

*The Gospel According  
to Leviticus:*

*The Sketchbook of God's  
Redeeming Love*

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

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September 25, 2022  
11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

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

# ***Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost***

*11:00 a.m. Sanctuary*

## **The Words of Preparation**

A cornerstone is the principal stone of ancient building construction. Once set, it becomes the basis for determining every measurement in the remaining construction; everything is aligned to it.

If the chief cornerstone is laid even slightly angled, the whole building will be slightly rotated on its own axis. If it is slanted, the whole building will be tilted and risk collapse.

## **The Welcome**

Dr. Miller

## **The Prelude**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

*Jonny Miller, pianist*

## **The Call to Worship**

Long ago the Lord offered his people this promise:

**“I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem. It is firm, a tested and precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes will not be disappointed.”**

Isaiah 28:16

The apostles teach that Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise:

**We are the house of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, and the cornerstone is Jesus Christ Himself. We are carefully joined together —becoming a holy temple to the Lord.**

Ephesians 2:20

Let us stand in honor, lift our hearts and voice, and let us worship God!

- ◆ **The Hymn** 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
*Acolytes: The word means, Followers (of the Light)*

- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Rev. Dan Hutchinson

## **The Old Testament Reading** Exodus 40:1-16, 34, Leviticus 1:1

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Set up the Tabernacle on the first day of the new year. Place the Ark of the Covenant inside and install the inner curtain to enclose the Ark within the Most Holy Place. Then bring in the table, and arrange the utensils on it. And bring in the lampstand, and set up the lamps.

“Place the gold incense altar in front of the Ark of the Covenant. Then hang the curtain at the entrance of the Tabernacle. Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the Tabernacle entrance. Set the washbasin between the Tabernacle and the altar, and fill it with water. Then set up the courtyard around the outside of the tent, and hang the curtain for the courtyard entrance.

“Take the anointing oil and anoint the Tabernacle and all its furnishings to consecrate them and make them holy. Anoint the altar of burnt offering and its utensils to consecrate them. Then the altar will become absolutely holy.

Next anoint the washbasin and its stand to consecrate them. Present Aaron and his sons at the entrance of the Tabernacle, and wash them with water.

Dress Aaron with the sacred garments and anoint him, consecrating him to serve me as a priest. Then present his sons and dress them in their tunics.

Anoint them as you did their father, so they may also serve me as priests. With their anointing, Aaron’s descendants are set apart for the priesthood forever, from generation to generation.”

Moses proceeded to do everything just as the Lord had commanded him.

...Then the cloud covered the tabernacle and the glorious presence of the Lord filled it. Exodus 40

...The Lord called to Moses from the tabernacle and said, “Give the following instructions to the Israelites.... Leviticus 1:1

## The Preparation for Confession

Take My Life

Craig Courtney

*Randie Lewis, soloist*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee; take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

## The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Wally Johnson

Holy Lord, you call us living stones, individually members of your house —intended to be joined together, built upon the Chief cornerstone, even Jesus, our Redeemer. You have a unique place for each of us, a special role for us to play; you've given detailed instructions as to how we are to collaborate with you in the house that you are building. How easily distracted we are! And how often we neglect your purposes and plans for us. Good Lord, meet us in the places of our deepest need this morning. Forgive our foolishness, our sin, our cavalier dismissal of your way and, in your mercy, please hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

## The Invitation to Embrace the Good News

Brothers and sisters, 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 of Gratitude

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O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!

Come, see your sins on Jesus laid —the Lamb of God was slain;  
His life was once an off'ring made —and all to sinners gain.

My gracious Master and my God assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your Name.

◆ **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** God's Sketchbook!

**The Hymn** I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;  
on the cruel cross He suffered, from the curse He set me  
free!

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With His blood He purchased me.  
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt and made me  
free.*

I will praise my dear Redeemer, His triumphant pow'r I'll tell—how  
the vict-ory He gives me over sin, and death, and hell. *Refrain.*

**The New Testament Reading** Hebrews 9:1-8

That first covenant between God and Israel had plans for worship and a specially designed place of worship.

A large outer tent was set up. There were two rooms; in the first room were a lampstand, a table, and sacred loaves of bread on the table. This room was called the Holy Place.

Then there was a curtain, and behind the curtain was the second room --called the Most Holy Place. In that room were a gold incense altar and a wooden chest called the Ark of the Covenant, which was covered with gold on all sides. Inside the Ark were a gold jar containing manna, Aaron's staff that sprouted leaves, and the stone tablets of the covenant.

Above the Ark were the cherubim of divine glory, whose wings stretched out over the Ark's cover, the place of atonement. But we cannot explain these things in detail now.

When these things were all in place, the priests regularly entered the first room as they performed their religious duties.

But only the high priest ever entered the Most Holy Place, and only once a year. And he always offered blood for his own sins and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.

By these regulations the Holy Spirit revealed that the entrance to the Most Holy Place was not freely open as long as the Tabernacle and the system it represented were still in use.

This is an illustration pointing to the present time.

For the gifts and sacrifices that the priests offer are not able to cleanse the consciences of the people who bring them. For that old system deals only with food and drink and various cleansing ceremonies—physical regulations that were in effect only until a better system could be established.

**The Sermon**     The Tabernacle: The Visual Gospel

*This is an illustration pointing to the present time. Hebrews 9:7*

**The Anthem**     Festival Anthem on *O Praise Ye the Lord*     Paul Sjolund

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed. O praise ye the

Lord! Praise him upon earth, in tuneful accord, all ye of new birth; praise him who hath brought you his grace from above, praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love. O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound; each jubilant chord re-echo around; loud organs his glory forth-tell in deep tone, and sweet harp the story of what he hath done. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song to him be out-poured all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord! Amen!

## **The Joys and Concerns of the Church**

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

- ◆ **The Closing Hymn** 344 Christ of the Upward Way SURSUM CORDA
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune AZMON

### **Worship Notes**

**The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ann McKellar by Jim McKellar and family.

**First Friends in the Pews!** What is this? It's a simple –but very effective-- ministry that we all can share by simply offering a warm welcome with those who sit near us during worship. Share the joy of being a *First Friend* in the pew!

**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](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.

## **First Church Updates**

**A heartfelt welcome to worship!** We pray that you'll sense the presence of Christ here, —and the warmth of this community.

**Israel! *In the Footsteps of the Master* Information meeting:** by popular request, Dr. Miller leads a pilgrimage to Israel, February 12-28, which will be capped at 35. There is an informational meeting today at 12:15 p.m. in the Kerr Chapel.

**World Communion "*Festival*" Sunday** – Next Sunday, October 2, all worshipping communities gather for one service only in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, join us for the First Family Dinner in Stephenson Hall and the Courtyard. Sunday School classes meet as normal.

**Dr. Miller's weekly Pastor's Class** - Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. (E104) and Sundays, at 9:30 a.m. (Stephenson Hall). His discussion is titled: "*Contemporary Concerns and the Christian Faith*. Dr. J. I. Packer's classic, *Knowing Christianity*, a brilliant systematic theology of the Bible's message, serves as the driver of our reflections. The Wednesday and Sunday classes cover the same ground.

**Sunday *New Testament Survey*: each Sunday Rev. Dan Hutchinson leads an overview of the New Testament** exploring major themes, authors, and contexts, how it all fits together, its relation to the Old Testament, and what it reveals about the person and work of Christ. All are welcome! This class begins today at 9:30 a.m. in room E104.

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

***Glimpsing the Glory of God! Examining His Handiwork*** Experts in physics, meteorology, geology, horticulture, and astronomy take turns investigating the creation story (Genesis chapter 1). This week we are led by Adam Smith, Civil Engineer and Michael Grogan, Meteorologist –focusing on “water and sky”.

***Seeker’s Bible Study*** – Greg Fisher takes a deep dive into the sermon texts on Leviticus, in room E104, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

**Deacons Days of Care Kickoff** –Sunday, October 1 we will meet at 8:45 a.m. at Berean Christian Church to help in the Anderson Elementary school neighborhood. Then the following three Saturdays of October (8, 15, and 22) from 9:00 – noon we will meet at members home to help with basic yard care, home chores and maintenance jobs. Interested in a team visiting your home? Or to serve on a team? Contact Adam Smith, 918-633-1710 –or use *the QR code below*.



**It’s K-Group time!** Regroup or join a K-Group as we head into the Fall. This year we’re exploring E. James Wilder’s book *Renovated: God, Dallas Willard and the Church that Transforms*, starting the week of October 16. Please contact Phillip Bowman at 918-630-1786 or [pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org.com](mailto:pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org.com) for more information.

**Book Table Annual Sale**, Sunday, October 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Atrium Book Table. Visit the book table and choose from an array of titles on sale for \$1-\$5.

**A six-month “Confirmation Reflections” course for freshmen and interested high school youth** begins Wednesday, October 26, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Powerhouse. Our prayer is that each student will grow in their understanding of how faith and life intersect, and confirm their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. For more information you can go to the First Church website and find confirmation in the events.

**Inquirers' Class – Interested in learning more about First Church?** The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to meet others, get to know some of our pastors and ask your questions. Join us: Sundays, October 23, 30, November 6, & 13, at 9:15 a.m. in the Miller Library. For more information contact Patricia Hall at [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-301-1028.

**Helping Hands ministry volunteers needed** - There is a need for volunteers to help at our ministry. Whether you can commit weekly, or just once a month, please reach out to Rev. James Estes.

**The Lunch Buddy ministry** at Anderson Elementary is growing; there are still twelve students needing mentors. If you are interested in the *Lunch Buddy* ministry, please contact Cindy DeVore at 918-630-2636 for more information.

**We are looking for helpers** to serve the Lord's little ones in our special-needs classroom on Sundays or Wednesdays. If interested, contact Sarah Savage at [ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org).

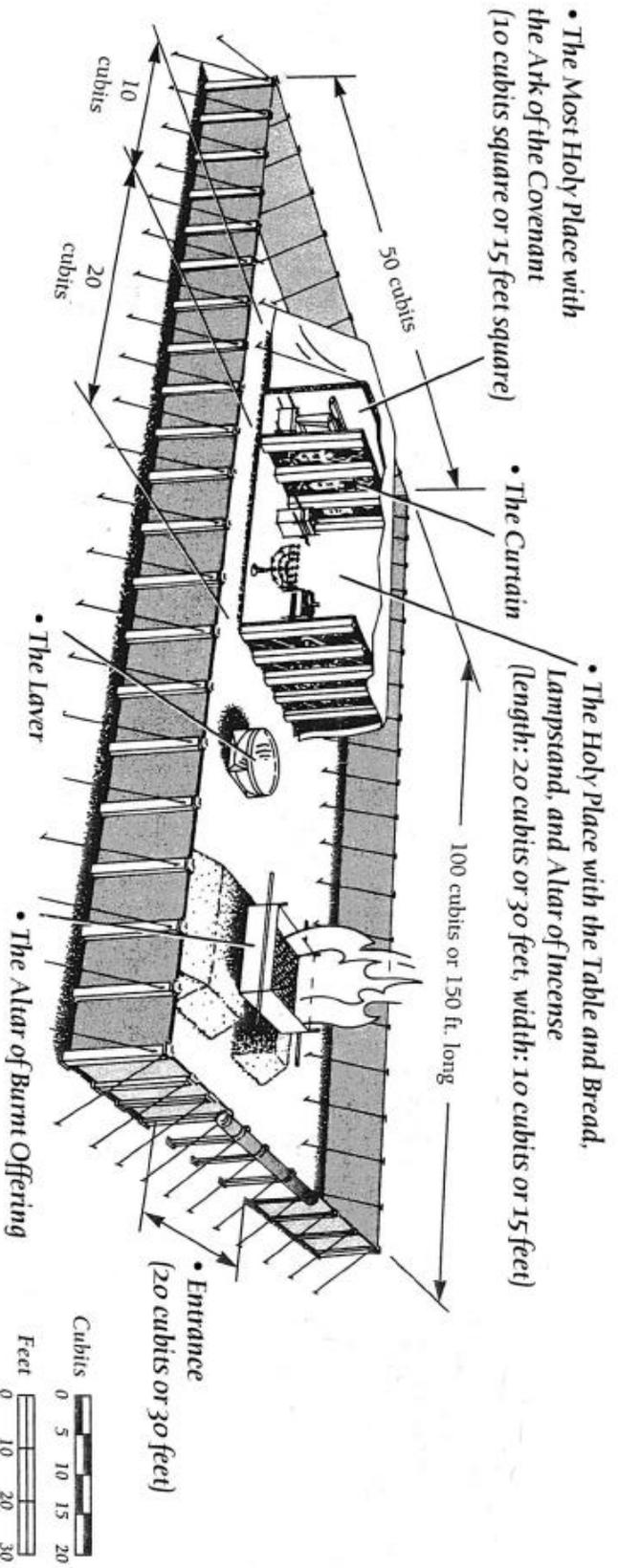
**Faith Partners Addiction Ministry** - Faith Partners provides intervention, education, and recovery support to individuals and families suffering from addiction. If you need help or resources, visit the Faith Partners table in the Atrium today. If you have further questions, please call Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org). All calls are confidential.

## Parish Register

**Prayers for Healing:** Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, Laurie Brumbaugh, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Glenda Goodwin, 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, David Raybourn, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Tom Sherrill, Bill Smith, Isla Smith, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Terry Thomas, Mike Tidwell, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Helen Marie Sisler, a member since 1964, died on September 20.

**Today's "Letter-of-Well-Wishing"** is directed to Mr. Ross Wilson, Irish artist, who led our Atrium Art Exhibition on the *Resurrection of Lazarus* last weekend. Please add your name and any note you'd like to share. Check for letters outside the Chapel, Sanctuary and Stephenson.



### The Tabernacle (Tent of Meeting)

Jesus is concealed in the Old Testament—and revealed in the New. The age of anticipation (Old Testament) foreshadows the age of fulfillment (New Testament). F.F. Bruce

## THIS WEEK

### **TODAY 9/25/22**

9:30 am Gatherings and Classes  
 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

### **Monday 9/26/22**

11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103

### **Tuesday 9/27/22**

9:30 am Precepts, E100, Denise Rounds

### **Wednesday 9/28/22**

11:30 am Pastor's Study – Contemporary Concerns & the Christian Faith, E104  
 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204  
 12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206  
 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 9/30/22**

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103, Phil Rounds

## **COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**

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

Cornerstone	The History of Acts	E102
Faith and Family	<i>Raising Children Faithfully</i>	3rd floor Pastors Study
Forum	<i>Your Are Never Alone</i>	E200
Harbingers	<i>Soul Keeping</i>	E202
Morning Glory	Prayers and Bible Study	E201
Pastor's Study 1	<i>Contemporary Concerns &amp; the Christian Faith</i>	SH
Pastor's Study 2	New Testament Overview	E104
Reflections	<i>Daniel</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Who is This Man?</i>	E203
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Understanding the Old Testament</i>	E204
The Vine (singles/couples)	<i>Revelation Bible Study</i>	E100
Westminster	<i>Theology Brewed in an African Pot</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	New Testament Overview	E201

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**11:00 Sanctuary**

Please register your attendance by filling out the information below and leave this page on the pew as you leave.

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