



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

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

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**JULY 25, 2021  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY**

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

# ***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***

*Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.*

## **The Words of Preparation**

Now that you've cleaned up your lives by following the truth, love one another as if your lives depended on it. Your new life is not like your old life. The old life is a grass life, its beauty as short-lived as wildflowers; grass dries up, flowers wilt, God's Word goes on and on forever. This is the Word that conceived the new life in you. (1 Peter 1:22-25 Msg.)

## **The Prelude**

Living Hope

Phil Wickham

*Worship Team*

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven. The king of kings calls me His own. Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain, there's salvation in your name, Jesus Christ, my living hope.*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory!

*Refrain*

### ◆ **The Call to Worship** (From Psalm 34)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. **O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Amen!**

### ◆ **The Hymn** 442 The Church's One Foundation

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### ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

**The First Reading** Psalm 118:19 -29

### **The Prayer of Confession**

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord,

and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

### **The Response to Confession**      You Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast. 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain*

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wally Johnson

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**And this is God's gospel promise: To grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross. *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 Time with the Children**

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

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can be said than to you God hath said, to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

**The Second Reading**    1 Peter 2:1-10

**The Sermon**    The Church's New Identity: The Royals    Rev. Wambugu  
*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,...*  
(1 Peter 2:9)

**The Anthem**    Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation    Dale Wood

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 her confidence alone. To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today; with Thy wonted lovingkindness hear Thy servants as they pray, and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. 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.

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

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

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

**The Postlude**    Improvisation on the tune SOLID ROCK

◆ Please Stand

## ***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 Virginia R. and Thomas E. Matson, Beulah and George C. Matson and George C. Matson, Jr., given by Thomas E. Matson 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:** Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, 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.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Edmund Gerald Theodore Hutchinson, son of Hanna and Dan Hutchinson, was baptized on July 18.

**Sympathy and Prayers to:** Patricia Titus on the death of her father, LC Neel, on July 17.

## 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.

**Summer Swim** at Camp Loughridge, Sundays through August 29 from 1:45 – 5:00 p.m., join us for summer swim followed by Vespers at 5:00 p.m.

**Visit the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: First Presbyterian Church Chronicles** which will be displayed in the Atrium today through September 8. For more information go to [Archives@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:Archives@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**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](mailto:eldevore7@gmail.com), 918-728-5327.

**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](https://www.instagram.com/ukirktulsa) for location.

**Church will once again be a host site for the Global Leadership Summit** on August 5 - 6, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Take advantage of this wealth of leadership

insights from world-class faculty ready to equip and inspire you as a leader with influence. Visit the church website to register: [firstchurchtulsa.org/events](http://firstchurchtulsa.org/events) or Contact Betty Price for more details at 918-301-1039 or [bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-301-1039.

**Mark the date! On Tuesday, September 28**, we'll be glad to welcome back to First Church internationally known Christian musicians Keith and Kristyn Getty and their concert tour: "Christ Our Hope". We're thrilled to share this musical outreach with the larger Tulsa community. For more information and tickets go to [www.firstchurchtulsa.org/getty21](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org/getty21).

**Children's Ministry** is looking for Sunday School teachers and classroom helpers. We are looking for two Pre-K and two Kindergarten teachers (to teach every other week). We also need a few classroom helpers in each grade to help assist with crafts, games and other activities. If you feel a calling to this precious ministry, please fill out our Wufoo form and we will contact you for more information. (<https://1stchurchtulsa.wufoo.com/forms/s9kfl860isia05/>)

**Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church?** The Inquirers Class is an opportunity to learn more about the church and what we believe while meeting 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](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org), 918 301-1028, online at [firstchurchtulsa.org/inquirers21](http://firstchurchtulsa.org/inquirers21) or use this QR code below.





## SAVE THE DATE

August 5-6	Global Leadership Summit
September 20	2021 Matson Cup Golf Tournament
August 22	Ping Pong Tournament & Cookout
September 28	Getty Concert
October 17	Ron Pearson Organ Concert

### 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>The God Who Knows Your Name</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Hymnology</i>	E204
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>Book of James</i>	E202

**On Site and Zoom:**

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

**Today 7/25/21**

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 7/28/21**

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

**Saturday 7/31/21**

Before the Rooster Crows	8:45 a.m., E103
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**July 25, 2021  
Sanctuary**

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Back Left - Back Center - Back Right

Left Balcony - Center Balcony - Right Balcony

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going to the link: [bit.ly/fpcregister](https://bit.ly/fpcregister);

or

using the QR code below.

