



Vespers Service
February 7, 2021
5:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885

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Welcome & Invitation to Worship

Songs of Praise

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth
come down, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my
soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the
blooming garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who
makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the
twinkling starry host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Come As You Are

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come
broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy,
O sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't
heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame; all who are
broken lift up your face. O wanderer come home, you're not too
far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed.
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the
weary, rest that endures; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven
can't cure. *Refrain*

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. *Refrain*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Good and Loved

Through our story is Your fingerprint. In the valley there is confidence. In the shadow, You will be our strength. One thing's for sure; Jesus our Lord.

Through the chaos, You will be our joy. When we're finished, You have so much more. In the waiting, You're an open door. Stand still and know Jesus, our Lord.

*They'll be times when we're up and times when we're down.
You're never too far. If we look around then we'll find You.
You're by our side, arms open wide. God is good, we are loved.
Oh, God is good, we are loved.*

What was, and is, is covered by the One who was, and is, we're covered by love. What was, and is, is covered by the One who was, and is, we're covered by love. God is good, we are loved. Oh, God is good, we are loved. *Refrain*

So, no matter what comes or goes, one thing that we must know, is that God is good, we are loved. God is good, we are loved.

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 sits at 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.

Reading Acts 26:12-18

Message Rise and Tell Your Story Dr. Jim Miller

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Songs of Response

Rescuer

There is good news for the captive. Good news for the shamed.
There is good news for the one who walked away. There is
good news for the doubter. The one religion failed. For the
good Lord has come to seek and save.

*He's our Rescuer. He's our Rescuer. We are free from sin
forevermore. Oh how sweet the sound. Oh how grace abounds.
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.*

He is beauty for the blind man. Riches for the poor. He is friendship for the one the world ignores. He is pasture for the weary. Rest for those who strive. Oh, the good Lord is the Way, the Truth, the Life. Yes, the good Lord is the Way, the Truth, the Life. *refrain*

So come and be chainless. Come and be fearless. Come to the foot of Calvary. There is redemption for every affliction here at the foot of Calvary. *refrain*

Worship Notes

We're so glad to welcome you on this Sunday in which we're led in worship by the FPC youth! The First Church *Next Generation* Team takes joy in shepherding our students –encouraging them to know Jesus, to love Him and to serve Him. Walking alongside each other, doing life together, gathering in worship, heading off on mission trips, coming to Sunday School, being involved in K-Groups and the like –all of these efforts shape the way we think and live. Thanks for your ongoing prayers for every student and their families and for those who seek to nudge them closer to Christ! We're also grateful to have young and gifted Julia Metcalf, our Director of University Ministries, in the pulpit this morning!

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 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**, 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 (Regular Sunday Evening Worship): Courtyard

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Matt Foster and Todd Bleakley, given by Dwight and Jan Creveling.

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.

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, Christina Fravel, Luke Fravel, Dr. Munson Fuller, Donna Gilliam, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, Pamela Neumann, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, David Perkins, 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.

First Church Updates

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.

FPC Youth Ministries is now accepting applications for the Heather Davis Memorial Internship. This is a three-month summer internship for a college student who is interested in Youth Ministry. Please visit the church website for more details. You can find the job description and application under the “employment” tab. The application deadline is Sunday, March 14.

To help fight hunger and poverty in Tulsa the Youth Ministries is asking each member of First Church to donate a dollar for the “Souper Bowl of Caring”. Donations will be collected today at the doors after each worship service and all donations will go to Helping Hand Ministry.

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 this morning 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.

Precepts will begin a new study over the books of Colossians and Philemon beginning on Tuesday, February 16 in E100 at 9:30 a.m. This study will help you gain a true knowledge of Christ so that you can increasingly live complete in Him.

FPC University Ministries: Check out our Gather, Grow, and Serve gatherings this week. (Follow us at [@ukirktulsa](#) for updates)

Join us as we **Serve** together in Miller Library at 12:15. We will be participating in a project for Emergency Infant Services of Tulsa. Lunch will be served!

Grow will continue next Sunday, February 14. Julia Metcalf will be teaching an on-going series called *Made in the Image of God*.

UKirk Spring Retreat will be held at Goodland Boys Home from March 12- 14. If you are interested in attending, please contact Julia at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Summer Plans? There are many ways for university students to serve this summer in roles that range from camp counselor to local community service. If you would like more information about these opportunities, contact Julia Metcalf at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Wednesday Night Downtown

5:15 p.m. dinner and 6:15 p.m. classes

AWANA returns this week. One of the great ways of wrapping Jesus' arms around His children!

WNDT: Adult Classes

Seekers with Rev. Wambugu, E103: an in-depth study of the Gospel of John.

Faith and Physics (video recast), Professor Jerry McCoy, TU physicist, E-104 Dr. Miller leads discussion following the video.

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. Please contact Paula Peterson (918-296-5548; mandppeterson@msn.com) or Monte Prater (918-605-9719; monteprater@aol.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 hellriott@firstchurchtulsa.org.*)

Covenanters The Pursuit of God, led by Tom Philp
Front Porch

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 2/7/21

Worship and Events

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

Monday 2/8/21

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

Tuesday 2/9/21

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

Wednesday 2/10/21

Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., Stephenson Hall

WNDR Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall

Gloria Choir 5:45 p.m.

Awana, POW, Life Groups 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation

Adult classes 6:15 p.m.

Ensemble Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

Saturday 2/13/21

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

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going the to link: bit.ly/fpcregister;

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