

Who is this Man?
Credible Witnesses on the Road
to Pentecost

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

April 16, 2023
Sanctuary, 11:00 AM

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885

Second Sunday of Easter

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

We don't believe something by merely saying we believe it, or even when we believe that we believe it. *We believe something when we act as if it were true.*

The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who, by profession or culture, are identified as 'Christians' will become disciples – students, apprentices, practitioners – of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence.

Dallas Willard, *The Great Omission*

The Prelude

FPC Festival Worship Team

Eric Baird, Jenni Dollahon, Clay Grogan, Allan Kanyeki, Michelle Lewandowski, Joy Likavo, Kayla Price, Carolyn Tsuma, Solomon Tsuma, Spurgeon Wambugu

*God So Loved,
God is On the Throne,
Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed*

The Welcome

Dr. Miller

*(Please sign, pass, and return the blue Friendship Register)
Choir Concert next Sunday at 5:00*

The Responsive Reading: Revelation 5:1-5

Then I saw a scroll in the right hand of the One seated on the throne; it was written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

**And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice,
'Who is worthy to open this scroll and break its seals?'**

And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll –or to look into it.

And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.

Then one of the elders said to me, *'Do not weep. Look! The Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered. He can open the scroll and its seven seals!'*

Then I saw a Lamb standing between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders --as if it had been slaughtered...

Amid this broken and groaning world, there is reason to take joy!

The Affirmation

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? **We do.** Do you feel the shadows deepen? **We do.** But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? **We do.** Do you wish that you could see it all made new? **We do.**

Is all creation groaning? **It is.** Is a new creation coming? **It is.**
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? **It is.**
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? **It is.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave, He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this? **He is.**

Does the Father truly love us? **He does.** Does the Spirit move among us? **He does.** And does Jesus our Messiah hold forever those He loves? **He does.** Does our God intend to dwell again with us? **He does.**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll? The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave, He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave. From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue, He has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son! Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? **He is.**
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? **He is!**

He is worthy! He is worthy! **He is!**

The Call to Worship

Pastors Julia Metcalf, James Estes,
Wambugu Gachungi

All glory to Him who loves us, to Him who was crucified, dead and buried for us!

And all glory to Him Whom the grave could not hold --but Who rose again on the third day!

And all glory to the One who conquered death, redeemed sins, and shares His life with the world!

He is risen, and here among us --ready with a blessing!

He is here, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

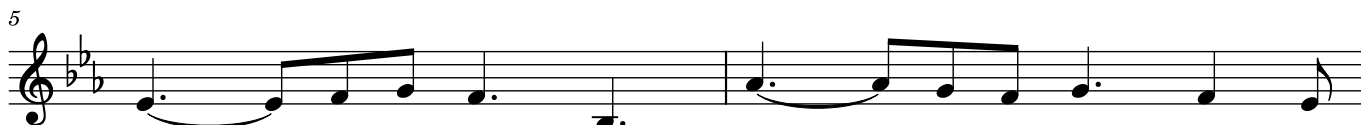
- ◆ **The Hymn** See, What a Morning Keith Getty, Stuart Townend
Acolytes: Jacob Case, James Doverspike, and Mikey Shelton
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See, - what a morn - ing glo - rious - ly bright, with the
See - Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where - is He laid?" As in
One - with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb;
Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty,



Fold - ed the grave clothes, tomb_ filled with light, as the
Hears - a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; It's the
hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the

an - gels an - nounce Christ is ris - en! See God's sal -
 Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life - again! - The voice that
 King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty! - And we are

10

va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in
 spans the - years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, - bring - ing
 raised with - Him, death is dead, love has won, - Christ has

12

sa - cri - fice, ful - filled in Christ, the - Man, for He
 peace - to us, - will sound 'til He ap - pears, for He
 con - quered; - And we shall reign with - Him, for He

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lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

◆ **The Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you;
And also with you!

◆ **The Hymn 104** Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! HYMN TO JOY

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Dr. John Frame

The Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1-5, Mark 1:9-11

The Blessing of the Young Disciples

The Joy of Baptism: Visible Sign, Invisible Presence!

The Sacrament of Baptism Co-Clerk Joel Donohue and Elder Jaclyn Metcalf
 Elanor and Rosewyn Hutchinson

Daughters of Rev. Dan and Hanna Hutchinson

◆ **The Response** Rejoice in the Lord, Now and Always!

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, sing it again, we rejoice!
Delight in the love He has shown us, gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise. We
gather in His goodness, a family of grace!

*With each breath He's given, praise the Lord; in these times we live
in, we will praise the Lord! Throughout every season, I am sure, we
have every reason to praise the Lord!*

The Gospel Reading John 20:30-31

The Sermon Who is This Man? Dr. John Ortberg
*These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is
the Messiah –and that by believing, you may have Life in His
name.* John 20:30-31

The Anthem This is the Day the Risen Lord Has Made Walter Ehret

This is the day the risen Lord has made, we shall rejoice and sing
our thankful praise to God, who from the tomb the Son did raise,
Alleluia. Descended from the cross, entombed in stone, embraced
by death and hell the strife He bore; out of the gloom His standard
goes before, Alleluia. In fear the trembling followers remained,
yet when they heard these words, their terror fled; the Lord
indeed is risen from the dead, Alleluia. This is the day, this is our
feast of joy, this is the triumph, this our victory: the Christ bestows
on us eternity, Alleluia.

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- ◆ **The Hymn** 144 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! HYFRYDOL
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Easter Victory Charles Callahan

We welcome and thank Steve Haefner, trumpeter, for his contribution to our service today, made possible by a generous gift from Sandy Henderson, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Doug.

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First Church Updates

It's an Eastertide Festival Sunday! We take great joy in welcoming Dr. John Ortberg as our special guest teacher and preacher! We join many in praying every blessing upon him, his wife, Nancy, and the larger family. May the Lord continue to bless the remarkable online ministry (*The Fellowship of the Withered Hand*) from which so many of us have benefited. (See: becomenew.com). *Check it out!*

Our Letter of Blessing today celebrates Mr. Terry Monkres --on his 90th birthday. Every blessing, Terry!

This Week

"Significant Essays" by C. S. Lewis. Dr. Miller begins his new Pastor's Study this week: each Wednesday (11:30 a.m.) and Sunday (9:30 a.m.).

Continuing the Prayer Vigil - The prayer room, (204), remains open during normal church hours through Pentecost, May 28. Come and enjoy a special time of presence and conversation with the Master.

Join us this Spring at "Seasons", a space for women in all seasons of life to connect with one another and be transformed by the Word and presence of God. Meet us tomorrow in Stephenson Hall from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Downtown

Join us for *Small Talk on Big Truths*: Dr. Miller joins Rev. Wambugu Gachungi in room E104 on Wednesdays nights at 6:15 p.m. --an in-depth study of last week's sermon Scriptures.

Mark Your Calendar

Inquirers Class – The adventure of Christian community! Bring your questions as you consider joining this community of faith. Sundays, April

23, 30, May 7 and 14 at 9:15 in the Miller Library. You can register by contacting Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028 or click on the QR code below.



Music Lovers! Join us for an inspiring concert:

Next Sunday, April 23, 5:00 p.m.

*Singing the Life of Christ,
from Prophecy to Resurrection*

Favorite anthems and Bible readings that tell The Story.

Featuring the Chancel Choir, Celebration Singers, and
First Church Choristers; with orchestra.

Reception following in the Atrium

Works of HeART - WOH is an FPC art ministry for the clients at the Day Center for the Homeless. Interested in volunteering? Visit the table in the atrium, Sunday, April 23, 30.

Presbyterian Women are selling Mother's Day cards to help benefit DVIS. The design artist this year is our member Mary Lee Torbert. You can purchase the cards in the atrium on Sunday, April 23, 30 or May 7.

PKM fundraiser, Thursday, April 27, 6:00 p.m., Bernsen Great Hall: the *Mara Gen* (love and hope) Concert includes the Tulsa Opera's *Traveling Voices* and the *International African Children's Choir*. Tickets: \$35. See <https://www.petrakids.org/mara-gen-concert> or the table in the atrium, April 16, 23. Your gifts support the PKM Student Scholarship Fund.

Deacons Day of Care: Saturdays, May 6 and May 20, 9:00 a.m. Teams help with light yard work and home maintenance. To volunteer, or to request help at your home, register in the atrium today or Sunday, April 30. Contact Julie Steiner at juliesteiner19@gmail.com or Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org for information.

Second Annual Kids Fishing Derby! Camp Loughridge, May 20. To register, visit the table in the atrium today.

Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

Young Adults – First Church is committed to cultivating faith within the next generation, providing a place for young adults to connect with one another and with the larger church. Find us on Facebook, Instagram at *@fpcyoungadults*, or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

Faith Partners Addiction Ministry - Faith Partners provides intervention, education, and recovery support to individuals and families suffering from addiction. If you are in need of help, resources, or if you have further questions, please call the Church and leave your number. A Faith Partners team member will return your call. All contact is confidential.

Adult Discipleship

- Fifteen Sunday morning classes for adults of all ages at 9:30 a.m.
- Weekday Bible studies.
- KGroups – Home-based fellowship groups.
- Wednesday Night Downtown - Optional Dinner 5:30, Stephenson Hall for all - 6:00 AWANA Clubs for children through grade 4 – 6:15 Middle School (Pathfinders), High School (Exodus) - 6:15 Adult Classes
- Quarterly spiritual retreats and other opportunities for prayer and spiritual formation

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Rob Berry, Beth Campbell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Anita Ewing, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Linda Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, Anne Nunnelee, David Osterholt,

Larry Osterhout, Rosemary Priest, Lyle Proffitt, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba and Susan Waldie.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Becky Lankford, a member since 2013, died on January 21; Cat Thompson, a member since 2017, died on April 8.

Worship Notes

The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lynn Miller by Tony Miller and family.

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

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*.

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*, text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code below.



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.

The Guild of Intercessors is a group of FPC members who are dedicated to praying for the needs both within and outside of this congregation. If you'd appreciate prayer for yourself, a loved one, or a friend, please call Paula Peterson, Guild Chairman at 918-296-5548. Requests are shared with the Pastors and Guild members.

SEEKING GOD'S SERVANT LEADERS

After the pattern of the One "who came not to be served, but to serve."

THIS WEEK

TODAY 4/16

9:30 am Dr. John Ortberg, Stephenson Hall
11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

Monday 4/17

11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103
6:30 pm Seasons Women's Gathering, Stephenson Hall

Tuesday 4/18

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 4/19

11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 206
12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
6:00 pm Awana, POW and Amass Exodus
6:15 pm Adult classes, various locations
6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 4/22

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

-Matthew 20:28

One of the most important privileges we share is to encourage gifted and committed men and women to serve the Lord in leadership positions. Thank you for taking time to offer suggestions to the FPC Nominating Committee.

ELDERS (THE SESSION):

Responsible for the governance of the church.
They provide leadership in all areas, including: Worship, Administration,
Programs, Mission, and Ministry.

DEACONS:

The "heartbeat" of the church, ordained for the purpose
of "ministering to those in special need."

TRUSTEES:

Stewards of the First Presbyterian Church Foundation.

THE OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Identifies leaders God has called and prepared to serve our congregation.

Currently Serving Elders

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
<i>Maxwell Asare</i>	<i>Laurel Baird</i>	<i>Brett Crane</i>
<i>Dacia Bird</i>	<i>Allison Biggs</i>	<i>Elizabeth DeVore</i>
<i>Janine Burlin</i>	<i>Mark Brown</i>	<i>John Harper</i>
<i>Debbie Favell</i>	<i>Larry Ewing</i>	<i>Jessica John-Bowman</i>
<i>Rusty Gaddy</i>	<i>Stephanie Madsen</i>	<i>Jeanette Kern</i>
<i>Patrick Kirunda</i>	<i>Urbanus Masaku</i>	<i>Jaclyn Metcalf</i>
<i>Elisa Mangesho</i>	<i>Steve Metcalf</i>	<i>Eric Olson</i>
<i>Anne McCoy</i>	<i>Paul Mungai</i>	<i>Jacob Thompson</i>
<i>Amy Russell</i>	<i>Denise Rounds</i>	<i>Solomon Tsuma</i>
<i>Jim Scheiper</i>	<i>Karen Woolman</i>	<i>Faith Wambugu</i>

Currently Serving Deacons

Currently Serving

Class of 2023

*Todd Schuster
Robert Pielsticker
Amy Tingleaf*

*Lucy Kamanae
Clint McQueen
Dylan Seibert
Ed Slier
Julie Steiner
Shannon Thomas*

Class of 2024

*Tina Aruna
Bette Cromer
Sandy Curtis
Quentin Franklin
Carter Mathews
Buddy Neal
Valentine Ndunga
Dan Richmond
Grace Shelton
Scott Swanson*

Trustees

Class of 2025

*Dr. John Frame
Ken McQueen
Barrett Powers*

*Brandon Evans
Jeremy Foon
Nick McMillan
Janet Mercer
Gladys Njino
Cissy Ssettimba*

Class of 2024

*Steve Caldwell
Jane Crain
Pam Farris*

FPC LEADERSHIP NOMINATIONS

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

Ephesians 4:11

Prayerfully fill out the form below by **Wednesday, May 15:**

E-mail nominees to: dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

I nominate this person for service as an (circle one):

Elder Deacon Trustee Nominating Committee

A. What specific strengths/gifts will this person bring to this position?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

B. Describe how this person has served Church at FPC or in the community.

Nominating Committee 2023: Co-Chair, Amy Russell, Co-Gary Johnson, Becca Kibui, Jason Pugh, Carol Rowland, Sp along with representatives from each officer board.



Patrick Grogan, Curie Winslow

Summer Reading by Dr. Ortberg!

