



***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 25, 2021
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

Now that you've cleaned up your lives by following the truth, love one another as if your lives depended on it. Your new life is not like your old life. The old life is a grass life, its beauty as short-lived as wildflowers; grass dries up, flowers wilt, God's Word goes on and on forever. This is the Word that conceived the new life in you. (1 Peter 1:22-25 Msg.)

The Prelude

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

The Call to Worship (From Psalm 34)

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Amen!

The Songs of Praise The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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*

The Prayer of Adoration

Eric Baird

The First Reading

Psalm 118:19-29

The Prayer of Confession

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways, for we have rebelled against your wisdom and we have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance and have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father, most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy. On the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.

It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior and the mediator of the covenant of grace. **Amen.**

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path; for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; for my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last; bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *Refrain*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast. 'Till our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last! *Refrain*

The Assurance of Pardon

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

And this is God's gospel promise: To grant us forgiveness of sins and eternal life by grace because of Christ's one sacrifice accomplished on the cross. 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.

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The New Testament Reading 1 Peter 2:1-10

The Sermon The Church's New Identity: The Royals Rev. Wambugu
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people,...
(1 Peter 2:9)

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Intern Retreat

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. *Refrain*

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. *Refrain*

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 Virginia R. and Thomas E. Matson, Beulah and George C. Matson and George C. Matson, Jr., given by Thomas E. Matson 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: Jane Azlin, Rob Berry, 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Edmund Gerald Theodore Hutchinson, son of Hanna and Dan Hutchinson, was baptized on July 18.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Patricia Titus on the death of her father, LC Neel, on July 17.

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.

Summer Swim at Camp Loughridge, Sundays through August 29 from 1:45 – 5:00 p.m., join us for summer swim followed by Vespers at 5:00 p.m.

Visit the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre: First Presbyterian Church Chronicles which will be displayed in the Atrium today through September 8. For more information go to Archives@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.

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.

Church will once again be a host site for the Global Leadership Summit on August 5 - 6, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Take advantage of this wealth of leadership

insights from world-class faculty ready to equip and inspire you as a leader with influence. Visit the church website to register: firstchurchtulsa.org/events or Contact Betty Price for more details at 918-301-1039 or bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Mark the date! On Tuesday, September 28, we'll be glad to welcome back to First Church internationally known Christian musicians Keith and Kristyn Getty and their concert tour: "Christ Our Hope". We're thrilled to share this musical outreach with the larger Tulsa community. For more information and tickets go to www.firstchurchtulsa.org/getty21.

Children's Ministry is looking for Sunday School teachers and classroom helpers. We are looking for two Pre-K and two Kindergarten teachers (to teach every other week). We also need a few classroom helpers in each grade to help assist with crafts, games and other activities. If you feel a calling to this precious ministry, please fill out our Wufoo form and we will contact you for more information. (<https://1stchurchtulsa.wufoo.com/forms/s9kfl860isia05/>)

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church? The Inquirers Class is an opportunity to learn more about the church and what we believe while meeting 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.





SAVE THE DATE

August 5-6	Global Leadership Summit
September 20	2021 Matson Cup Golf Tournament
August 22	Ping Pong Tournament & Cookout
September 28	Getty Concert
October 17	Ron Pearson Organ Concert

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>The God Who Knows Your Name</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Hymnology</i>	E204
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>Book of James</i>	E202

On Site and Zoom:

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

Today 7/25/21

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 7/28/21

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

Saturday 7/31/21

Before the Rooster Crows	8:45 a.m., E103
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**July 25, 2021
Stephenson Hall**

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