



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

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

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall

The Words of Preparation

For the essential theme of the whole Bible from beginning to end is that God's historical purpose is to call out a people for himself; that this people is a 'holy' people, set apart from the world to belong to him and to obey him; that its vocation is to be true to its identity, that is to be 'holy' or 'different' in all its outlook and behavior.

John Stott, *The Message of the Sermon on the Mount*

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

Worship Team

It all comes down to this, what you require of me; love my neighbor as myself and You above all things.

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God. In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God.

It all comes down to this, to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the world. The truth will set us free. *Refrain.*

It's beauty for ashes. It's mourning to dancing. It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven.

Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown. Faith just like a seed, the only way it grows. *Refrain.*

The Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-3, 7-9

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Now let us stand in honor,

And let us worship God!

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him
as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, rich
wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: No angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at
mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and
praise: His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time; Creator of
the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

There is a Name

There is a Name, who reigns without contention, whose power can't be questioned or contained. With humble fame, He rules the earth and heavens, His glory knows no measure or refrain, and it's bursting past the border lines of space.

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts. Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all.

There is a Name, reaching past the margins, calling sons and daughters back to Him. And as He saves, we can hear the roar of Heaven, as prodigals are coming home again. Oh the triumph of His name will never end.

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts. Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all.

For every eye will see, every heart will know, there is no name above the name of Jesus. Death could not hold Him down, no grave could keep Him bound, all sin and sickness bow to the name of Jesus.

Jesus, enthroned upon the praises of our hearts. Jesus, You're the King and You're the center of it all.

Jesus, all for Jesus; all I am, and have, and ever hope to be. All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans, I surrender these into Your hands. For it's only in Your will that I am free. For it's only in your will that I am free.

The First Reading

James 1:19-25

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess to you our brokenness and our sin. Your word confronts us with our

desperate need for you, yet we act as if we can live on our own. You call us to be those who not only hear your word but put it into practice, yet so often we listen without being changed. Forgive us for our hard-heartedness and stubborn rejection of you. By your Spirit's power, give us new hearts that we might worship you and serve you with our whole being, through Christ our Lord...*(in silence)*

The Response to Confession Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do. But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do. Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is. Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is. Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory; is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does. And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does. Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory, is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is.

The Assurance of Pardon

The apostle Paul puts it this way: since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

Friends, receive the good news, that in Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for all who call upon Him! **Alleluia! Amen!**

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 Second Reading Matthew 7:24-29

The Sermon

Authority to Teach

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

He was teaching them as one who had authority and not as their scribes. Matthew 7:29

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

Authority

Creation knows the voice that spoke into the void; the breath that brought the dust to life and sang the stars to form. The darkness fears Your voice, that drove it back before, and though the night is long I know Your light will drive it back once more.

One word from You; things change on Your authority. Your Word, it's true, things change on Your authority.

My fight is not my own; its end is in your hands. I worship You because I know all things must bow to Your command. *Refrain*

Will heaven not prevail and strongholds not be moved? Will spirits not be silenced and cower at His rule? For if my God is for me then what have I to fear? And I will not deny Him the glory that is His.

Heaven will prevail and strongholds will be moved. Spirits will be silenced and cower at His rule. I know my God is for me, so what have I to fear? For nothing will deny Him the glory that is His.

Refrain

The Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you to the First Church community! We gather to exalt the Lord each Sunday morning in three live services, and an outdoor Vespers service at 5:00 p.m.:

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), our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa) page, and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

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

11:00 a.m. – Tulsa International Fellowship Worship - Great Hall
(See above for Livestream and Facebook links.)

5:00 p.m. – Vespers (Regular Sunday Evening Worship): Courtyard

We continue to pray for families affected by COVID. And we're hopeful that later this year this cloud of sadness and disruption will lift. Until then, we're all asked to follow the Session's guidelines regarding protocols on campus: "masking up" and distanced by six feet from non-family members. Thanks to each for your efforts in this regard.

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edwin J. and Phoebe Schermerhorn, given by Ed and Kay Schermerhorn and family.

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries of First Church!

Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at [firstchurchtulsa.org](https://www.firstchurchtulsa.org) or text 405-276-4141.

For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary, audio headsets are available from the ushers.

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.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Chris Arthur, Challa Ashlock, Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Roy Cail, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Caroline Fravel Jones, Luke Fravel, Dr. Munson Fuller, Donna Gilliam, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Janie Quint, Stephen Riungu, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

Celebration of Adoption: The Seibert family (Ward and Patty) officially welcomed Pami and Gabi into the family on Friday, February 19.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Bill Shambaugh, a member since 1994, died on February 22.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: Zenoma Osterhout on the death of her father, Joe Farmer, on February 18; Jody Govrik on the death of her mother, Patricia McIntyre, on February 19; Jamie Baker on the death of her mother, Margaret Whittington, on February 22.

First Church Updates

This Wednesday night join the all-church Lenten study. Focusing on the K-Group book titled, *The Hole in Our Holiness*, the conversation begins at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. Join us for dinner if you like —at 5:15 p.m. This Wednesday begins with a pastoral discussion, led by Rev. Dan Hutchinson and the pastoral staff. K-Groups are encourage to attend!

Thank you for your contributions to the Souper Bowl of Caring on Youth Sunday. Your generosity resulted in \$1,570.40 being raised for the Helping Hand ministry to help those in need in our community.

For such a time as this? Rental house or garage apartment is needed by FPC staff. If you have such property, or know of someone who does, please call Dionna Schooley (918-301-1013).

Faith and Physics! Professor Jerry McCoy continues his seven-week series in the Stephenson Hall each Sunday at 9.30 a.m. This very popular offering will be available on video through the FPC website, and will be recast on Wednesdays at 11:30 and 6:15 p.m.

This Spring Break, be the Church...by serving with our local mission partners. During the week of March 15-19 you will have the opportunity to serve in a local mission project. Visit the events page on our website to learn more about each opportunity and to register: www.firstchurchtulsa.org/events. Registration is required and space is limited--please register soon.

Precepts continues the study of Colossians and Philemon every Tuesday, February 23 in E100 at 9:30 a.m. Denise Rounds leads this study focused on equipping us with a true knowledge of Christ so that we can increasingly live complete in Him.

Monday School begins on this Monday at 12:00 p.m. in the Kirkland Library. This semester we will be studying the Sermon on the Mount with Dr. Arden Autry. There will be an optional lunch beforehand in the Bernsen Reception Room. If you would like to reserve a lunch, please contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.

FPC University Ministries: Check out our Gather, Grow, and Serve gatherings this week. (Follow us at [@ukirtulsa](https://twitter.com/ukirtulsa) for updates)

Camp Loughridge is now hiring counselors, aged 17 and up, for summer 2021. The application can be found online at campploughridge.campbrainstaff.com.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 9:30

On Site:

Faith and Family	E204
Sojourners (All Ages)	E204
The Vine (<i>Singles/couples</i>)	E100
Young Adults (<i>20's and 30's</i>)	E201
<i>Faith and Physics</i>	Stephenson Hall

Via Zoom: (*If you would like to join a Zoom class, please contact Hannah Elliott at 918-301-1019 or helliott@firstchurchtulsa.org.*)

Covenanters The Pursuit of God, led by Tom Philp
Front Porch
Reflections (Meets Sunday's at 5:00 p.m.)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 2/28/21

Worship and Events

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and Great Hall
5:00 p.m. Vespers, Courtyard

Monday 3/1/21

Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., Room E103

Tuesday 3/2/21

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

Wednesday 3/3/21

Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall
WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Gloria Choir 5:45 p.m.
Awana, POW, Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
Confirmation
Lenten Conversations 6:30 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Choir Ensemble Rehearsal 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

Saturday 3/6/21

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

*February 21, 2021
Stephenson Hall*

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

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