

Fourth Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Words of Preparation

“What are we to make of Jesus Christ?” This is a question which has, in a sense, a frantically comic side. For the real question is not what are we to make of Christ, but what is He to make of us? *C. S. Lewis*

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

The Introit I Want Jesus To Walk With Me Spiritual, arr. Bruce Trinkleay
First Church Singing Men; Ron Pearson, director

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord Jesus, walk with me. *Refrain.*

The Call to Worship Dr. Ryan Moore

Within each of us, we carry this deep longing for Jesus. All along our pilgrim journey,

We want Jesus to walk with us.

And of this there can be no doubt: for Jesus has promised, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am right there among you!” Even now, this morning, in this house of prayer, Jesus is here – walking with us; we have ample reason to sing our joy:

May Jesus Christ be praised! Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised!

The night becomes as day when from the heart we say: may Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear when this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine my song of love divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Sing this eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Acolytes: Julia Elias, Lydia Elias, and Jonathan Hendricks

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

The First Reading Isaiah 64:1-10 Ellie Swan

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty and Holy God, who are we to come into your presence? Our sinfulness has corroded our hearts, jaded our minds, corrupted our souls. We have nothing to offer you except our brokenness. How shall we stand before you, O holy God of heaven and earth? Because of our sin, we are naked and ashamed in your presence. Naked and ashamed. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers. . . . *(in silence)*

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

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Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 9:30

Bible Walk <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>How the Bible Came to Be</i> , Phil Rounds	E101
Cornerstone <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Questions from Jesus' Last Week Lenten Study</i>	E102
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>The Benedictine Option</i> , Class led	E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	<i>Prayer for the City Bootcamp</i> , Class led	West Parlor
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>What Wondrous Love</i> , Class led	E200
Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Paul's Letter to Timothy</i> , Dave Kern	BC Recpt.
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	Rev. Vince King teaching	E202
Mariners <i>(Seniors)</i>		E104
The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i>	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Tim Clement	Kirkland Library
Pastor's Study	<i>Study of C. S. Lewis' Essays</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Miller Library
Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Malachi</i> , Rev. James Estes	E103
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Life and Ministry of the Messiah</i> , Steve Caldwell	E203
Sojourners <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Understanding Creation through Mathematics</i> , Dr. Jacques LaFrance	E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Book of Matthew</i> , Kirt Bankston	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Questions from Jesus' Last Week Lenten Study</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults <i>(20s & 30s)</i>	<i>Heidelberg Catechism</i> , Rev. Dan Hutchinson	Prayer Room

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 03/11/18 **Worship Services:** 8:00 a.m. in Kerr Chapel; 8:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall; 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Stephenson Hall, and the Great Hall, BC.

Monday 03/12/18 **Moms on Monday.** 9:30 a.m. Room E101.
Christian Classics. 11:30 a.m. Kirkland Library, Bernsen Center. Dr. Warren Muller leading discussion on “*The Life of Antony, Athanasius of Alexandria, AD 296-373*”. Optional lunch available. Please reserve by noon the Friday before.
Overtones rehearsal. 7:00 p.m. Bell choir room 309.

Tuesday 03/13/18 **Tuesday Morning Men's Fellowship Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. E313.
Precept Bible Study. 9:30 a.m. Room E100.

Wednesday 03/14/18 **Men's Bible Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. Room E101.
Marys and Marthas Bible Study. 10:00 a.m. Room E101.
Pastor's Study. 11:30 a.m. Room E104. *Study of C. S. Lewis' Essays*, Dr. Jim Miller.
Narnia in the Courtyard. 11:30 a.m. Room E103.
Yoga Class. Noon. 1st Floor Reception, BC. Open to all.
WNDT Dinner. 5:30 p.m.
Gloria Choir Rehearsal. 5:30 p.m. Room 308.
POW. 6:00 p.m. Powerhouse.
AWANA. 6:00 p.m. Wiseman Hall.
WNDT Lenten Worship. 6:15 p.m. Sanctuary. *Malachi 2:17-3:5 – Christmas in Lent*
Chancel Choir Rehearsal. 6:30 p.m. Choir Room.
Exodus Life Groups. 6:30 p.m. In homes.

Thursday 03/15/18 **Hearts for the Lord.** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. KRC. This Bible study is for Christian women of all ages and denominations. Bring your friends!
PW Inverness Circle. 10:30 a.m. Inverness Village.
PW Esther Circle. 10:30 a.m. Room E202.
Leader Talks. 11:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall. Horst Schultz speaking on “Creating World Class Service.”
PW Soup Group. Noon. Miller Library.
College ministry: UKirk - Gateway Worship. 9:00 p.m. Sharp Chapel, University of Tulsa.

Saturday 03/17/18 **Before the Rooster Crows.** 8:45 a.m. Room E103.

THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

Welcome to the First Church community! Since 1885, as the first church established in Tulsa, we seek to be faithful in service to Jesus Christ and the common good. If you do not have a church home, we'd love to welcome you as a member among us. For information, contact Patricia Hall (918-301-1028 or pball@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Narnia in the Courtyard is a homeschool children's companion course to the Pastor's Study at 11:30 every Wednesday. Lessons from the Scriptures will take on deeper meaning for children as they discuss Bible stories through the lens of *The Chronicles of Narnia* series by C. S. Lewis. Parents are encouraged to join Dr. Miller's continuing study of Mr. Lewis' essays. Please reserve lunch on the church website by Monday afternoon each week. For more information, contact Gretchen (gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org or 918-301-1019).

Retirees, save the date, Tuesday, March 27 for our luncheon meeting in the Miller Library at 11:15 a.m. Our speaker will be Brian Bovaird, Executive Director of Camp Loughrridge, letting us know about the new and exciting things happening at your camp. Lunch reservations (\$6) are required to Cathy Mitchell (918-584-3701).

Faith Partners, a ministry of First Church, helps individuals struggling with an addiction restore hope and faith through the power of the Holy Spirit by offering compassion, education, and resources. If you or someone you know is struggling, don't let shame or stigma prevent you from seeking help. You can contact any First Church Pastor or one of the Faith Partners Ministry team. All contact is confidential. Information is available in the NW corner of the Miller Library.

Helping Hands Ministry has two openings for volunteers on Fridays. If you feel the call to join a dedicated staff that are the face and hands of Christ in our community, please contact Emma Smith (918-274-8570).

Divorce; a death in the family; losing a job.... Crisis can be overwhelming. A Stephen Minister is ready and willing to confidentially care for you or a friend during difficult times like these. To find out more about Stephen Ministry or to receive a Stephen Minister's care, call any of the pastors or the pastoral care office (918-301-1029). *(Please do not report a friend's need without first asking his or her permission to do so.)*

NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE

For questions or to make a reservation for any of the following events, please contact Kenna Hill (918-301-1008 or khill@firstchurchtulsa.org).

Grade Lunches will be held on: 4th Grade: today; 1st Grade: April 8; 2nd Grade: April 15.

Save the Date: Spring Festival: Saturday, March 31, at 10:00 a.m. in the Courtyard. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers - 3rd grade at 10:00 a.m. sharp, followed by an interactive story time and a special guest appearance by Shabeau the donkey. Bring your children, grandchildren, and friends to join the fun!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

March 25	Palm Sunday. Worship at 8:00, 8:30, and 11:00 a.m.
March 29	Maundy Thursday. Tenebrae worship at 7:00 p.m.
March 30	Good Friday worship. <i>Seven Last Words of Christ</i> . Noon. Kerr Chapel
March 31	Spring Festival. 10:00 a.m. Courtyard.
April 1	Easter worship: 6:30 (Camp Loughrridge), 8:00, 8:30, and 11:00 (Church).
April 8	Annual Congregational Meeting. 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall.
April 12	Leader Talk: 11:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall with Sheila Heen.
April 12-15	Cursillo #28 at Dwight Mission.
April 15	Retirement Celebration for Steve Caldwell following 11 a.m. worship. Miller Atrium and Stephenson Hall.
April 15	Chancel Choir Spring Concert at 5:00 p.m.

The Solo Just As I Am

Craig Courtney

Regan Murrell, soloist

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me, and that Thou biddest me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come!

The Offer of Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness! **Alleluia! AMEN!**

◆ **The Response** Glory Be To The Father GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. **AMEN.**

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed *(hymnal, p.14)*

The Time with the Young Disciples What's a Revival?

The Hymn Here is Love, Vast as the Ocean

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood, when the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide; through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above, and heav'n's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

In Your truth You do direct me by Your Spirit through Your Word; and Your grace my need is meeting as I trust in You, my Lord. Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love afresh on me, without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee!

The Gospel Reading Matthew 27:15-23

The Sermon The Question Everybody Is Answering Dr. Jim Miller

What shall I do with Jesus.....? (Matthew 27:22)

The Offertory Surely He Hath Borne Our Griets Karl Heinrich Graun

Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. *Isaiah 53:4*

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn 485** To God Be The Glory TO GOD BE THE GLORY

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Prelude and Fugue in C Minor Anton Bruckner

THE PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Glen Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Marilyn Bush, Lysbeth Cain, Linda Campbell, Eleanor Carmack, Diane Cherry, Karen Cluck, Coleman Coates, David Cordell, Sandra Cousins, Vida Culvern, Judy Doyle, Fred Droege, Carol Dunning, A. J. Eagleton, Margaret Fisher, Kimberly Flanagan, Fred Fulkerson, Eugene Gilbert, Mary Hight, Margaret Hiserodt, June Holmes, Nathan Homan, Maggie Hubner, Meg Hubler, Ruth Huffman, Eunice Jamison, Ralph Kitch, Robert Kramer, Joyce Kunkel, George Matson, Suzy McCormack, Lance Miller, Lynn Miller, Barbara Mugge, Pamela Neumann, Jerry Nixon, Patti Parker, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, David Raybourn, Lisa Rice, Linda Richmond, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Sarah Smith, Bill Southmayd, Burton Speed, Bill Thompson, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Greg Welborn, Jack Williams, Jean Williams, Ruth Wilson, Richard Wright, and Dwight Yenser.

Letters of Well Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Judy Pollard Doyle and to Amy Russell.

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WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Vicki Grant and in honor of William Grant, Jr. by their children.

Do you (or someone you know) need prayer? Please complete a prayer request card from the Sanctuary pew or the Friendship Register. Place the card in the offering plate, the prayer request plaque on the Narthex wall, or in the prayer request box at the Welcome Center in the Miller Atrium. Pastors and members of the Guild of Intercessors will pray over your request. All prayer requests will be treated in a confidential manner.

Allergen-free communion wafers (wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn free) are available from ushers.

You may participate in the offering electronically at www.firstchurchtulsa.org or text 405-276-4141.

First Church telecasts are: Sunday 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. on Cox 3 and Channel 1003 (HD). Also now available on the church website, www.firstchurchtulsa.org on the "Digital Media" tab.



Keeping the "Lord's Will" in "our Will" extends what we can do to advance the Kingdom beyond our lifetime! Have you included the First Church Foundation in your will?

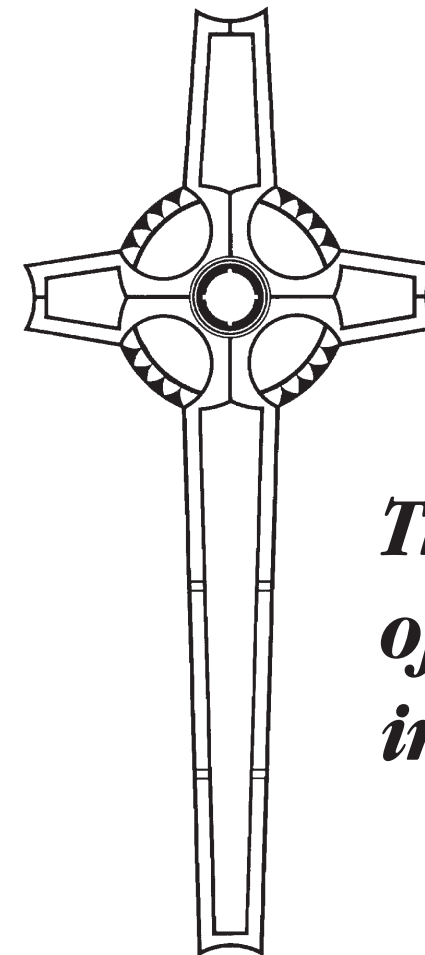
For those who need assistance in the Sanctuary or Stephenson Hall, audio headsets are available from the ushers. Also available are large-print hymnals and Bibles.

To notify the church of a birth, death, illness, hospitalization, change of address/phone number in your family or to request a pastoral visit at home or in the hospital, please contact Dionna Schooley (918-301-1029) or dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org.

THE FIRST CHURCH PASTORS

James D. Miller, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor* Ryan V. Moore, Ph.D., *Co-Pastor*
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**11:00 AM
SANCTUARY**

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