



***Chosen, Royal, and Holy:
Living as God's People
in Exile.***

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

**JULY 4, 2021
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Living Into Pentecost!

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

[Peter's] purpose is to deepen the understanding of the whole Christian church in Asia Minor so that believers may face the testings that await them with strong hope in Jesus Christ...Peter is an inspired apostle, and what he writes is the word of God. We come to a letter that is addressed to the Christians of Asia minor by Peter, but to the church of all ages by the Spirit of Christ.

Edmund Clowney, *The Message of 1 Peter*

The Prelude

The Welcome

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

The Call to Worship Psalm 118:19-24

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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. *Refrain*

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Oh You Bring

Oh you bring hope to the hopeless, and light to those in the darkness,
and death to life --now I'm alive! Oh 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.

Oh you fill those who are empty, and rescue those in the valley, and
through it all you calm my soul. Oh 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

Jeremiah 29:4-19

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Wally Johnson

Almighty and eternal God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought word and deed. By what we have done, and by what we have left undone. You call us to pay attention to your word, yet we reject what you have told us and follow our own desires and ideas. You call us to serve and love those around us, yet we are selfish and focus on ourselves. You declare that your ways and plans are good, yet we do not trust you and make our own plans that always lead to hurt and death. You call us to seek you with our whole heart, yet most days we barely give you anything. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Hear us now in these moments of quiet...*(In Silence)*

We Confess

Almighty God, we confess our sin; what we have done, what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Have mercy. Have mercy on us. Have mercy. Have mercy on us.

Most gracious God, we have lost our way. Like wandering sheep, we have gone astray. We're truly sorry and we turn back. Now, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ...

Have mercy. Have mercy on us. Have mercy. Have mercy on us.

The Assurance of Pardon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ died for us, Christ was raised for us, Christ intercedes for us. Indeed if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. So brothers and sisters, hear the good news of the gospel. That in Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for everyone who calls upon His name.

Alleluia, amen!

The Response of Gratitude Thy Mercy, My God

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song, the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue; thy free grace alone from the first to the last has won my affection and bound my soul fast!

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here --sin would reduce me to utter despair; But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived and He that first made me still keeps me alive!

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart which wonders to feel it's own hardness depart; dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great father of mercies, Thy goodness I own in the covenant love, Thy crucified Son; All praise to the spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine. All praise to the spirit, whose whisper divine seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!

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 1 Peter 1:1-3

The Sermon Chosen, Royal, and Holy: Living as God's People in Exile

*Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect
exiles of the Dispersion..." (1 Peter 1:1a)*

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

The Stand

You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand; You spoke the earth into motion; my soul now to stand. You stood before my failure and carried the cross for my shame; my sin weighed upon Your shoulders; my soul now to stand.

So what can I say, and what can I do, but offer this heart, O God, completely to You.

So I'll walk upon salvation; Your Spirit alive in me; my life to declare Your promise; my soul now to stand.

So what can I say, and what can I do, but offer this heart, O God, completely to You.

So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned; in awe of the One who gave it all. I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered; all I am is Yours!

So what can I say, and what can I do, but offer this heart, O God, completely to You.

***The Charge and Benediction**

*Please Stand

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you to First Church Tulsa. We gather to exalt Jesus, receive His Spirit, and serve in His name. A warm welcome to each one who might be among us for the first time. May you sense the presence of Christ and the warm embrace of His Church!

Next week, and for the summer months, our Sunday worship includes four weekly services:

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Also broadcast on ***Livestream.com***, our ***Facebook*** page,
and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa

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 – Camp Loughridge

(Regular Sunday Evening Worship)

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Teddy Woolman, given by his 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 or text 405-276-4141.

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

Some hospitals are now open for visitors –but we may not know if you or someone you love is hospitalized. 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: Challa Ashlock, Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Pat Brown, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Luke Fravel, Caroline Fravel Jones, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jan Miller, Rosemary Priest, Janie Quint, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Dayne Weierbach, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Willis (Bill) Thompson, a member since 1985, died on June 27.

First Church Updates

We're glad to welcome each of you in worship this morning! If you're new to First Church, please feel free to participate in any of the events offered below.

Glimpses of Grace continues today at 9:30 a.m. in the Stephenson Hall. Porter Shults leads us this week with *A Retrospective Consideration of Past Events*. Next Sunday, July 11, Jessica John-Bowman will offer her thoughts titled *Conversations with God about Ugly Coats*.

Poppin' Fourth of July Celebration: today, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge pool – Come for family fun including swim relays, popsicles, a dive contest and more. You are warmly invited to attend our Vespers Service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

FPC University Ministries: Join us at *Gather* this Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for community, fun, and food. Follow us at [@ukirktulsa](#) for location.

Young Adult Community Nights are happening throughout the summer on Monday nights. Join us for fellowship and fun! More details can be found at *Young Adult Ministries @FPC* on Facebook or by contacting Elizabeth DeVore at eldevore7@gmail.com, 918-728-5327.

Worship 101 Summer Ring and Sing begins next Sunday, July 11! All children in grades K-4 are invited to join us at 9:30 a.m. from July 11 through August 8 to learn to ring and sing a classic gospel hymn on the chimes and handbells! Grades K-3 will meet in the West Parlor; 4th grade will meet in the Bell Room on the 3rd floor. At 9:30 a.m. each week, check in down in the children's area first, then head to your music room.

Moms' Summer Bible Study, Mondays, July 12, 19 and 26 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room, 204. There's so much parenting advice that it can be hard to figure out what works for your family. This can be especially true when it comes to teaching children about God and faith. Join with other moms to discuss how to pass faith on to our children, led by Sarah Savage, Director of Children's Ministries. Childcare provided. Register by contacting Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Staff Opening! First Church seeks an *Associate Director of Children's Ministries* to tend to our littlest lambs from birth through pre-kindergarten. This staff member coordinates early childhood programming and actively recruits, trains, encourages and coordinates volunteers and caregivers. If you love children and their families and want to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them, please send your resume to Tonye Briscoe in the business office, tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? The Inquirers Class is an opportunity to learn more about the church, what we believe and meet others on the same journey! Please join us with your questions Sundays, August 8-29 from 9:15 to 10:40 a.m.! For more information, please contact Patricia Hall at phall@firstchurchtulsa.org, 918 301-1028, online at firstchurchtulsa.org/inquirers21 or use this QR code below.



COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Classes for NEXT Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Covenanters	<i>Lies My Preacher Told Me</i>	E205
Faith and Family	<i>Symbol or Substance?</i>	Prayer Room
Reflections	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Minor Prophets</i>	E204
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E202

On Site and Zoom:

The Vine (Singles/couples)	Acts	E100
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 7/04/21

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary and Great Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers, Camp Loughridge

Wednesday 7/07/21

- WNDT Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 7/08/21

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

Saturday 7/10/21

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



SAVE THE DATE

August 5-6	Global Leadership Summit
September 20	Golf Tournament
September 29	Getty Concert
October 17	Ron Pearson Organ Concert

**July 4, 2021
Stephenson Hall**

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