



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 25, 2023
Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

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

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

First of all, who can listen to the Spirit's titles and not be lifted up in his soul?...All things thirsting for holiness turn to Him; everything living in virtue never turns away from Him. He waters them with His life-giving breath and helps them reach their proper fulfillment. He perfects all other things, and Himself lacks nothing; He gives life to all things, and is never depleted. He does not increase by additions, but is always complete, self-established, and present everywhere. He is the source of sanctification, spiritual light, who gives illumination to everyone using His powers to search for the truth – and the illumination He gives is Himself. St. Basil the Great, *On the Holy Spirit*

The Prelude

Praise Him, Praise Him

arr. Shackley

Here I am Lord

arr. Carter

Give Me Jesus

arr. Carter

Nancy Strimel and Doris Herald, pianists

The Welcome

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

◆ The Call to Worship (Psalm 145:1-3, 10-12, 21)

I will extol you, my God and King,

And bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you

And praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

To make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,

Let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

◆ **The Hymn** 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Margo Shipley

The First Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

The Prayer of Confession Rev. James Estes

Most Merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory or your holy name...*(in silence)*

The Confession Response Seek the Lord John Carter
Emily Willard, soloist

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. *Isaiah 55:6-7*

The Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: that in Jesus Christ there is indeed forgiveness, for all who call upon His name.
Alleluia, Amen!

◆ **The Response of Gratitude** Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

◆ **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.

The Blessing of the Young Disciples

The Hymn of Preparation Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility; Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail—Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that

will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

The Second Reading Acts 10:44-48

The Sermon One Spirit, One People Rev. Dan Hutchinson
And the believers from among the circumcised...were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. (Acts 10:45)

The Offertory Come, Spirit, Come Mary Kay Beall

Come, Spirit, come. Come, like the wind on the water. Come, Spirit, come. Blow over my soul. Come, Spirit, come. Come like a flame in the darkness. Come, Spirit, come. Shine over my soul. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Come, Spirit, come. Come, like a dove of the new day. Come, Spirit, come. Soar over my soul. Like the wind, like a flame, like a dove, Spirit, come.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- ◆ **The Closing Hymn** 442 The Church's One Foundation AURELIA
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude** Improvisation on the tune NICAEA

Today

Our Letter of Blessing goes to Marilyn Davis, faithful member and viewer of our worship broadcast week by week and to Cip Frizell, in gratitude for her longtime leadership in FPC's Masterwork Academy.

Today! Mission Trip - the Pathfinder Commissioning: our middle school students are heading to Dallas, Texas to partner with Voice of Hope, a summer day camp and after-school ministry. Voice of Hope serves, in the name of Jesus Christ, families in the community of West Dallas.

We commission 41 Middle school students, 10 adult leaders and 2 high school interns, leaving today to lead VBS at Voice of Hope in the coming week.

FPC Summer Interns - we are grateful for the presence and hard work of three interns this summer. Emma Woodard is a college student serving as our *Heather Davis Memorial Youth Intern*. Morgan McIntosh and Jacob Hand both just completed their Junior year of high school and are serving as our *Ignite interns*.

The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George and Nancy Coe, and Harry, Betty and Betsy Marberry, by Tom and Mary Anne Marberry.

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! Anna Milligan shares ways in which the Lord has intervened in her life. Her story will encourage all of us and enrich our faith.

This Week

Mid-Week Pastor's Class continues: Wednesdays, 11:30 to 12:30 (lunch available. Join Dr. Miller for his summer session on Christian apologetics – preparing for Rebecca McLaughlin's visit on Saturday, September 17 (see her book, *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion*).

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 for more information or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at jmetcalf@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.

MUSIC LOVERS!! You're invited to a very special concert 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!

Celebrate the 4th of July on Sunday, July 2 following the 11:00 Worship Services. We will gather in the Courtyard for watermelon; come join the fun!

Mark Your Calendar

“Faith & Film” – An All-Church, summer Sunday School class that will explore how faith intersects culture on the silver screen. Starting next Sunday, July 2 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. 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! 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.instagram.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, and Susan Waldie.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Sage N. Grosso and Jayden Lombardo-Grosso, sons of Jenna and Sam Grosso, were baptized on June 18.

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 6/25

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

Tuesday 6/27

- 9:30 am Precept Bible Study (*Breaking Free from Fear*), E100

Wednesday 6/28

- 11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
- 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 206
- 6:30 pm Summer Backyard Bible Study, Rev. Wambugu's Home

Saturday 7/1

- 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.

