



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

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

**MARCH 14, 2021
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall

The Words of Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, shine upon us today. In this darkened world where we're encouraged to make up our own "truth" as we go along, shine upon us. May *your* Truth inform our lives, guide our steps, and awaken our hearts that we might know best how to serve your purposes. Shine upon us, Lord Jesus, Light of the world. Shine upon us --all the way home. Amen.

The Prelude

Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Worship Team

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, help me see the way You see. Always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all as Christ in me.

Holy Spirit guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound. Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

You're the light. You're my path. You're the Shepherd of my soul. All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit, lead me on.

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing, wake my ears to words You speak. In the thunder, in the stillness, let Your voice be clear to me. Let Your voice be clear to me. *Refrain*

Holy Spirit, lead me onward, walking through the great unknown. Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging, 'til the day You lead me home.

The Welcome

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Call to Worship

"Come to me," Jesus said, "all you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest!" *And then He adds:*

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me—for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls!”

To the Samaritan woman Jesus said, “Those who drink of the water that I give will never be thirsty.” *And then he adds:*

“The water I give is like a spring gushing up into eternal life!”

Jesus astonished his hearers when he said, “I am the Light of the world.” *And then He adds:*

“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the Light of life.”

Who is this Jesus? Who is this who says He can bring rest to the weary, provide refreshment for those who thirst, and give light to those in darkness?

He is the Lord God, *Immanuel*, “God with Us!” He is “the Way, the Truth and the Life.” To Him belongs all authority both in heaven and upon earth!

Countless witnesses tell the story —of how Jesus came— how they heard his voice and discovered that he does, indeed, give rest and refreshment, and that He is Light in the darkness, indeed! May the Spirit give us ears to hear his voice today –and a heart to welcome Him!

***Maranatha!* Even so come, Lord Jesus! Alleluia! Amen!**

Victory in Jesus

HARTFORD

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me! I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory!

O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and He bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me ere I knew Him

and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood!

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing, how He made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see! And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory!

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I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea, about the angels singing, and the old redemption story –and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory!

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The First Reading Psalm 107:1-6, 10-14, 17-19, 23-29

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, the psalm we've just heard is an account of Your power to meet us in our deepest needs. Wandering in desert wastelands, imprisoned in the darkness of circumstance or addiction, broken and hurting because of our sin, caught up in a storm-tossed season of life –we can tell our own stories of all of this. Lord, as the psalmist cried to you in his trouble, so also we cry to you in ours. Forgive us and deliver us, we pray, and in your mercy, hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

The Invitation to Receive God's Grace

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

Promises

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant, of faithful promises.
Time and time again You have proven You do just what You say.

Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow, I'll remain steadfast, and let my heart learn when You speak a word it will come to pass.

*Great is Your faithfulness to me. Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.*

God from age to age, though the earth may pass away, Your word remains the same. Your history can prove there's nothing You can't do; You're faithful and true. *Refrain*

Oh, Your faithfulness, it never runs out, it never runs out. Oh, Your faithfulness, it never runs out (Never runs out). It never runs out (Never runs out). I put my faith in Jesus, my anchor to the ground. My hope and firm foundation, He'll never let me down.
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 Gospel Reading Matthew 8:5-13, 23-27

The Sermon How Far Does the Lordship of Jesus Extend? Dr. Miller

...Only speak the word and my servant will be healed. Mt. 8:8

...What sort of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him? Mt. 8:27

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

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 in the courtyard 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

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for the faithful service of the pastoral, choir and support staff of First Church, given by Jim and Mary Diacon.

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.

We continue to pray for families affected by COVID. And we're hopeful that this year this cloud of sadness and disruption is lifting. 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.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: 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, Donna Gilliam, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, 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.

First Church Updates

Next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. we gather for the Annual Congregational Meeting in the Stephenson Hall. Join us for a “State of the Church” report ---and the always fun and informative, “FPC: *Year in Photos*”! Adult Sunday School classes will not meet next Sunday.

This Wednesday night we continue the all-church *Lenten Conversations*. Come at 6:15 p.m. in the Stephenson Hall, or join us for dinner if you like —at 5:15 p.m. This week, Dr. Miller leads the conversation with the pastoral staff. K-Groups are encourage to attend!

***Faith and Physics!* Professor Jerry McCoy** concludes his compelling teaching series this week. Next Sunday, there is no Pastor’s Class due to the Annual Congregational meeting.

This Spring Break: be the Church! Serve with our local mission partners. Beginning tomorrow, and throughout the week, we’ll be serving in local mission projects. Visit the events page on our website to learn more, and to register: www.firstchurchtulsa.org/events. Registration is required and space is limited. Register today!

The Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae worship is set for Thursday night, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The service of shadows, ending in total darkness, offers a series of first-person reflections from biblical characters --who were there on that dark night of betrayal and abandonment. Invite your friends!

The Good Friday service: April 2 at noon in the sanctuary: *The Seven Words of Jesus from the Cross.*

The Holy Week Prayer Vigil is an ancient practice offering each of us an opportunity to seek the Lord's presence individually and together. Beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, FPC members will be praying around-the-clock in thirty-minute segments until 7:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Information is available at firstchurchtulsa.org/prayervigil2021. Beginning Tuesday, March 16, you can register at that same site and download the prayer packet. Anyone unable to register online: Please call Mark or Paula Peterson at 918-296-5548.

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 is 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 [@ukirktulsa](https://twitter.com/ukirktulsa) for updates)

Hearts for the Lord meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on Zoom. The study focuses on "Room of Marvels" by James Bryan Smith. If you would like to join this study, please contact Janet Bull at danut@sbcglobal.net.

Want to wrap the arms of Jesus around children this summer? Camp Loughridge is now hiring counselors, aged 17 and up. You can find the application online at camloughridge.campbrainstaff.com.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

No adult classes next Sunday, the 21st!

Join us at 9:30 a.m. for our annual congregational meeting, in the 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 Tom Philp
Reflections *Gospel accounts of the Resurrection*, led by Dr. Mark Hall
(Meets Sunday's at 5:00 p.m.)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 3/14/21

8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall
9:30 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Stephenson Hall
11:00 a.m. **Sanctuary and Great Hall**
5:00 p.m. **Vespers, Courtyard**

Monday 3/15/21

Little Lambs 10:00 a.m., Bernsen Gym
Monday School 11:30 a.m., KRC
Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., Room E103

Tuesday 3/16/21

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

Wednesday 3/17/21

Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall
WNDR Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Gloria Choir 5:45 p.m., Choir Room
Lenten Conversations 6:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
Choir Ensemble Rehearsal 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 3/18/21

Hearts for the Lord 10:00 a.m., Zoom

Saturday 3/20/21

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

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Please help us with contact tracing and attendance by filling out the information below and leaving the program on the pew as you leave.

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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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