



***Chosen, Royal, and Holy:
Living as God's People
in Exile.***

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

JULY 4, 2021
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY

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

Living into Pentecost!

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

[Peter's] purpose is to deepen the understanding of the whole Christian church in Asia Minor so that believers may face the testings that await them with strong hope in Jesus Christ...Peter is an inspired apostle, and what he writes is the word of God. We come to a letter that is addressed to the Christians of Asia minor by Peter, but to the church of all ages by the Spirit of Christ. Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter*

The Welcome

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Introit

An American Hymn

Cecil Effinger

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness. America! America! God mend thine every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life. America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.

(Please join on the final stanza)

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears. America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

The Call to Worship Psalm 118:19-24

Julia Metcalf

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

◆ **The Hymn** 379 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Hope Thompson

The First Reading Jeremiah 29:4-19

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Wally Johnson

Almighty and eternal God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed. By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. You call us to pay attention to your word, yet we reject what you have told us and follow our own desires and ideas. You call us to serve and love those around us, yet we are selfish and focus on ourselves. You declare that your ways and plans are good, yet we do not trust you and make our own plans that always lead to hurt and death. You call us to seek you with our whole heart, yet most days we barely give you anything. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Hear us now in these moments of quiet...(*in silence*)

The Response to Confession We Confess

Almighty God, we confess our sin; what we have done, what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy. Have mercy on us. Have mercy. Have mercy on us.

Most gracious God, we have lost our way. Like wandering sheep, we have gone astray. We're truly sorry and we turn back. Now, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ... *Refrain*

The Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ intercedes for us. Indeed if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. So brothers and sisters, hear the good news of the gospel. That in Jesus Christ, there is 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, 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 Children

What Happens When We Feel Like We Don't Belong?

The Song of Preparation Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul; friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him; tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend! Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

The Second Reading 1 Peter 1:1-2

The Sermon Chosen, Royal, and Holy: Living as God's People in Exile
Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion..." (1 Peter 1:1a)

The Anthem Christ, the Sure Foundation Anna Laura Page

We are not strangers to Christ. With the saints we belong to his household, built on a strong foundation of apostles and prophets of old. With Christ as the cornerstone, we are one in spirit in His holy name, one in Christ, together as His children. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the Church in one, Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone. Laud

and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might and one in glory while unending ages run! We are one in spirit in His holy name, His children, we are the children of God!

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Closing Hymn 101** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** The Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa

◆ Please Stand

We welcome and thank Ben Hay, trumpeter, for his musical contribution to our service today.

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you to First Church Tulsa. We gather to exalt Jesus, receive His Spirit, and serve in His name. A warm welcome to each one who might be among us for the first time. May you sense the presence of Christ and the warm embrace of His Church!

Next week, and for the summer months, our Sunday worship includes four weekly services:

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Also broadcast on ***Livestream.com***, our ***Facebook*** page,
and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa

Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa

11:00 a.m. – Tulsa International Fellowship Worship - Great Hall

(See above for Livestream and Facebook links.)

5:00 p.m. – Vespers – Camp Loughridge

(Regular Sunday Evening Worship)

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Teddy Woolman, given by his family.

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* or text 405-276-4141.

For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary, audio headsets are available from the ushers.

Some hospitals are now open for visitors –but we may not know if you or someone you love is hospitalized. 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*.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Challa Ashlock, Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Pat Brown, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Luke Fravel, Caroline Fravel Jones, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jan Miller, Rosemary Priest, Janie Quint, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Dayne Weierbach, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Willis (Bill) Thompson, a member since 1985, died on June 27.

First Church Updates

We're glad to welcome each of you in worship this morning! If you're new to First Church, please feel free to participate in any of the events offered below.

Glimpses of Grace continues today at 9:30 a.m. in the Stephenson Hall. Porter Shults leads us this week with *A Retrospective Consideration of Past Events*. Next Sunday, July 11, Jessica John-Bowman will offer her thoughts titled *Conversations with God about Ugly Coats*.

Poppin' Fourth of July Celebration: today, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge pool – Come for family fun including swim relays, popsicles, a dive contest and more. You are warmly invited to attend our Vespers Service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

FPC University Ministries: Join us at *Gather* this Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for community, fun, and food. Follow us at *@ukirktulsa* for location.

Young Adult Community Nights are happening throughout the summer on Monday nights. Join us for fellowship and fun! More details can be found at *Young Adult Ministries @FPC* on Facebook or by contacting Elizabeth DeVore at *eldevore7@gmail.com*, 918-728-5327.

Worship 101 Summer Ring and Sing begins next Sunday, July 11! All children in grades K-4 are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m. from July 11 through August 8 to learn to ring and sing a classic gospel hymn on the chimes and handbells! Grades K-3 will meet in the West Parlor; 4th grade will meet in the Bell Room on the 3rd floor. At 9:30 a.m. each week, check in down in the children's area first, then head to your music room.

Moms' Summer Bible Study, Mondays, July 12, 19 and 26 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room, 204. There's so much parenting advice that it can be hard to figure out what works for your family. This can be especially true when it comes to teaching children about God and faith. Join with other moms to discuss how to pass faith on to our children, led by Sarah Savage, Director of Children's Ministries. Childcare provided. Register by contacting Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Staff Opening! First Church seeks an *Associate Director of Children's Ministries* to tend to our littlest lambs from birth through pre-kindergarten. This staff member coordinates early childhood programming and actively recruits, trains, encourages and coordinates volunteers and caregivers. If you love children and their families and want to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them, please send your resume to Tonye Briscoe in the business office, tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? The Inquirers Class is an opportunity to learn more about the church, what we believe and meet others on the same journey! Please join us with your questions Sundays, August 8-29 from 9:15 to 10:40 a.m.! For more information, please contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org, 918 301-1028, online at firstchurchtulsa.org/inquirers21 or use this QR code below.



COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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

On Site:

Covenanters	<i>Lies My Preacher Told Me</i>	E205
Faith and Family	<i>Symbol or Substance?</i>	Prayer Room
Reflections	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Minor Prophets</i>	E204
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E202

On Site and Zoom:

The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>Acts</i>	E100
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 7/04/21

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary and Great Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers, Camp Loughridge

Wednesday 7/07/21

- WNDR Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 7/08/21

- Hearts for the Lord 10:00 a.m., Zoom

Saturday 7/10/21

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



SAVE THE DATE

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| August 5-6 | Global Leadership Summit |
| September 20 | Golf Tournament |
| September 29 | Getty Concert |
| October 17 | Ron Pearson Organ Concert |

**July 4, 2021
Sanctuary**

Please help us with contact tracing and attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

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Member _____ or Guest _____

Seating Location: (Please circle where you are sitting.)

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Back Left - Back Center - Back Right

Left Balcony - Center Balcony - Right Balcony

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