



Christ and His Church

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

**NOVEMBER 12, 2023
11:00 AM
STEPHENSON HALL
*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885***

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Stephenson Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Words of Preparation

The society into which the Christian is called at baptism is not a collective but a Body...If anyone came to it with the misconception that membership of the Church was membership in a debased modern sense—a massing together of persons as if they were pennies or counters—he would be corrected at the threshold by the discovery that the head of this Body is so unlike the inferior members that they share no predicate with Him save by analogy...His presence, the interaction between Him and us, must always be the overwhelmingly dominant factor in the life we are to lead within the Body, and any conception of Christian fellowship that does not mean primarily fellowship with Him is out of court.

C.S. Lewis, *Membership*

Prelude

Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendour outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only. Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God. *Refrain*

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. *Refrain*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

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*

There is Hope

There is hope in grace unceasing, You withhold your wrath from me, poured it out upon my Saviour on the cross of Calvary. There is hope now for the hopeless, there is victory all can know, for the tomb lies bare and broken, and death's power is overthrown.

Jesus Christ my hope forever, hope unlike the world can bring, Your steadfast love beyond all measure; there is hope in Christ my King.

There is hope for sons and daughters who have wandered on their own. Hear the songs of joy from heaven as the lost are welcomed home. *Refrain*

Hallelujah! Hope of heaven, precious treasure of my life, all my joy is in your presence. I am yours and you are mine.

I will wait until I see Him, though the twilight turns to night, for my hope is not defeated, it will greet His dawning light. *Refrain*

First Reading

Psalm 51

Elder Steve Metcalf

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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!

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.

Passing of the Peace

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

Baptism

Co-clerk Joel Donohue

Robert "Trip" Clayton Holk, III, son of Robert "Clay" and Jennifer Holk

Offering

I Am Not My Own

The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul; before I drew a breath I was loved and known. I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece, and all that He designs will be done in me.

My body is a temple of the Living God; I'll worship in this house that His blood has bought. As I bear His image, O may I not profane, the holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

I belong to the Lord, O I am not my own. I belong to the Lord, I am not my own. I will honor Him for this I know, I belong to the Lord, I am not my own.

And, if He has redeemed me, I am not my own. The measure of my worth is His love alone. He declares my standing, and He declares my state, so I will know myself by the name He gave. *Refrain*

I am not my own and now my heart is free; O Maker come and make what You will of me. There is nothing broken that You can not repair, so Lord I leave my life in Your loving care. *Refrain*

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Sermon

Connected to Christ

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Now, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Song of Sending

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.

Charge and Benediction

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Welcome to First Church! We are a community that seeks to lift high the name of Jesus and to serve the common good. If you are here for the first time, we pray that you will sense the presence of Christ and the warmth of this congregation. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you! For information, contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or phall@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Today

Book Table Annual Sale: Today and next Sunday, November 19, from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the atrium. Visit the book table in the atrium and choose from an array of titles on sale for one to five dollars.

Masterwork Academy is pleased to host our first ever pop-up art exhibit—**TODAY!** Featuring beautiful, original paintings, The Classic Christian Art Collection contains art from the golden age of Sunday School, depicting some of the most iconic and beloved stories in the Bible. Books containing the art will be available. Join us at 8:30-10:30 a.m. and 12:00-1:30 p.m., on the 2nd floor of the BC.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Cathy Akin, Jane Azlin, Adelle Beathe, Steve Brill, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Randy Corelli, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Judah DeSpain, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Gaye Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Brenda Johnson, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, Jim Miller, David Osterholt, Bill Peacher, Shari Postier, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Marcia Tromp, and Susan Waldie.

Worship Notes

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 you have 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.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Jim and Mary Diacon, in appreciation for the faithful service offered by the pastors, choir, and support staff of First Church.

Our *Letter of Blessing* today goes to Barbara Sanders.

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.



First Church Updates

It is Stewardship Season! The Session is already examining the 2024 FPC budget. Thank you for taking the local church seriously and giving of your very best to the Master. In this transition time, your support in prayer and giving is vital.

First Church's Online Directory (Realm) will be activated soon. This secure directory will only be accessible to other First Church members. If you have any questions about accessing, setting up your account, privacy settings, etc., please contact Kathy Wilson at kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org.

For information regarding the transition and the future of pastoral leadership, check out the website at firstchurchtulsa.org and look for the highlighted word "transition". If you have questions, concerns, or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the members of the Transition Team by sending your inquiries to FPCTransition@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Pastoral Prayer: Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. If you're interested in receiving a weekly prayer prompt, please text [@pastorfpc](https://www.instagram.com/pastorfpc) to "81010".

Presbyterian Women's November mission is the Coffee Bunker, which supports service members and veterans toward successful reintegration with their families and communities. An acrylic box will be on the reception desk in the atrium to collect funds that will purchase food for holiday meals at the Coffee Bunker.

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.facebook.com/fpcyoungadults) or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

Events This Week

Wednesday Night Downtown

Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Stephenson Hall – Class starts at 6:15 p.m.

Seekers Bible Study, room E104 - Rev. Wambugu leads an in-depth study of the Sunday morning sermon scriptures.

Praying for the Transition, room 206 (Prayer Room) - Rev. James Estes leads us in a time of prayer for the ongoing mission of First Church, looking to the Lord for comfort, guidance, and direction during this time of pastoral transition.

6 Great Dates, room E103 - Couples will spend time growing closer to Christ and to one another. Led by Jerry and Anne McCoy, and Rev. Dan Hutchinson.

Jesus, the Light of the World, room E100 - Duff Points leads this study from the book of John and other scriptures that point to the Light that will never be overcome by darkness.

Mark Your Calendar

Young Adult Friendsgiving on Sunday, November 19, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., at Dan and Hanna Hutchinson's home (4043 E. 48th St.). Bring a dish to share.

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, we gather in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. for worship, followed by a traditional Thanksgiving meal in Stephenson Hall. This event is hosted by the Deacons for First Church members who don't have family nearby. Guests are welcome. Although there is no cost for this meal, your RSVP is important to ensure there is enough food for all. Register by clicking the QR code below by Sunday, November 19.



Music Lovers! The Chancel Choir invites you to their annual Fall concert on Sunday, November 19, at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a program of favorite seasonal anthems, featuring the modern masterpiece, *Te Deum*, by Mark Hayes, which uses an ancient Christian text set to an exciting new musical language. Other titles include the Bach favorite, *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*, the much-loved *God So Loved the World*, by John Stainer; a beautiful John Rutter arrangement of *Be Thou My Vision*, for choir and harp, and the famous Mack Wilberg arrangement of *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, which has become a favorite of audiences everywhere.

The Choir will be joined by a professional orchestra; a reception will follow in the Atrium.

Please join us for an hour of inspiring choral classics that will please your ears and lift your soul!

Keith and Kristyn Getty and their band return to First Church on Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. for their ***Sing! An Irish Christmas*** concert tour!! **Our choir has been invited to sing for this event and we want to fill the loft!** There will be two rehearsals during the week prior to the concert. To add your voice to the choir, scan the QR code below and register by Sunday, November 19.



COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY 11/12

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall

Monday 11/13

- 10:00 am Little Lambs, Wiseman Hall
- 11:30 am Monday School, Kirkland Library
- 11:45 am Guy's Monday Bible Study, E103
- 7:00 pm Overtones Rehearsal, Bell Choir
- 6:30 pm Seasons Women Gathering, Miller Library

Tuesday 11/14

- 9:30 am Precepts Bible Study, E100

Wednesday 11/15

- 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner, Stephenson Hall
- 6:00 pm Awana, POW, Amass Exodus
- 6:15 pm Adult Classes
- 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Saturday 11/18

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Classes for **NEXT** Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

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| <i>Cornerstone</i> | Heidelberg Catechism | E102 |
| <i>Covenanters</i> | Driving Through History – Acts to Revelation | E101 |
| <i>Faith and Family</i> | Teaching Kids the Core Beliefs of Christianity | Prayer Room |
| <i>Forum</i> | Who is This Man | E200 |
| <i>Harbingers</i> | The Life You've Always Wanted | E202 |
| <i>Morning Glory</i> | Confronting Jesus | B318 |
| <i>Young Parents</i> | Guest Speaker | E205 |
| <i>Pastor's Study/Foundations</i> | | |
| | Letters of Paul | E104 |
| <i>Reflections</i> | 1 John Bible Study | E103 |
| <i>Shepherds</i> | Jesus, The Light of Christ | E203 |
| <i>Sojourners</i> | Exodus Study | E204 |
| <i>The Vine</i> | I John | E100 |
| <i>Westminster</i> | Maccabees | Tower Room |
| <i>Young Adults and Ukirk</i> | Discovery Bible Study | E201 |