



***O Lord,  
How Shall I Meet You?***

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

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March 5, 2023  
Sanctuary, 11:00 AM

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

# ***Second Sunday of Lent***

*Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.*

## **The Words of Preparation**

Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise...  
The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given  
to us that we should proclaim the Word of God through  
music. Martin Luther

Let the Spirit fill your life! When you meet together, sing  
psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, *as you praise the Lord*  
*with all your heart.* Eph. 5:18-19. CEV

## **The Prelude**

God So Loved the World

John Stainer

*Abrianna DeLeon, soloist*

God so loved the world, that He gave his only Begotten  
son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish but  
have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the  
world to condemn the world, but that the world through  
Him might be saved. John 3:16-17

## **The Welcome**

Dr. Miller

*(Please sign, pass, and return the blue Friendship Register)*

## **The Introit**

Music Down in My Soul

Moses Hogan

*Oral Roberts University Chorale*

*Dr. Tony Dehner, Director*

I hear music in the air. I can feel it in the air; there must be a  
God somewhere.

Over my head, I hear music in the air; there must be a God  
somewhere. Over my head, I hear singing in the air; there  
must be a God somewhere.

*I got this music down in my soul and it fills my heart with the joy of the Lord! I've got joy, I've got a joy, everlasting; I've got peace, I've got a peace, everlasting. I've got love, I've got a love, everlasting. I've got joy, I've got a joy, everlasting. Joy in my heart; joy today!*

Do you love the Lord? I love the Lord!

I've got joy! I've got a joy, everlasting! I've got joy! I've got a joy, everlasting! I've got a peace, everlasting! Love! I've got a love, everlasting! *Refrain*

Oh yes, I got joy in my heart; I got joy! I got peace! I got love! In my soul!

#### ◆ **The Call to Worship**

Come, Christians, join to sing!

**Alleluia! Amen!**

- ◆ **The Hymn** 150 Come, Christians, Join to Sing MADRID  
*Acolytes: Judah DeSpain, Kamryn Chaney, Goodness Usigbe*

- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Kate Swan

**The First Reading** Hosea 6:1-3

**The Prayer of Confession** The Rev. Julia Metcalf

Lord, we are so much like ancient Israel. Forgive us for not including you in our daily routines. We have gotten distracted, and wandered away. Prone to wander; Lord, we feel it. Prone to leave the Lord we love. Give us a heart that yearns to return to you. Grant us a mind that yearns to know you more fully. Grant us a love that yearns to serve your purposes, for Jesus' sake. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

◆ **The Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. In Christ Jesus, there is forgiveness, for all who call upon His name. **Alleluia, Amen!**

◆ **The Response of Gratitude**

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee; prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

◆ **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed (contemporary)

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 Spirit, 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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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**

## **The Sermon** Nicodemus' Story (John 3:1-17)

*There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus,  
a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night... John 3:1*

## **The Anthem** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

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

The All-Church Retreat: March 24-25

*Meredith Rogers*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Prayers of the People**

- ◆ **The Hymn** God of the Ages NATIONAL HYMN  
God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

Your love divine has led us in the past; in this free land  
with You our lot is cast; be now our Ruler, Guardian,  
Guide, and Stay; Your Word our law, Your paths our  
chosen way.

Refresh your people on their toilsome way; lead us from  
night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and  
grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

**The Anthem**                      How Great Thou Art                      arr. Dan Forrest

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude**    Improvisation on the tune NATIONAL HYMN

### **First Church Updates**

**A heartfelt welcome today to the Oral Roberts University  
Chorale**, under the direction of Dr. Tony Dehner, Director of  
Choral Studies and Associate Professor. We're grateful for your  
contribution to our worship this morning!

***Our Letter of Encouragement is directed to: Mr. Porter Shults  
—on the death of his wife, Susan.***

**It's time to sign up for the All-Church Retreat!** Friday and  
Saturday, March 24-25, 2023, at New Life Ranch: Frontier Cove.  
We welcome our keynote speaker, Dr. Wes Vander Lugt —and  
each member of his family. Reserve your place. Sign up at the  
table in the Atrium or contact Laura Stevens at 918-301-1019.

## **This Week**

***Stay Close to the Master: Wednesday nights during Lent, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.*** Join us in Stephenson Hall, for a time of worship followed by discussion around the tables. Dr. John Ortberg, who will preach here on the Sunday after Easter, offers a ten-minute video devotional, followed by questions and conversations at the tables.

**Presbyterian Women’s Mission Luncheon** – this Thursday, March 9 at noon in the Miller Library. Speakers are Dr. Horton and Marcia Graham, directors of the Coffee Bunker. They will describe the work they do with the veterans in this area. Lunch is \$10. Please make your reservations to Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 by March 6.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

**Join us this Spring at “Seasons”**, a space for women in all seasons of life to connect with one another and be transformed by the Word and presence of God. Meet us in Stephenson Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13.

**Our Annual Congregational meeting** is set for Sunday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. Dr. Miller offers his “State of First Church” message, a number of reports will be shared, and the “Year-in-Pictures” will be viewed.

**Easter Lilies** – On Easter Sunday, bright white trumpet lilies adorn our worship spaces! If you’d like to honor a loved-one by providing a lily --click the link below or go to [www.firstchurchtulsa.org/EasterLily23](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org/EasterLily23) by March 20.



## Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

**Young Adults** – First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at *@fpcyoungadults*, or contact Dan Hutchinson at 918-301-1040.

**Internship Opportunity**– Are you a college student who loves the Lord Jesus and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. For more information, contact Steve Wilson at *swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

**Presbyterian Women’s February Mission project** benefits the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*. You’re invited to bring hand- towels, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bath-sized individually wrapped bars of soap, new toothbrushes, and band-aids. Look for their mission box in the atrium.

## Opportunities to Serve the Master

**Children’s Ministry opportunities** – Share Jesus’ love with the youngest members of our congregation!

Two Second Grade Sunday School Classroom Assistants -  
Once a month assist the lead Sunday school teacher in the classroom. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Two Awana Substitute Leaders - Wednesday evenings,  
6:00 -7:30 p.m. Serve as a group leader on an as-needed basis, moving children to activity stations and helping with scripture memory.



Infant/Nursery/Preschool: Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

- 1) Baby-rockers in the infant room.
- 2) Sunday School Assistant - Help the Lead teacher with lesson, craft and general playtime.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sarah Savage at [ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org)/918-301-1011.

**Chancel Choir:** Add your voice to the Chancel Choir!

Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Contact Ron Pearson at [rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org)/918-301-1013 or Gretchen Bashforth at [gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org)/918-301-1012.

**Memorial Service Greeting Ministry:** Serve as a greeter for memorial services, with approximately a one-hour commitment. Contact Kathy Wilson at [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org)/918-301-1029.

**Assist in printing weekly bulletins:** Thursday afternoons for 3 – 4 hours each week. If interested, contact Dionna Schooley: [dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-301-1015.

**Masterwork Academy** - We're not looking for skill, we're looking for heart! If yours beats with the love of Christ and you have one weekday afternoon from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to spare, contact Jenette McEntire at [jmcentire@masterworkacademy.org](mailto:jmcentire@masterworkacademy.org).

**Seeking writers and photographers** - Serve in our communications area as a writer or photographer. We publish a quarterly magazine and semi-monthly newsletter; we're seeking people who'd love to tell or illustrate FPC stories. Contact Louann Buhlinger at [lbuhlinger@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:lbuhlinger@firstchurchtulsa.org)/918-740-7055.

**Do you enjoy the gift of hospitality?** Join a team who assists with all kinds of hospitality opportunities! Contact Patricia Hall at [phall@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:phall@firstchurchtulsa.org)/918-3001-1028.

**Check out the two new choirs for children and youth!** Registration is now open: the *First Church Choristers* children's choir (for grades K-4), and the *Celebration Singers* youth choir (for grades 5-12). Rehearsals, Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. For more information and to register contact Gretchen Bashforth at [gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-301-1012 or scan the code below.

### **First Church Choristers**



### **Celebration Singers**



### **Parish Register**

**Prayers for Healing:** Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Beth Campbell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Linda Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Elaine Horkey, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw,

Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Cat Thompson, Mike Tidwell, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Susan Shults, a member since 2001, died on March 1.

**Sympathy and Prayers to:** John McCormack on the death of his sister, Nancy Young, on February 25; and to Jerry Hall on the death of his brother, Calvin Wayne Hall.

## **Worship Notes**

**The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Allan J. and Vivienne Couper Edwards and in honor of their youngest grandchild, Ema.

**Services are broadcast** and on Cox channel 3 (each Sunday) at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 and 10:00 p.m., on the FPC Facebook page, or *FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube*.

**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*.

**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.

## THIS WEEK

### TODAY 3/5

- 8:00 am Worship, Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship, Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

### Monday 3/6

- 11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
- 11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103

### Tuesday 3/7

- 9:30 am Precepts, E100

### Wednesday 3/8

- 11:30 am Pastor's Study, 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, POW, Amass Exodus, Powerhouse
- 6:15 pm Lenten Study, Stephenson Hall
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### Saturday 3/11

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

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

Cornerstone	Minor Prophets	E102
Covenanters	Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms	E101
Faith and Family	Neuroscience: The Impact of Technology on Our Kids: "Faith"	Prayer Room
Forum	All the Places to Go	E200
Harbingers	The Me I Want to Be	E202
Morning Glory	Mastering Your Emotions	B318
New Parents	Theology and Parenting	E205
Pastor's Study 1	Faith and Physics	Stephenson Hall
Pastor's Study 2	New Testament Overview	E104
Reflections	Judges	E103
Shepherds	Old Testament Connections/Fulfillment	E203
Sojourners	Karl Barth Dogmatics	E204
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
The Vine	The Life You've Always Wanted	E100
Westminster	The Book of Easter	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104