



Prison Reflections:

To Live is Christ!

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

JUNE 19, 2022
8:30 and 11:00 AM STEPHENSON HALL

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Words of Preparation

Many words can be spoken in human discourse without the slightest risk or need for courage. But speaking this particular word – a Christ-centered word – always requires courage.

G. Walter Hansen

Prelude Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

Did you feel the mountains tremble? Did you hear the oceans roar when the people rose to sing of Jesus Christ the risen One?

Did you feel the people tremble? Did you hear the singers roar when the lost began to sing of Jesus Christ the saving One?

And we can see that God, You're moving; a mighty river through the nations, and young and old will turn to Jesus. Fling wide you heavenly gates! Prepare the way of the risen Lord!

Open up the doors and let the music play. Let the streets resound with singing. Songs that bring Your hope, songs that bring Your joy, dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble when all the saints join in one song, and all the streams flow as one river to wash away our brokenness?

And here we see that God You're moving; a time of jubilee is coming when young and old return to Jesus. Fling wide you heavenly gates! Prepare the way of the risen Lord! *Refrain*

Welcome and Call to Worship (From Hebrews 12:18-24)

You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them.

For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering;

to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect;

and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant;

to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Now let us stand in honor,

And let us worship God.

Songs of Praise

Hymn of the Holy Spirit

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.
Refrain

O You Bring

O you bring hope to the hopeless, and light to those in the
darkness, and death to life –now I'm alive! O you give peace to
the restless, and joy to homes that are broken, I see you now;
in you I'm found!

And you opened the door for me, and you laid down your life to
set me free! All that I am will serve you, Lord.

O you fill those who are empty, and rescue those in the valley,
and through it all you calm my soul. O now, you find me in my
weakness and heal the wounds of my heartache, I worship you in
spirit and truth!

*And you opened the door for me, and you laid down your life to
set me free! All that I am will serve you, Lord. And you opened my
eyes to see all the wonder and awe of Christ in me. Jesus, you're
everything I need.*

All honor, all glory, all praise to you. All honor, all glory, all praise
to you. All honor, all glory, all praise to you. *Refrain*

The First Reading

Isaiah 55

Elder Elisa Mangesho (8:30 service)
Elder Katie Williams (11:00 service)

Prayer of Confession

Abba Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful
nature – prone to evil and slothful in good – and all our
shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how
often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting
Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who
are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You.

Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech you, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free. Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me. You have broken every chain, there's salvation in Your name; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence the Roaring Lion, declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory! *Refrain*

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel 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.

Blessing of the Young Disciples (11:00 a.m. service only)

Song of Preparation

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song. This Cornerstone, this solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings cease? My Comforter, my All in All; here, in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness; scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; for every sin on Him was laid; here, in the death of Christ, I live.

There, in the ground, His body lay; light of the world by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And, as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His
hand; 'til He returns or calls me home; here, in the power of
Christ, I'll stand.

Second Reading

Philippians 1:12-30

Sermon

The Good News about the Bad News

Rev. James Estes

What has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

Philippians 1:12

The Celebration of Communion

Words of institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light, that we
may sing the wonders of the risen Christ. May our every breath retell
the grace that broke into our strife, with boundless love and deepest
joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad! All Your blessing
comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Jesus.*

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard; may
songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. This our holy

privilege to declare Your praises and Your name, to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim. *Refrain*

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious Name. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward R. Patterson, by Frances and Lindsay Patterson.

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

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.

First Church Updates

Welcome to worship! We pray that you'll sense the presence of Christ here —and the warmth and welcome of this congregation.

Mark the date: the FPC Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, June 26, at 12:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting will be to act upon the recommendation of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to call Ms. Julia Metcalf to serve this congregation in the role of an Associate Pastor. We believe the Lord calls men and women into pastoral ministry --and does so through the voice of the congregation. We look forward to this next step in the call process. Please join us at 12:15 next Sunday, June 26, in the sanctuary for this important meeting.

Glimpses of Grace: meets today, and next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us as members of the FPC family of faith share their personal testimonies of how Jesus Christ has been at work in and through their lives.

- Today – Tyler Bird
- June 26 – Dr. Jim Miller

2022 Israel Pilgrimage Insights: come join us on Wednesday night, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. for an hour of visuals and personal reflections on FPC's most recent journey to the holy land. There were any number of remarkable and insightful moments —and a few miracles along the way!— that we'd love to share with the larger church. As a celebration of the Lord's goodness, we'll all enjoy a "Magnum Bar" dessert. If you'd like to sponsor a young person to go on the next journey to the Holy Land, please make out your check to FPC, with this notation: *Pilgrimage Fund*.

The Summer Choir Welcomes You! You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. The only time requirement is a brief rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. If you've always wanted to give it a try, here's your opportunity – please join us! For more information, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012/gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org.

UKirk Bible Study (18–24 yr. olds) Meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard for dinner, the Gospel of Matthew, and new friends! Contact Julia Metcalf, jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org with any questions.

Young Adult Summer Gatherings (20's – early 30's) Join us Monday evenings throughout the summer! For more information contact Elizabeth DeVore at eldevore7@gmail.com.

First Family Summer Swim Sundays from 1:45 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge.

Pathfinder Mission Trip - June 26 – July 2 - The Pathfinders will be going to Dallas, TX, on our Pathfinder Mission Trip, where we will serve with Voice of Hope. The Pathfinders will lead VBS for the VOH students. Scholarships are available. The cost is \$150. Please contact Jackson Seibert (918-301-1016) for scholarship information.

Mission Partner Trips information meeting will be held today following the 11:00 worship service in room E104. Join us for lunch and to learn about our Mission Partner Trip opportunities for the 2022-2023 school year.

Women of First Church: you are invited to four summer events specifically for women! Enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement as we find connection and transformation together.

Sisters in Christ dinner that was scheduled for June 24 is being rescheduled to a later date. Details to come.

Monday, June 27, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Shannon Bair will encourage us to be in the Word.

Monday, July 18, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Janet Bull will encourage us to be in relationship with each other.

Monday, August 22, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - Nicole Pugh will encourage us to be involved in the life of our church.

Reservations for childcare required. For more information, contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org or Julia Metcalf at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org.

First Church cancer list - Do you or a loved one have cancer? Members of the Guild of Intercessors pray every day for those on the Guild's Cancer List. If you would like to add yourself, a loved one, or a friend or colleague to this list, please contact Paula Peterson at 918-296-5548/mandppeterson@msn.com or Monte Prater at 918-605-9719/montepater@aol.com.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Jaylin Burlin, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Fitzpatrick, Debi Foster, Glenda Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Claudia King, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Ann McKellar, Clint McQueen, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Jackie Poe, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, David Raybourn, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Tom Sherrill, Helen Marie Sisler, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Shannon Thomas, Terry Thomas, Larry Tromp, Susan Waldie, Bill Weinrich, and Carolyn Wilcott.

THIS WEEK

Today 6/19/22

9:30 a.m. Gatherings and Classes

11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

Saturday 6/25/22

Before the Rooster Crows

8:45 a.m., E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

NEXT SUNDAY Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Cornerstone	<i>The History of Acts</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Evangelical Theology</i> by Karl Barth	E205
Faith and Family	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Forum	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Harbingers	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Pastor's Study	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Reflections	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Shepherds	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Sojourners (All Ages)	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
The Vine (Singles/couples)	Revelation Bible Study	E100
UKirk Grow	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Westminster	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary

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