



Taking Up Residence!
Empowered by the Mystery of
the Holy Spirit's Presence

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

June 18, 2023
Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

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The Words of Preparation

Q. Since faith alone awakens us to share in Christ and all his benefits, where does this faith come from?

Faith comes from the Holy Spirit who works it into our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Heidelberg Catechism, 1563: Lord's Day 25

The Welcome

Dr. Miller

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

Let the Children Sing! Vacation Bible School, 2023

Breana McIntosh and Sarah Savage

One of the most critical skills in navigation is finding True North. If you know where True North is, then you can easily find your way to your destination.

True North

Oh! You are my True North! You are my True North! I will follow You into the dark, dark, dark..... I will follow You with all my heart, heart, heart...

I will not let the darkness steal the joy within my soul; I will not let my circumstance become my compass, no! I will not let the fears of life and sorrows of this world dictate to me how I should feel!
Refrain.

I will not let my failures turn into the curse of shame; I will not walk beneath the clouds that taunt me and condemn. For I will stand on solid ground the shadow of Your love! Forgiven, changed, a heart renamed –for You are my True North! *Refrain.*

Strong and Courageous (Joshua 1:9)

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous!

Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged! Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged! For the Lord your God will be with you, wherever you go. For the Lord your God will be with you, wherever you go!

The Call to Worship

This is high-octane encouragement: “The Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go!”

Jesus said the same thing: “I am with you always!”

The Apostle Paul picked up on this joy: “Rejoice,” he said. “Rejoice always --for the Lord is near!”

We have reason to sing our joy! Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** 229 From All That Dwell Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Kate Swan

The First Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Prayer Before Baptism Create in Me a Clean Heart Jeff Reeves

Lucy Donohue and Courtney Miller, vocalists

Create in me a clean heart, make my spirit right and true. Guide me with your wisdom, Lord, as I seek to follow you.

God of creation and Lord of my life, show me how I can be more like you in all that I do, in word and thought and deed.

Create in me a clean heart, give me strength to trust and obey.
Call me with your voice of love to the light of your perfect way.
Refrain.

Restore in me your joy, the gift of life anew; and then shall my
mouth sing songs of praise, for all that comes from you. *Refrain.*

Psalm 51:10-12

The Sacrament of Baptism

Amy Scheiper, Clerk of Session

Jaden Lombardo-Grosso and Sage Grosso, sons of Sam and Jenna Grosso
Sam and Jenna are reaffirming their faith

The Prayer for Blessing

◆ **The Response**

Victory in Jesus

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory; how He
gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. I heard about
His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, then I repented of
my sins and won the victory.

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever! He sought me and He
bought me with His redeeming blood; He loved me 'ere I knew
Him and all my love is due Him; He plunged me to victory
beneath the cleansing flood!*

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing;
How He made the lame to walk again, and caused the blind to see.
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit!"
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. *Refrain.*

The Second Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new
covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of
Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their
husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make

with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The Sermon What's So New About the New Covenant?

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. Jer. 31:33

I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes.

Ezek. 36:27

The Offertory Like As A Father

Luigi Cherubini

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord hath mercy on them that fear Him.

Psalms 103:13

The Prayer of Gratitude for Fathers (tune: *Faith of our Fathers*)

Father of blessings and Author of love: we lift our hearts for gifts from above! For Dads who love us and offer their care, wrapped up in flesh –your mercy to share! *Praise you, our God, dear Father of grace! In these who love, we see your face!*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- ◆ **The Hymn** 418 God, Bless Your Church With Strength! DIADEMATA
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune DIADEMATA

Today

Our Letter of Blessing goes to Kerry Wiley, on the death of her husband, Bruce.

The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rachell and Tom Deane, Jack Curtis and Jim Curtis, by Sandy and Bob Curtis and family.

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.



Glimpses of Grace today – 9:30 in the sanctuary! Elder Solomon Tsuma shares ways in which the Lord has intervened in his life. Next Sunday, we will hear from Anna Milligan. These stories will encourage all of us and enrich our faith.

This Week

Mid-Week Pastor’s Class continues: Wednesdays, 11:30 to 12:30.

Dr. Miller leads on significant essays by C. S. Lewis.

College Update for June and July – All College Students are invited to join us this summer for UKirk Bible Study on Tuesday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner is provided as we enjoy fellowship and engage in conversation about faith and scripture. Follow us [@ukirktulsa](https://twitter.com/ukirktulsa) for more information or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Precept Summer Bible Study – Denise Rounds leads a 6-session study entitled *Breaking Free from Fear*. Join us this Tuesday in E100, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., through July 18 (excluding July 4). For more information contact Laura Stevens at lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Summer Backyard Bible Study - Join Rev. Wambugu at his home for an in-depth Summer Backyard Bible Study to review and discuss the sermon series each Wednesday through August 9 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Laura Stevens at lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org for more information.

Mark Your Calendar

MUSIC LOVERS!! You're invited to a very special occasion on Friday, June 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Tulsa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is hosting a Regional Convention which is expected to draw nearly 200 attendees from all over the USA; First Church was chosen as the venue for the closing event which will feature organists Ken Cowan and Bradley Hunter Welch, two outstanding performers with international credentials. This concert is free and open to the public. Invite your friends!

“Faith & Film” – An All-Church, summer Sunday School class that will explore how faith intersects culture on the silver screen. In July we will examine secular movies and search out Christian themes that emerge. In August, we will dive into Season 1 of *The Chosen* and review how scripture is messaged and depicted through this series. Pastors and lay teachers will lead our conversations in the Miller Library at 9:30 a.m. Stay tuned for more information.

Spiritual Retreat at Camp Loughridge – Save the date for a rich experience: Saturday, July 15, 9:00 a.m. at Camp Loughridge. Adults and families (with children of all ages) will have two separate paths of retreat through the morning. After lunch, the Aquatics Center opens for families — while adults without children will continue in the lodge through the afternoon. For more information or to register please contact lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org or click on the QR code below.



First Church has a serious teaching ministry. This fall we welcome Rebecca McLaughlin, author of many books, including: *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*.

Consider putting this on your summer book list in preparation for a Saturday night with Rebecca (September 17)!

Ministry Opportunities

The Summer Choir Welcomes You! Why not add your voice to the Summer Choir during the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service? Join us Sunday mornings for a brief rehearsal at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. If you've always wanted to give it a try, here's your opportunity – please join us! For more information, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012/gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.

Special Needs Ministry is growing! We need volunteers to work with our young people who need a little extra help. If you are interested in serving at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. once a month or more, please contact Jackson Seibert at Jseibert@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Cecil Drummond, David Dunning, Mary Ann Elliott, Gaye Graeler, Gena Gray, Dana Grogan, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Larry Osterhout, Bill Peacher, Rosemary Priest, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Marcia Tromp and Susan Waldie.

The Celebration of Christian Marriage: Caitlin Russell married Nick Conetta on June 10.

With gratitude and joy we welcome our newest members! May the Lord bless each of these –and make them a blessing!

Profession of Faith

*Keith Jones

Reaffirmation of Faith

Dr. Bob Bruce	Esther Mbaka
Jan Bruce	Dennis Koori Mugambi
Tara Brumble	Frances Njau Mathea
Sam Grosso	Ruth Njau
Jenna Grosso	Nick Njau
Ron Hull	Trecy Njau
Michael Kauskey	Alice Nakimbugwe
Taylor Law	Dennis Powon

Certificate of Transfer

Dr. Deb Beeson	Paddy Sandefur
Pattie Gross	Judy Start
Eric Sandefur	

*Pending Baptism

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 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 6/18

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Glimpses of Grace, Sanctuary: Solomon Tsuma
Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall

Wednesday 6/21

- 11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
- 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 206

Saturday 6/24

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY: All 9:30 Adult Classes will gather for Glimpses of Grace in the Sanctuary except for Morning Glory, The Covenantors and The Vine classes.