



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

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

8:30 AM

STEPHENSON HALL

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall

The Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

We love you, Lord: our strength, our rock, our fortress, our Savior! (Ps. 18)

You're the Rock in whom we find protection. Our shield, our Refuge!

Our hope is on the Rock that cannot be moved, even Jesus Christ, upon Whom our Hope is built! Come, stand in honor, lift your voices,

--and let us worship God!

The Songs of Praise My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

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His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

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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.

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Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come alive in me. Give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for Your purity, Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin in each thought, and deed, and attitude; kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace, breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

The Prayer of Adoration

The Old Testament Reading Psalm 130 (*responsively*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

**If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can,
with reverence, serve you.**

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word
I put my hope.

**I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the
morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing
love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

The Prayer of Confession

**Lord Jesus Christ, you understand seasons of lament, when
tears easily fall down our cheeks. You know the pain and
anguish of living through a season of grief and fear and
concern --and the burden that comes with simply waiting and
watching. Lord, from the depths of our hearts we call out to
you. You know our need, our sin, our scrambled condition.
Hear us, we pray, and give attention to our cries for mercy
and grace. Lord, hear our prayers...*(In silence)***

The 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

O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me;

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Saviour on that
cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb; the entrance sealed by heavy stone; Messiah, still and all alone.

O praise the Name of the Lord, our God. O praise His Name forevermore. For endless days we will sing Your praise, O Lord, O Lord, our God.

Then on the third, at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again. O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King! *Refrain*

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night, and I will rise among the saints; my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *Refrain*

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 New Testament Reading Acts 10:1-23

The Sermon Have You Experienced the "Second Conversion"?

So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. Acts 10:23 Dr. Miller

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

The Closing Song More than Conquerors

When my hope and strength is gone, You're the One who calls me on; You are the life; You are the fight that's in my soul.

Oh, Your resurrection power burns like fire in my heart. When waters rise I lift my eyes up to Your throne.

We are more than conquerors through Christ. You have overcome this world, this life. We will not bow to sin or to shame; we are defiant in Your name. You are the fire that cannot be tamed; You are the power in our veins, our Lord, our God, our conqueror!

I will sing into the night, "Christ is risen and on high." Greater is He, living in me, than in the world.

No surrender, no retreat, we are free and we're redeemed. We will declare, over despair, You are the Hope!

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Nothing is impossible, every chain is breakable. With You we are victorious. You are stronger than our hearts; You are greater than the dark. With You we are victorious.

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The Charge and Benediction

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Bob Balch, Billy Boyd, Kitty Brumbaugh, Sandra Cousins, 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, Katherine Reid, 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: Linda Hunter, a member since 1980, died on August 31.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Cameron Kelly Mercer, son of Shelly and Kelly Mercer was baptized on August 23.

Worship Notes

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alma and Nick Robson and Fred N. Davis, Jr. and in loving honor of Marilyn I. Davis by Hannah and Joe Robson and family.

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

Youth and Children - Sunday school for children, Middle and High school classes are meeting. Parents: please, if your child/children will be attending, RSVP to Kiona Tyler at ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org.

The Pastor's Class, led by Dr. Miller is offered today and every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. This class repeats (and will be recorded) on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. The focus is John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. After this study we examine C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. Please RSVP to Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org. To reserve a box lunch go to firstchurchtulsa.org/PastorsStudy2020.

Sunday Afternoons

2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. - First Family Summer Swim - Sundays, at Camp Loughridge Aquatic Center. This will be the last summer swim of the season.

5:00 p.m. – Summer Vespers: Camp Loughridge K-Dome - Bring lawn chairs or blankets. Please bring your own water.

Weekday Events

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

10:10 Pastor's Message live on *Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa* every Tuesday and Thursday.

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Bumpers on Boston! Next Sunday, September 13, 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.

Here's the deal: decorate your car at home! Hop in and drive to Boston Avenue. Look for the parking camels! Turn into the Porta Cochere entrance to the Bernsen Building; stop under the Porta Cochere and get your munchies. Drive over to the Stephenson Parking Lot (south of the Bernsen). Park and get ready for some fun. Live music that the whole car can sing to! Special games that will be relayed right into your car via

your AM radio! Pastors and friends will be wandering through the parking lot with fun surprises. Make sure your car horn works! 9:45 to 10:30. You gotta' be there!

Little Lambs begin on Monday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. We will be meeting on the outside playgrounds. Parents and children (from birth to pre-school) enjoy a Bible story, singing and prayer. Snacks will not be served at this time; bring a water bottle if desired. Face coverings provided for parents, --but optional for the little ones. For more information or to register contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786.

Monday School begins on September 14 at 12:00 p.m. Dr. Arden Autry will continue his study on Revelation. This study provides an overview of the entire book, followed by examples of how Revelation has been interpreted in different eras of the Church. For more information, contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org. Optional lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Precepts – beginning on Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. Led by Denise Rounds, the class will be studying Philippians and how to have joy in any circumstance. A workbook is needed for this class, which can be purchased at the first class for \$21.

Downtown Theological Roundtable beginning September 16 on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Courtyard. We meet weekly and go in-depth with thoughtful discussion on the books important to our theological upbringings and heritage. We will be studying a book from a nonwestern perspective called *Theology Brewed in an African Pot* by Orobator led by Rev. Dan Hutchinson. To register, or if you have questions, contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786



Wednesday Night Downtown: Wednesday, September 16, dinner, 5:15 p.m., classes, 6:15 p.m. (Reservations for dinner can be made online.)

Wednesday nights are a vibrant time of fellowship and spiritual growth at First Church. We hope you'll join us for an optional church dinner followed by AWANA and POW for children and several adult offerings (See below).

AWANA - Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Downstairs in the Children's Center
AWANA will be on Wednesday, September 16 (from 2 years of age up to 4th grade). To register your child for **Awana** or to volunteer go to the <https://firstchurchtulsa.org/grow/awana>.

Dr. Miller's Class—The Spiritual DNA of First Church, Wednesdays, 6:15–7:30 p.m., Classroom TBA

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., Classroom TBA

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 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.

The 13th Annual Helping Hand Golf Tournament tees off on Monday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. at Meadowbrook Country Club. This year's tournament honors the lives of George and Geordie Matson. To register, go to the Church's website at www.firstchurchtulsa.org or Realm. For questions, contact Braigen Hubbard at 918-301-1039 or bhubbard@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Inquirers class - Sundays in October beginning October 3, time TBD 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.

Blood Drive on Sunday, October 4 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (closed

during the 11:00 worship hour), in the Bernsen Gym. You will need an appointment, to schedule your appointment go to RedCrossBlood.org and enter *FPCTulsa*. All donations will be tested for COVID19 antibodies.

K Groups (small groups) - Beginning October 5, K Groups (virtual and in person)

will be conducting a six-week study on *God Space: Where Spiritual Conversations Happen Naturally*, by Doug Pollock. Start thinking now of people you would enjoy meeting with for six-weeks to discuss how we

can incorporate Jesus into our daily conversations with those we meet in a meaningful and effective way, or, sign up and we can try to find a group for you. For more details contact Phillip Bowman at pbowman@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-630-1786.

Other Announcements

Volunteer at Masterwork Academy - Come show Tulsa children the love of Christ

this fall as a volunteer with FPC's Masterwork Academy for Faith & Fine Arts. Masterwork Academy is expanding its program to support Anderson Elementary students in their academics during TPS's nine-week school closure and distance learning program. We need helpers to supervise, assist and encourage our students while they participate in online lessons from Bernsen building classrooms. Volunteers are needed for both programs from noon-5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, through October. We will be following COVID-19 safety precautions. If you'd like to know more about how you can be a part of this beautiful program, email Kelly Brown at or call 918-370-0207.

FPC's Helping Hand Ministry has been assisting a surplus of people in light of the

COVID-19 pandemic. To make a gift, go to the Helping Hand Ministry calendar event on the website or send a check to the church with a memo line that reads *Helping Hand Donation*.

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.



August 30, 2020, Stephenson Hall



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