

Third Sunday of Easter
11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The Prayer of Preparation

Fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement: he is a rebel who needs to lay down his arms. Laying down your arms, surrendering, saying you are sorry, realizing that you have been on the wrong track and getting ready to start life over again from the right one – that is the only way out of our “hole.”
C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

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

The Introit How Beautiful Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson
Regan Murrell and Wyatt Cobb, soloists

How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the children of earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross. *How beautiful is the body of Christ.* How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead. How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise. *Refrain.* And as he laid down his life, we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as he died: willing to pay the price. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the children of earth. *Refrain.*

The Call to Worship

Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is the King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?

The Lord Almighty – he is the King of glory. *Psalm 24:7-10*

- ◆ **The Hymn 457** I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art TOULON
Acolytes: Jacob Hand, David Scheiper, and Charles Haskell

- ◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Elder Janet Bull

The First Reading Psalm 4:1-8

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior...*(silent prayer)*...AMEN.

The Assurance of Pardon

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>The Story</i> , Class led	E102
Covenanters <i>(Couples w/children)</i>	<i>Case for Christ</i> , Tom Philp	E201
Faith and Family <i>(Parents)</i>	<i>Prayer for the City Bootcamp</i> , Class led	West Parlor
Forum <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>Twelve Ordinary Men</i> , Class led	E200
Front Porch Team <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>The Gospel and Why We Don't Get It</i> , Rev. Rick Davis	BC Recept.
Harbingers <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	Rev. Vince King teaching	E202
Mariners <i>(Seniors)</i>	<i>Life and Ministry of the Messiah</i> , Bob Simmons	E104
The Niche 2.0 <i>(Special needs)</i>	<i>The Bible Project</i> , Class led	Kirkland Library
Pastor's Study	<i>The Essays of C. S. Lewis</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Miller Library
Reflections <i>(All ages)</i>	Dr. Ryan Moore teaching	E103
Shepherds <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>On the Joy of the Lord</i> , Tim Clement	E203
Sojourners <i>(All ages)</i>	<i>History of Christian Art</i> , Pat Dickey	E204
The Vine <i>(Singles/couples)</i>	<i>Book of Matthew</i> , Kirt Bankston	E100
Westminster <i>(All ages)</i>	Rev. Jeff Jaynes teaching	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 04/15/18 **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.
Reception for Steve Caldwell. Stephenson Hall following 11:00 a.m. worship.
Chancel Choir Spring Concert. 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary.

Monday 04/16/18 **Moms on Monday.** 9:30 a.m. Room E101.
Monday School. 11:30 a.m. Kirkland Library, Bernsen Center. Dr. Warren Muller leading discussion on “*A Holy Land Pilgrimage*”. Optional lunch available. Please reserve by noon the Friday before.
Overtones rehearsal. 7:00 p.m. Bell choir room 309.

Tuesday 04/17/18 **Tuesday Morning Men's Fellowship Study.** 6:45 - 7:45 a.m. E313.
Precept Bible Study. 9:30 a.m. Room E100.

Wednesday 04/18/18 **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.
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.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal. 6:30 p.m. Choir Room.
WNDT Classes. 6:15 p.m.
Exodus Life Groups. 6:30 p.m. In homes.

Thursday 04/19/18 **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.
PW Soup Group. Noon. Miller Library.

Saturday 04/21/18 **Before the Rooster Crows.** 8:45 a.m. Room E103.

8:10 Mission Campaign

Do you know that the 8:10 Building (directly to the south of the Atrium doors on 8th Street) is an FPC metro Tulsa mission effort? As soon as the renovation costs are paid, the building will generate close to a million dollars a year – intended to further the common good in Jesus' name. We need your help! So far FPC members have given \$688,000 toward the two million dollar goal that was set by the Session. Perhaps the Lord will prompt you to give of your very best to this effort?



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 phall@firstchurchtulsa.org).


Please join us for Petra Kids Annual Banquet, on Saturday, April 21, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. in Stephenson Hall, for an evening of fellowship, food, fun, and fabulous auction items to support students at Petra Christian School in Northern Uganda. Today is the last day to make your reservations (\$50/person, \$500/table of ten) at www.petrakids.org. Childcare available and must be reserved by April 13. For questions, contact Angie Gwinner (918-584-4701).

Retirees, Save the Date: On Tuesday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m. in Miller Library, Jonathan Brooks, president of the Voice of China and Asia Missionary Society, will be presenting a program, *Christianity in China and Asia*. Lunch reservations (\$6) at 918-584-4701.

Emerson Elementary's Annual Spring Auction is planned for Friday, May 11, at the Greenwood Cultural Center from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emerson invites FPC members to attend. Proceeds go toward STEM projects and field trips. If you would like to donate a basket or gift card, please drop off in the atrium on Sunday, April 29. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy DeVore (918-630-2636).

First Church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, May 6, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Atrium or go to Redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: fpc.tulsa. Blood donations will be held on the second floor gym at the Bernsen Center. For more information, please call Angie Gwinner (918-301-1039). **Blood donation will not be available during the 11:00 worship hour.

Works of HeART is in need of yarn for the participants who knit and crochet and who love to make a variety of items including scarves, hats, blankets, etc. Please bring your yarn to the reception desk in the Atrium. WOH is a FPC art program for the clients at the Day Center for the Homeless. For more information, please contact Cindy Johnson (918-625-7199).

 **Camp Loughridge Day Camp** is a place of faith, discovery, adventure, and community! Just five minutes west of Tulsa Hills, the camp runs weekdays from June 11 - August 3, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For more information and a complete listing of all summer programs, call 918-446-4194 or visit www.clcamps.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS:

April 21	Petra Kids Banquet. 5:00 p.m. Stephenson Hall and Miller Atrium.
April 28	Deacons' Day of Care.
May 5	Mexican Fiesta for IMA/Valladolid.
May 6	Blood Drive at First Church.
May 10	Ascension of the Lord worship.
May 12	Mother's Day Tea.
May 20	Pentecost. First Family Picnic.

◆ **The Response of Gratitude** Here Is Love William Rees

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 will never be forgotten throughout heaven'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. Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

◆ **The Eastertide Affirmation of Faith**

This is the good news, which we have received, in which we stand and by which we are saved: that Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that He appeared to the women, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. AMEN.

The Blessing of the Young Disciples

Children in K - 2nd grade are excused to attend K2 Quest.

The Song Preparation 306 Fairest Lord Jesus CRUSADERS' HYMN

The Second Reading Acts 3:12-19

The Sermon Straight Talk Dr. Ryan Moore
...you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. (Acts 3:15)

The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Gilbert M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

The Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn 379** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less SOLID ROCK

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude** Paraphrase on *Thine Is The Glory* Alexandre Guilmant

◆ *Please stand*

We celebrate Mr. Steven (and Carol) Caldwell today! Steve has served as the FPC Chief Operating Officer for the last fourteen years. You're invited to gather in the Stephenson Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. services. Charlie and Peggy Stephenson are serving as MC's, an original "Ode to Steve" will be sung by the Singing Pastors, a brief slideshow and a few reflections will make for fun and joy. Pick up some refreshments in the Atrium and head to Stephenson Hall!

THE PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Jim Boswell, Glen Brumbaugh, Nancy Burns, Marilyn Bush, Lysbeth Cain, Eleanor Carmack, Diane Cherry, Karen Cluck, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, 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, Kathy Marshall, Jimmie Mathews, George Matson, Suzy McCormack, Lance Miller, Lynn Miller, Barbara Mugge, Kathleen Muller, Gabriella Mungai, 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, Anna Thompson, Bill Thompson, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Greg Welborn, Jack Williams, Jean Williams, Ruth Wilson, and Richard Wright.

Our Sympathy and Prayers to: The Long family, on the death of Curt's father, Paul Long.

Letters of Well Wishing are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Norma Cordill and to Dan and Linda Richmond.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers for last Sunday's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Vivienne and Allan Edwards and in memory of Kay and Len Bull by Terry and Janet Bull.

The flowers for today's worship service in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lanette and Jack C. Owens by Cathy Akin and their grandson Don.

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.

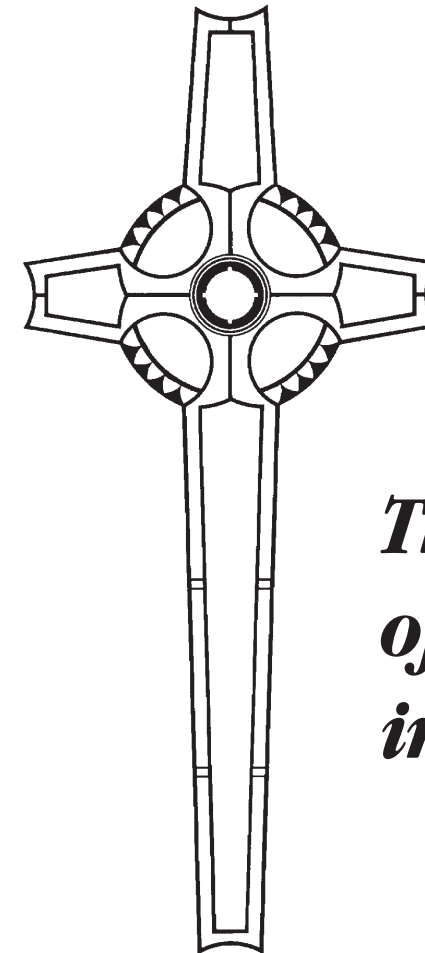
Allergen-free communion wafers (wheat, yeast, dairy, egg, soy, nut, and corn free) are available from ushers.

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

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
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