



***God's Covenant  
Faithfulness:  
In Season and Out of  
Season***

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

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Youth Sunday  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY

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

# Youth Sunday

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

## The Words of Preparation

Let us practice the fine art of making every work a priestly ministrations. Let us believe that God is in all our simple deeds and learn to find Him there. A. W. Tozer

## The Introit

Pass the Promise

Keith and Kristyn Getty

*Celebration Singers; Hannah Johnson and Breana McIntosh, directors*

I will pray rejoicing from my heart, for in Him my victory's lifted high, His salvation is my cry. He has overcome my enemy; our praises scorn the enemy. I delight in His deliverance; the Lord is our deliverance. *Pass the promise to our sons and daughters, God most high, God our Father. We bear witness.* There is no one like the Lord, holy, holy is the Lord; our Rock and Refuge is our God, all the earth belongs to God. Do not speak with pride of noble deed; for the Lord will weigh our every deed. See the strong have lost, the weak have gained; and from the dust my life He raised. *Refrain.* He will guard the feet of faithful ones; He will hold His faithful ones; but the wicked they will not prevail, not by might will man prevail. He is coming soon to judge the earth; for the Lord gives power to His King, all strength to His anointed King. *Refrain.*

## The Welcome

Steve Wilson

*(Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register.)*

## The Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Gil Barnhart

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

So come! Let us stand in honor!

**And let us worship God!**

◆ **The Hymn** 276                      Great is Thy Faithfulness                      FAITHFULNESS  
*Acolytes: Lucy Gingerich, Landon Smith, and Sarina Smith*

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**                      Devyne Ramey

**The First Reading**                      1 Peter 2:4-10

**The Prayer of Confession**                      Luke Lofton

Almighty God, we have strayed from your way like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have left things undone that we should have done. We have done things we should not have done. O Lord, in your great mercy, hear us as we repent, forgive us of our sins and restore us to the joy of your salvation....*(in silence)*

**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 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 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 Second Reading

Exodus 19:1-9

Maxwell Sullivan

## The First Homily

### The Solo

Be Thou My Vision

Irish tune, arr. Craig Courtney

*Lucy Donohue, soloist*

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 and 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, my victory 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 Blessing of the Young Disciples

Gloria Shelton

## The Second Homily

Langdon Tingleaf

◆ **The Song of Preparation** 361 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

## The Sermon

God's Purpose

Rev. Daniel Hutchinson

## The Offering

Show Me Thy Ways

Walter Pelz

Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths; lead me in thy truth and teach me: For thou art the God of my salvation, and on thee do I wait all the day. (Psalm 25:4,5)

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

Kelsey Wilberforce

◆ **The Closing Hymn** 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

## ◆ The Charge and Benediction

### The Postlude

Improvisation on the tune HYFRYDOL

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**Greetings in Christ!** We are so glad to have you worshipping with us this morning. We are a community that seeks to lift high the name of Jesus and to serve the common good. If you are here for the first time, we pray that you will sense the presence of Christ and the warmth of this congregation.

If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you! Please contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org)). For general information, you can follow the QR code.



### Parish Register

**Prayers for Healing:** Nifemi Aruna, Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Lara Elias-Campbell, Neil Cluck, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Elaine Horkey, Joyce Kunkel, Judith Land, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, Elsie Osterholt, Judy Pollard Doyle, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Jo Carolyn Rushing, Cyndi Russell, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Bob Swofford, Larry Tromp, Marcia Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Dayne Weierbach.

### Worship Notes

**Services are broadcast** on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or [FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube](http://FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube).

**Please notify the church** if you have 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).

**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.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of our Marshall Milligan by his family.

**Our *Letters of Blessing* today go to** Tom and Pat Sherrill and the Calvin Institute.

**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), text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code below.



### **First Church Updates**

**The FPC Session has called a congregational meeting** for next Sunday, February 18, at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to present a new officer for congregational vote.

**We are wrapping up Stewardship Season!** If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2024, the Stewardship committee looks forward to receiving it. Thank you for taking the local church seriously and giving of your very best to the Lord Jesus Christ. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

**Pastoral Prayer:** Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. To receive a weekly prayer prompt, please text *@pastorfpc* to “81010”.

**Young Adults:** First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at *@fpcyoungadults* or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

**Presbyterian Women's February mission project** is Lindsey House, which provides transitional housing and programs for newly homeless mothers with children. PW will be collecting money to make Easter baskets for the children who live there. Please place gifts in the donation box in the atrium on Sundays or mail your check to the church with PW Mission noted on the memo line.

**We're hiring:** Are you gifted at reaching out to new people and helping them get connected within the life of the church? Do you feel comfortable shepherding others as they consider their faith journey and membership with First Church? FPC is accepting applications for Director of New Member Outreach. To learn more, contact Duff Points at 918-301-1018 or apply at *Employment Opportunities – First Church Tulsa* on the First Church website.

### **Today**

**Souper Bowl of Caring:** First Church Youth Ministries invite each member of First Church to donate \$1 to help fight hunger and poverty in Tulsa. Our youth will be stationed at the exits after each worship service to collect your gifts. All donations will go to Helping Hand Ministry.

**Mission Informational Meeting:** To learn more about our **summer mission trips**, join us today, following the 11:00 a.m. worship services. We will meet in room E104.

### **Events This Week**

**Season's Women's Ministry Annual Galentine's Party:** Join us this Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Library. We will watch this month's video *Friendship Takes Love*, play games and have treats.

**Parenting Book Brown Bag Lunch Discussion –** Thursdays, February 22, March 7, 28, April 11, 25, and May 9 - Bring your lunch and discuss the book *Thrivers: The Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Shine* by Michele Borba. Learn the answers to questions such as: Is my child struggling or thriving? What is the difference between a "striver" and a "thrivers" mindset? Led by Sarah Savage, Director of Children's Ministries; meet in room E100 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Ash Wednesday Services**  
**February 14, 2024**

**Ash Wednesday leads us into our Lenten journey. This year we offer  
two services:**

**Afternoon Service** – Noon in the Kerr Chapel

**Soup Lunch** – following the service, in the Miller Library

**Soup Supper** – 5:30 p.m. in Stephenson Hall

**Evening Service** – 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

*(There will be childcare at the evening service.)*

The imposition of ashes is a most moving part of this service.

**Watercolor Through Lent:** Wednesdays February 14 – March 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Tower Room. This creative art class will be led by Mary Lee Weaver and will use traceable images to create beautiful watercolor cards combined with biblical teachings based on the book *The Ignatian Workout for Lent* by Tim Muldoon. No previous art experience is needed. Cost is \$20 and includes all supplies. Click the QR code below to register.



**Prayer in the Chapel:** Join together from 10:40-10:55 on the second Sunday of each month for prayer during this time of pastoral transition.



## Mark Your Calendar

**Docent Tour:** Joan Hoar will lead a Stain Glass tour focusing on Lent. Meet her in the Kerr Chapel following the 11:00 a.m. services.

**FPC Young Adults:** We believe in the power of meaningful connections, and "Fast Friends" is designed to facilitate just that. We will facilitate conversations that provide a chance to make instant connections, share stories, and discover common interests. The structured format and time limits will help you get to know friends (old and new) in a fun and efficient way! Children are welcome. Sunday, February 18, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Goose and Gander Offices, 1640 E. Third Street, Suite C. Please RSVP through the QR code below.



### Mark Your Calendars with these events:

February 14

Ash Wednesday

February 18

Congregational Meeting

## COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

### TODAY 2/11

- 8:00 am      Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am      Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 11:00 am     Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall

### Monday 2/12

- 10:00 am     Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall
- 12:00 pm     Men's Monday Bible Study, E103

### Tuesday 2/13

- 9:30 am      Precepts Bible Study, E100
- 7:00 am      Men's Bible Study, E313

### Wednesday 2/14

- 12:00 pm     Ash Wednesday Service, Kerr Chapel
- 1:00 pm      Soup Lunch, Miller Library
- 5:30 pm      Soup Dinner, Stephenson Hall
- 6:30 pm      Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

### Thursday 2/15

- 9:30 am      Hearts for the Lord Bible Study, E313

### Saturday 2/17

- 8:30 am      Before the Rooster Crows, E103

### Adult Sunday School Classes for **NEXT Sunday, 2/18** at 9:30 a.m.

<i>Cornerstone</i>	<i>The Story</i>	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	<i>Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation</i>	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	<i>14 Talks by Age 14</i>	Prayer Room
<i>Forum</i>	<i>Who is This Man, John Ortberg</i>	E200
<i>Foundations</i>	<i>Romans</i>	E104
<i>Harbingers</i>	<i>The Reason for God, Timothy Keller</i>	E202
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Prayer and Fasting	B318
<i>Reflections</i>	Characteristics of Christian Love	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	Study of the Apostles Creed	E203
<i>Sojourners</i>	<i>Solas of the Protestant Reformation</i>	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	1 John 1, 2 and 3	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	<i>Who Is This Man, John Ortberg</i>	Tower Room
<i>Young Adults/Ukirk</i>	Discovery Bible Study	E201
<i>Young Parents</i>	Guest Speaker	E205