified through the faith of Christ.

John Calvin, *Instructions in Faith*

The Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Hayes

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

arr. Labenske

Doris Herald and Nancy Strimel, pianists

The Welcome

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Introit

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Cynthia Dobrinski

Overtones, Gretchen Bashforth, director

◆ **The Call to Worship** Ephesians 1:3-8; 11-12

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,

According to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,

The forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, So that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. Therefore, let us join our voices in praise, And let us worship God!

◆ **The Hymn** O God Beyond All Praising THAXTED
Acolytes: Sammy Hand, Judah DeSpain and Joel Nsereko

1.O___ God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship You to -
 2.The_ flow'r of earth - ly splen-dor in time must sure - ly
 3.Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we

5 day and_ sing the love a - ma-zing that songs can-not re -
 die, its_ frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to You the Lord Most
 9 bring, that. we who know Your fa - vor may serve You as our

13 pay; for_ we can on - ly won - der at_ ev' - ry gift You
 High; but_ hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is
 King and wheth - er our to - mor-rows be_ filled with good or

16 send, at___ bles - sings with - out num - ber and
 sown, though. small in mor - tal sta - ture, to
 ill, we'll___ tri - umph through our sor - rows and

19 mer-cies with - out end: We_ lift our hearts be -
 hea-ven's gar - den grown: for_ Christ, your gift from
 rise to bless You still: To___ mar - vel at Your

22 fore_ You and wait up - on Your word, we_
 hea_ ven, from death has set us free, and_
 beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways, and_

hon - or and a - dore. You, our great and might - y Lord.
 we through Him are gi - ven the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

◆ The Prayer of Adoration

Lance Lively

The First Reading Hebrews 9:11-22

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Estes

Almighty God our heavenly Father, we come before you this day conscious of our sin and wrongdoing. For us and for our salvation you poured out your blood on the cross, and yet all too often, we continue to live in sin, walking the path that leads to death. We do not love you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength, we do not seek to be Holy as you are Holy, we do not love our neighbors as you have first loved us. Lord, in your mercy, pardon and forgive us. By the presence of your Spirit, purify our consciences from dead works so that we might serve you, the living God. Through Christ our Lord we pray, amen.

The Response

Lord Jesus, My Savior

Dale Wood

Randie Lewis, soloist

Lord Jesus, my Savior, with you I am blest, my life and salvation, my joy and my rest. Your name is my theme, and to you I belong; your grace shall inspire both my heart and my song. Lord Jesus, my Savior, you suffered for me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree. My heart shall rejoice 'til the end of my days, for yours is the glory, and yours is the praise!

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel! That in Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name! **Alleluia! Amen!**

The Response of Gratitude The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you 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 Blessing of the Young Disciples

◆ **The Hymn**

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Be Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord. Thou, my great Father, and I Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when victory is won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun. Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Second Reading Leviticus 17:1-16

The Sermon Where Do We Bring Our Sacrifice?

This is to the end that the people of Israel may bring their sacrifices that they sacrifice in the open field, that they may bring them to the Lord...(Leviticus 17:5)

The Anthem

And Can It Be?

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace; emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. Refrain. No condemnation now I dread; Jesus and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? Amazing love!

Charles Wesley

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People

- ◆ **The Hymn** 379 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune SOLID ROCK

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in honor of Margo, Henry, Anna and Caroline Simon by their grandparents.

Today's "Letter-of-Well-Wishing" is directed to Senator Jim and Kay Inhofe for their long and faithful service to the common good.

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.

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.

First Church Updates

A heartfelt welcome to worship! We pray that you'll sense the presence of Christ among us here, the warmth of this community that He has called together, and the joy of serving this world that He loves – in His name!

The Blessing of Stewardship! The Session is already at work shaping the vision for FPC's ministries in 2023. Your "Estimate of Giving" will make all the difference in their efforts. Please remember the Lord's Church as you consider how your blessings will be shared, and submit your "Estimate of Giving" card for 2023. Let's resolve to give of our best to the Master!

For the last two years, we've shared the joy of ministry with Pastor Wally and Joyce Johnson. Each of them has been a blessing to so many here at First Church. Recently, Wally received a call to return to his former congregation, the First Presbyterian Church in Sapulpa. Believing this to be the Lord's call, Wally's last Sunday here will be November 27. A reception honoring this dear couple will be shared on that day following the 11:00 a.m. service.

This Week:

Wednesday Night Downtown, - This Wednesday, 6:15, with dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall. Adult class offerings include:

First Church Mission Series - on November 16 in Stephenson Hall from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Deacon Kevin Sartorius, Executive Director

of Catholic Charities, gives an update on Afghans who have moved to Tulsa and how the body of Christ came together to welcome them.

Seeker's Bible Study – Rev. Wambugu takes a deep dive into the sermon texts on Leviticus, in room E104, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

Faith Partners Addiction Ministry – First Church is a member of a nationwide fraternity called *Faith Partners*. They provide intervention, education, and recovery support to individuals and families suffering from addiction. If you need help or resources, visit the *Faith Partners* table in the atrium today. If you have further questions, please call the Church office (918-584-4701) and leave your number. A team member will return your call.

Mark the Date!

All-City Thanksgiving service, Monday, November 21, 7:00 p.m. in the First Church Sanctuary. Rev. Andrew Forrest, the new pastor at Asbury Church serves as our preacher. Pianist Donald Ryan offers an inspiring piano prelude. Pastors Tom Harrison and Jessica Moffatt will be honored for their service within both the church and our city.

Do you love Christmas music? Of course, doesn't everyone? Would you like to add your voice to the Chancel Choir for our Christmas services this year? If so, please consider this an invitation to participate in the choir for Christmas Music Sunday on December 18, and Christmas Eve services. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., on November 16, 30, December 7 and 14. For a modest investment of your time, you will be blessed by the experience of singing the message of the Angels: Glory to the newborn King! For details, contact Ron Pearson at rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1013.

Veterans Day Prayer List. The Guild of Intercessors has updated the list of First Church loved ones who are on active duty in our armed forces. Please pick up a copy from the racks in the Narthex or Atrium and join us in praying for these men and women.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Elaine Horkey, Meg Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Susan Lawrence, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Tom Reynolds, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Tom Sherrill, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Terry Thomas, Mike Tidwell, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 11/13

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 11/14

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

Tuesday 11/15

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 11/16

11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
6:00 pm Awana, Children's Area
6:15 pm Various Adult Classes
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

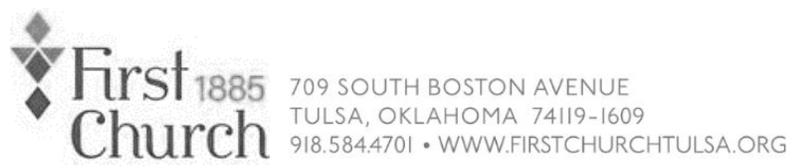
Saturday 11/19

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

Cornerstone	The History of Acts	E102
Covenanters	Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms	E101
Faith and Family	Leviticus	3rd floor Pastors Study
Forum	The Prayers of Jesus	E200
Harbingers	Soul Keeping	E202
Morning Glory	Prayers and Bible Study	E201
New Parents	Theology and Parenting	E205
Pastor's Study 1	Contemporary Concerns & the Christian Faith	Steph. Hall
Pastor's Study 2	New Testament Overview	E104
Reflections	Christian Life in Ordinary Time	E103
Shepherds	King David	E203
Sojourners	Women in the Genealogy of Jesus	E204
The Vine	Revelation Bible Study	E100
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
Westminster	Theology Brewed in an African Pot	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104



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