



Glimpsing God's Redemptive Work

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

Youth Sunday

February 12, 2023
Sanctuary, 11:00 AM

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

Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

We must not suppose that even if we succeeded in making everyone nice, we should have saved their souls. A world full of nice people, content in their own niceness, looking no further, turned away from God, would be just as desperately in need of salvation as a miserable world—and might even be more difficult to save. For mere improvement is no redemption...God became man to turn creatures into sons: not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man.

C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

The Introit I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies, from *St. Paul*

Felix Mendelssohn

Emma Myatt and Hannah Johnson, soloists

I will sing of thy great mercies, O Lord, my Savior, and of thy faithfulness evermore.

Psalm 89:1

The Welcome

Steve Wilson

(Please sign, pass, and return the blue Friendship Register)

The Call to Worship Psalm 100

Gil Barnhart

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!**

◆ **The Hymn** 276 Great Is Thy Faithfulness FAITHFULNESS
Acolytes: Worship 101

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Gabe Lofton

The First Reading Isaiah 53:4-6

The Prayer of Confession Luke Lofton

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 that 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 our sins and restore us to the joy of your salvation...
(in silence)

The Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel, that in Jesus Christ there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name. **Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** (The Apostles' Creed) Jon Scheiper

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 Response of Gratitude** The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Second Reading Colossians 1:3-14

The First Reflection

Jesse Swan

The Blessing of the Young Disciples

Caleb Tham

Song of Preparation 322 Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD

The Second Reflection

Will Scheiper

The Hymn Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thy my great Father and I thy true Son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

The Sermon Kingdom Living Rev. Dan Hutchinson
He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son... Colossians 1:13

The Anthem Show Me Thy Ways Walter Pelz
Show me thy ways O Lord, teach me thy paths; lead me in thy truth and teach me: For thou art the God of my salvation, and on thee do I wait all the day. (Psalm 25:4,5)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer David Scheiper

◆ **The Hymn** 466 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing AZMON

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune AZMON

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.

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

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.

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, Stepheson 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*, 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, you're 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 Horkey, 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.

Cornerstone	Minor Prophets	E102
Covenanters	<i>Renovated: God, Dallas, & the Church That Transforms</i>	E101
Faith and Family	<i>Neuroscience: The Impact of Technology on Our Kids: "Faith"</i>	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	<i>Theology Brewed in an African Pot</i>	Tower Room