



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

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

**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020
11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

The (12th) chapter opens with James dead, Peter in prison and Herod triumphing; it closes with Herod dead, Peter free, and the Word of God triumphing. Such is the power of God to overthrow hostile human plans and to establish his own in their place. Tyrants may be permitted for a time to boast and bluster, oppressing the church and hindering the spread of the gospel, but they will not last. In the end, their empire will be broken and their pride abased.

John Stott, *Acts*

The Introit

The Welcome

With Gratitude: Helping Hands' Golf Tournament

Dr. Jim Miller

Joe Land

The Call to Worship

All glory belongs to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Open your hearts, lift up your voices, and sing of His truth, His goodness, His beauty.

**We have reason to sing for the Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!**

To Him be all glory, now and forevermore! Alleluia! Amen!

The Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen!

God's glory reflects His faithfulness and love.

For the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end! They are new every morning.

◆ **The Hymn** 276 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Judith Land

The First Reading Lamentations 3:1-3, 16-26

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we have no claim on you, no reason to expect you to hear us or to think you would be attentive to our prayers. And yet as we remember our condition, our sin and messiness, our inability to mend and fix our broken lives, you come to us in our deepest need. Come, dear Christ, who suffered and died for us, who lives and reigns for us, come and have your own way with each of us, all of us. Hold us fast, hold us tight, in your mercy. Save us, dear Lord –even amid the fears that our faith will fail. Anchor us in the hope that sits deep in the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.....(*in silence*)

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 Saviour 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.

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

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!

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

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**

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus His Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

◆ **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 Young Disciples The Redeemer of the Sole (Soul)! Sean Young

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

The New Testament Reading Acts 12:1-25

The Sermon When God's Sovereignty Meets Evil's Power Dr. Miller
Herod the King killed the brother of John with the sword. Acts 12:1

The Anthem O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Trevor Manor
Kari Caldwell, cellist

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free; rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me is the current of thy love; leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore! How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore; how he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own; how for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of every love the best: 'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heaven of heavens to me; and it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee.

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Hymn 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head; His name, like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song, and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune DUKE STREET

◆ Please Stand

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Bob Balch, Billy Boyd, 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: Catherine “Kitty” Brumbaugh, a member since 2003, died on September 19.

Worship Notes

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lance Miller by Judy Miller and family.

Worship

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

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

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 9/27/20

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 9/28/20

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 9/29/20

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

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 10/3/20

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. 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. For more information, contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.

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

Storytime with Courtney Miller – Tune in on Saturdays at noon on [Facebook.com/FPCChildrens](https://www.facebook.com/FPCChildrens).

Inquirers Class – Begins next Sunday, October 4: 9:15 – 10:40 a.m., Room E104. Interested in learning more about First Church? The Inquirers' Class is a perfect place to come meet others, share time with our pastors and ask any questions. If interested: please contact Patricia Hall, 918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Deacons' Blood Drive: Next 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](https://www.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.



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 ktyler@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.

Upcoming Events

Music lovers: you are invited to the **47th Annual Organ Concert** presented by Ron Pearson on Sunday, October 11, at 4:00 p.m., live in the Sanctuary. It will also be broadcast on *Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa*

Other Announcements

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.

Sermon Notes

The “Herods” in the Gospels:

41 – 4 BC/AD1? **Herod the Great**

Married ten times

Ruthless; massacred the children in Bethlehem after Jesus was born.

Sons of Herod the Great:

4 BC – AD 39 (Herod) **Antipas**

Ruler of Galilee and Peraea

Consented to death of John the Baptist

Pilate sent Jesus to Herod Antipas during his trial.

4 BC – AD 6 (Herod) **Archilaus**

Ruler of Samaria, Judea, Idumea

Deposed and banished.

4 BC – AD 34 (Herod) Philip II (Philip the Tetrarch)

Ruler of Ituraea and Trachonitis

Founded Caesarea Philippi.

Cf. Luke 3:1

Grandson of Herod the Great

AD 41 – 44 **(Herod) Agrippa I**

Ruler of Judea

Executes the Apostle James, brother of John

Acts 12:1-25

Great-Grandson of Herod the Great

(Herod) Agrippa II

Examines Paul (Acts 26)

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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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going to the link: bit.ly/fpcregister;

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September 27, 2020, Sanctuary

