



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

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

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

In the fellowship of those who are bound together by personal loyalty to Jesus Christ, the relationship of love reaches an intimacy and intensity unknown elsewhere. Friendship between the friends of Jesus of Nazareth is unlike any other friendship, and this ought to be the normal experience within the Church. Where it is experienced, especially across the barriers of race, nationality and language, it is one of the most convincing evidences of the continuing activity of Jesus among men.

Bishop Steven Neil

The Introit

God, You're So Good

Worship Team

Amazing love that welcomes me, the kindness of mercy, that bought with blood, wholeheartedly, my soul undeserving.

God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good; You're so good to me!

Behold the cross: age to age and hour by hour, the dead are raised, the sinner saved, the work of Your power.

God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good; You're so good to me!

I am blessed; I am called; I am healed; I am whole; I am saved in Jesus' name. Highly favored, anointed, filled with Your power for the glory of Jesus' name.

And should this life bring suffering, Lord, I will remember what Calvary has bought for me, both now and forever.

*God, You're so good. God, You're so good. God, You're so good;
You're so good to me!*

The Welcome and the Call to Worship

Julia Metcalf

Director of FPC University Ministries

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these days He has spoken to us by His Son.

He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being.

When He had made purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

In Him all of the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

And through Him God made peace through the blood of His cross. This is the God who meets us here:

Our Light, our Strength, our Song!

Let us stand in honor

and let us worship God!

◆ The Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song! This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied! For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay --light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day --up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Kate Swan

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Estes

Almighty God, your reconciling work is your glory! Amid the fearful darkness of this world, Your Light has come. Chasms, divides, hatred and anger melt away before the intensity of your love and mercy. Jesus, you are the deepest longing of the human heart, the greatest joy of human desiring. Come among us all, come to each of us, and have your own way. Forgive our sin. Meet us in our need. Bless us, by your Holy Spirit, and cause us to be a blessing. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers... (*in silence*)

The Great Good News

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness --for all who call upon Him!

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Response**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand. All other ground is sinking sand.

◆ **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

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The New Testament Reading

Acts 11:19-30

The Sermon

Oh, to be a "Barnabas"!

Dr. Jim Miller

He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. Acts 11:24

The Anthem Across the Lands You're the Word of God

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, arr. Brad Nix

You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began. Every star and every planet has been fashioned by Your hand. All creation holds together by the power of Your voice. Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice! *You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of every man; and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.* Yet You left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost, and exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross. With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a word You calmed the sea. Yet how silently You suffered that the guilty

may go free. *You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of every man; and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.* With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave, and ascended into heaven leading captives in Your wake. Now You stand before the Father interceding for Your own. From each tribe and tongue and nation You are leading sinners home. *You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of every man; and Your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

Your Gifts Support Christ's Mission at Camp Loughridge

Rev. James Estes

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Hymn 440 In Christ There is No East or West MCKEE

In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North; but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding all mankind.

Join hands then, children of the faith, whate'er your race may be;
who serves my Father as a child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West, in Him meet South and North:
all Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune MCKEE

◆ Please Stand

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Bob Balch, Billy Boyd, Kitty Brumbaugh, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Fred Droege, Allan Edwards, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Eugene Gilbert, 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, Karen McCay, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, David Osterholt, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, David Perkins, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Stephen Riungu, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Rick Spellman, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Nancy Tholen, and Jack Williams.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Katherine Reid, a member since 1981, died on September 14; Betty Wills, a member since 1978, died on September 14.

Worship Notes

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Vicki Grant by their children.

Worship

We are open for Sunday worship and welcome you to attend! Currently, there are three live services each week:

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

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

Also broadcast on [Livestream.com](https://www.livestream.com) and our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) page. Additionally, you can view the traditional service at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

[Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa)

[Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa)

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

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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 9/20/20

Worship Services

8:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall;

11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Great Hall – Bernsen

5:00 p.m., Vespers Evening Worship – Camp Loughridge

Monday 9/21/20

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 9/22/20

Precept Bible Study	9:30 a.m., Room E100
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Wednesday 9/23/20

Pastor's Study	11:30 a.m., E104
Gloria Choir Rehearsal,	5:30 p.m., Choir Room
Ensemble Choir Rehearsal,	7:00 p.m., Choir Room

Wednesday Night Downtown

WNDD Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall

Awana, POW, Life Groups and Confirmation 6:00 p.m.

Adult Classes 6:15 p.m.

Saturday 9/26/20

Before the Rooster Crows	8:45 a.m., Room E103
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Weekday Events

Little Lambs – Mondays at 10:00 a.m. Join us at the outside playgrounds.

Parents and children (from birth to pre-school) enjoy a Bible story, singing and prayer. For more information or to register contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786.

Monday School – Mondays at 12:00 p.m. in the Kirkland Library. Dr. Arden Autry continues his study on Revelation. For more information, contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org. Optional lunch at 11:30 a.m.

10:10 Pastor's Message live on [Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa) every Tuesday and Thursday.

Precepts – Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room E100. Led by Denise Rounds, the class is focused on Philippians and how to have joy in any circumstance.

Prayer Service - Thursday, 5:30 Prayers, in the Miller Library. Invite your friends.

Storytime with Courtney Miller – Tune in on Saturdays at noon for the next episode of George McDonald's "The Princess and the Goblin".
[Facebook.com/FPCChildrens](https://www.facebook.com/FPCChildrens).



Wednesday Night Downtown: Wednesdays, dinner at 5:15 p.m., classes at 6:00 p.m. (**Please reserve dinner online by Monday** at noon at firstchurchtulsa.org/WNDT or call Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019.)

AWANA (from 2 years to 4th grade) 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., downstairs in the Children’s wing - Register your child for **Awana** or, if you’d like to serve, go to the <https://firstchurchtulsa.org/grow/awana> and scroll to the bottom.

POW (fifth grade to eighth grade) – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Powerhouse.

Confirmation Class (Ninth grade) – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Kirkland Library. To register go to the church website or contact Steve Wilson at swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Life Groups (tenth to twelfth grade) – Meeting offsite, for more information contact Steve Wilson at swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Pastors’ Class—*The Spiritual DNA of First Church, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Classroom E104*

In this four-week course, we’ll be looking at the meaning behind our heritage as Orthodox, Reformed and Evangelical believers.

Seeker's Bible Study: The Gospel of John, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Room E103

Pastor Wambugu Gachungi leads an in-depth, verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of John. Come enjoy praying together, studying scripture, and engaging in lively questions and discussions.

Theology of Parenthood, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Miller Library

Join Rev. Dan Hutchinson, Sarah Savage and guest speakers as we talk about aspects of our faith, how these aspects influence our homes and family life, and how to teach these to our children.

For more information on the children's and youth programs, contact Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org.

For more information on Adult programming check our website calendar at firstchurchtulsa.org/events or contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Mark Your Calendar

Inquirers Class - Sundays in October beginning October 3, 9:15 – 10:40 a.m., in Room E104. Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about First Church? The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to come meet others, get to know some of our pastors and ask your questions. If you are interested please contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Deacons' Blood Drive: Sunday, October 4, 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., – noon to 2:00 p.m. (closed during the 11:00 worship hour), in the Bernsen Gym. Please go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter FPCTulsa. All donors will be tested for COVID19 antibodies.

K-Groups (small groups) - Beginning October 5

K-Groups (virtual and in person) join together for a six-week book study titled: *God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally*. You're encouraged to invite friends to share this time together. If you'd like to be part of a K-Group, please contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786.

Other Announcements

Campus Signage and Branding - The Church is embarking on a branding and campus-wide sign and identification program along with an updated logo and overarching name of "First Church." Watch your email for an announcement and a link to a video showing how our signage and branding committee is positioning us for the future.

If you'd like to see the full presentation in person, join us Sunday, September 27 at 12:30 p.m. in Room E104. Doug Crain will lead us through the year-long discovery and planning process that has resulted in our Church identification program. If you'd like to participate at a distance, we will broadcast on Zoom.

Zoom link: click here to access (Link)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84770856287?pwd=cTZldklQazVCM21kM3hvZ1U0Ync5UT09>

Meeting ID: 847 7085 6287

Passcode: 952959

Serve the Master and love on His children! The Masterwork Academy welcomes you!

Masterwork Academy has expanded its ministry in supporting Anderson Elementary students in their academics during TPS's nine-week school closure and distance learning program. We need helpers like you to supervise, assist and encourage these students while they participate in online lessons right here at First Church. Let your schedule guide your involvement. 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.

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.



September 20, 2020, Sanctuary



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