



Glimpsing God's Redemptive Work

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

**YOUTH SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 12, 2023
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Words of Preparation

I think in Paul's mind, knowing God increasingly and knowing God's will increasingly are part of the same experience of knowing, because to know somebody, when you think about it, is to know what they love, know what they hate, know what they desire, know what they will.

That's what it means to know them. John Piper

I Thank God

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide, this weary soul this bag of bones. I try with all of my might but I just can't win the fight. I'm slowly drifting; a vagabond. And just when I ran out of the road, I met a man I didn't know, and He told me that I was not alone.

You picked me up, You turned me around, and placed my feet on solid ground. I thank the Master. I thank the Savior. Because You healed my heart, You changed my name, forever free, I'm not the same. I thank the Master. I thank the Savior. I thank God.

I cannot deny what I've seen; got no choice but to believe. My doubts are burnin' like ashes in the wind. So, "so long" to my old friends burden and bitterness. You can just keep them moving. They ain't welcome here.

From now 'til I walk streets of gold, I'll sing of how You saved my soul. This wayward son has found his way back home. *Refrain*

Hell lost another one I am free. I am free. I am free.
Refrain

Welcome

Jackson Seibert

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Justice McIntosh

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

So come! Let us stand in honor!

And let us worship God!

Songs of Praise

God So Loved

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water; come and thirst no more. Come all you sinners, come find His mercy, come to the table, He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power of hell, forever defeated, now it is well; I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love. *Refrain*

Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer, there is no more for heaven now to give. He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom. My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His. Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing "all is mine", yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay. I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed. To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley he will lead. Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome, yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid, for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea. Oh, the chains are released. I can sing I am free, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that he will bring me home. And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne. To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him. When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat, yet not I, but through Christ in me.

First Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

Judah DeSpain

Prayer of Confession

Naomi DeSpain

Almighty God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have left things undone which we should have done. We have done things we should not have done. O Lord, in your great mercy, hear us as we repent, forgive us of our sins and restore us to the joy of your salvation...
(in silence)

The Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon him.

Alleluia! Amen!

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

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.

Song of Preparation God is on the Throne

Why should I worry? Why should I fear? Why should I run when Jesus is here? I'm safe in His arms. Safe in His heart. Nothing can take me away from His love.

God is on the throne. He reigns forevermore. Just think about it. Just think about it. God is always good. He loves like a father should. Just think about it. Just think about it.

When I am anxious, when I'm afraid, I find strength when I call on His Name. I'm safe in His arms. Safe in His heart. Nothing can take me away from His love. He's the King of power. The King of kings. He is the Lord over everything. To Him be the glory, the honor and praise, forever and ever, amen, always. *Refrain*

Hallelujah, He reigns. Hallelujah, He saves. Hallelujah, always. He's never gonna let me down. *Refrain*

Second Reading Colossians 1:3-14

Senior Reflection

Lucas Brown

Sermon

Working with God

Rev. Julia Metcalf

*...that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all
spiritual wisdom and understanding... Colossians 1:9b*

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

Song of Sending 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.*

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*

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First Church Updates

Today

Our *Letter of Well-Wishing* (placed just outside the door of this space) is directed today to Dr. John and Kitty Frame.

Uganda Mission Trip information meeting - today, 12:30 p.m., room E101. Join us to hear more about the mission trip to Petra Christian School in Aduku, Uganda, June 10 – 24.

Update on the Rusyns: Luda arrived safely in Kiev after a 45-hour journey. Ivan departs for Ukraine this week. Dr. and Mrs. Rusyn share their deep gratitude for this congregation's heartfelt welcome and extraordinary generosity. Over \$50,000 was given toward the needs within their community.

This Week

Seasons "Galantines" event tomorrow, February 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Judith Land will be sharing about Ordinary Life with Christ, and we will enjoy dessert and raffle prizes.

Seekers - Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. in room E104, this is an in-depth study of the weekly sermon scriptures, led by Rev. Wambugu Gachungi.

Wednesday Night downtown: Six-Week Series
Wednesdays

Navigating the River (of Culture):
What Christians Need to Know

5:30 dinner/6:15 class, Stephenson Hall

Examining our Culture: Healthy, Robust, or Not So Much?

Examining the Church?

What kind of challenges face the Church?

What questions is the Culture asking the Church?

February 15: Dr. Jeff Francis, Sharp Chaplain, University of Tulsa

Professor Jerry McCoy continues his class on *Faith and Physics* next Sunday (9:30 a.m.) in Stephenson Hall and Wednesday (11:30 a.m.) in room E104.

Mark Your Calendar

Ash Wednesday, February 22, leads us into our Lenten journey. Come and share a soup supper at 5:30 p.m. and join for worship in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. The imposition of ashes is a most moving part of this service.

Stay Close to the Master: Wednesday nights during Lent, beginning March 1, Stephenson Hall, 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sign-up today in the atrium to reserve your place! We gather for a time of worship followed by discussion around the tables. Dr. John Ortberg, who preaches here on the Sunday after Easter, offers a ten-minute video devotional, followed by questions and conversations at the tables. First Baptist Church, North Tulsa, and their pastor, Rev. Anthony Scott, will be joining us.

Spiritual Disciplines Retreat, Saturday, February 25, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Camp Loughridge, led by Rev. Julia Metcalf.

Join a gathering of disciples for a quiet day to draw close to the Lord. We will spend time in prayer, reflection and rich conversation with fellow Christians growing in faith. The cost to attend is \$10 and includes breakfast and lunch. Click QR code below to register. For more information, contact Laura Stevens at lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1019.



All-Church Retreat: Friday and Saturday, March 24-25, 2023 at New Life Ranch Frontier Cove. Our keynote speaker will be Dr. Wes Vander Lugt. Detailed information, schedule and registration will be available soon.

Ongoing Ministries

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](https://www.instagram.com/fpcyoungadults), or contact Dan Hutchinson at 918-301-1040.

Internship Opportunity– Are you a college student who loves the Lord Jesus and enjoys working with youth? Next Generation Ministries is now receiving applications for its summer youth ministry internship program. For more information, contact Steve Wilson at swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Presbyterian Women’s February Mission project: Presbyterian Disaster Resistance: hygiene kits: hand towels, wide-tooth combs, nail clippers, bath-sized, individually wrapped bars of soap, new single toothbrushes, and band-aids. Look for their mission box in the atrium.

Opportunities to Serve the Master

Children's Ministry opportunities – Invest your time with the youngest members of our congregation!

Two Second Grade Sunday School Classroom Assistants - Join us once a month to assist the lead Sunday school teacher in the classroom. Duties include assisting with crafts and helping with the lesson. 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

Two Awana Substitute Leaders - Join us on Wednesday evenings 6:00 -7:30 p.m. when needed. Fill in as a group leader by moving children to activity stations and helping with scripture memory.

Infant/Nursery/Preschool 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Baby Rockers - Help rock babies in the infant room. Sunday School Classroom Assistant - Help the classroom lead teacher with lesson, craft and general playtime.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sarah Savage at ssavage@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1011, Rachael Tsuma at rkamaru@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1006 or Erin Barnhart at ebarnhart@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1004.

Chancel Choir: If you love to sing and spread the Good News through music, your invited to add your voice to the Chancel Choir! Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Contact Ron Pearson at rpearson@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1013 or Gretchen Bashforth at gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1012.

Memorial Service Greeting Ministry: Serve as a greeter for memorial services, with approximately a one-hour commitment. Memorial services are usually on weekday afternoons and sometimes on Saturdays. If interested, please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1029.

Volunteers are needed to help print the weekly bulletins. We have an opportunity for you to work with us on Thursday afternoons for 3 – 4 hours each week. If you are interested, please contact Dionna Schooley at dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1015.

Masterwork Academy is all about the arts—of serving, of being available, of encouraging, and of being a friend. Of course, we're all about dance, art, music, theater, fitness and learning the Bible too. We're not looking for skill, we're looking for heart. If yours beats with the love of Christ and you have an weekday afternoon from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to spare, please contact Jenette McEntire at jmcentire@masterworkacademy.org or Laura Voth, lvoth@masterworkacademy.org/918-954-1100.

Seeking writers and photographers - We have volunteer opportunities to serve in our communications area as a writer or photographer. We publish a quarterly magazine and semimonthly newsletter; we are seeking folks who would love to tell or illustrate our stories. To volunteer, contact Louann Buhlinger at lbuhlinger@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-740-7055.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Beth Campbell, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Paul Dick, Donna Droege, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Linda Hopkins, Mike Hopkins, Elaine Horky, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Susan Lawrence, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Morgan, David Osterholt, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Bill Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Laurie Sundborg, Mike Tidwell, Susan Waldie, and Carolyn Wilcott.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Jane Mulkey, a member since 2021, died on February 4.

Sympathy and Prayers to: John and Kitty Frame on the death of their son, John, on February 8.

Worship Notes

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Marshall Milligan by his family.

Services are broadcast and 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.

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.

THIS WEEK

TODAY 2/12

8:00 am Worship, Kerr Chapel
 8:30 am Worship, Stephenson Hall
 9:30 am Gatherings and Classes
 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall and Great Hall

Monday 2/13

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

Tuesday 2/14

9:30 am Precepts, E100

Wednesday 2/15

11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 204
 12:00 pm Pathways to Hope, 206
 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
 6:00 pm Awana, Children's Area, POW, Amass Exodus, Powerhouse
 6:15 pm Various Adult Classes
 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 2/16

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY: Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.

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| Cornerstone | Minor Prophets | E102 |
| Covenanters | Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms | E101 |
| Faith and Family | Neuroscience: The Impact of Technology on Our Kids: "Faith" | Prayer Room |
| Forum | <i>Salvation-God's Best Gift to Us</i> | E200 |
| Harbingers | <i>Hearing God</i> | B318 |
| Morning Glory | Prayers and Bible Study | E201 |
| New Parents | Theology and Parenting | E205 |
| Pastor's Study 1 | Faith and Physics | Stephenson Hall |
| Pastor's Study 2 | New Testament Overview | E104 |
| Reflections | <i>Judges</i> | E103 |
| Shepherds | <i>Old Testament Connections/Fulfillment</i> | E203 |
| Sojourners | Kark Barth Dogmatics | E204 |
| UKirk | New Testament Overview | E104 |
| The Vine | <i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i> | E100 |
| Westminster | Theology Brewed in an African Pot | Tower Room |
| Young Adults | New Testament Overview | E104 |