



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.*

July 9, 2023
Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

The Words of Preparation

Joy is love exalting, and peace is love at rest; patience, love enduring in every trial and test. Gentleness, love yielding to all that is not sin, goodness, love in actions that flow from Christ within. Faith is love's eyes opened the living Christ to see; meekness, love not fighting, but bowed at Calvary. Temperance, love in harness and under Christ's control, for Christ is love in person, and love, Christ in the soul.

Dr. Kenneth Moynagh, medical missionary at Matana in Burundi

The Welcome

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

◆ The Call to Worship (Romans 5:1-2, 8-11)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

God shows his love for us in this way:

That while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Through whom we have now received reconciliation.

So let us join our voices,

And let us rejoice in the power of Jesus' name!

◆ **The Hymn** 142 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! CORONATION

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Duff Points

The First Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess that our hearts are often rocky and hard. You speak your word, but we are slow to respond. You offer us yourself, but the cares of life and the deceitfulness of riches capture our vision and distract us from you. For all that we have placed at the center of our lives that takes your place as Lord and Savior, we humbly repent, and we ask your forgiveness through Christ. Lord, in your mercy and by the power of your Spirit, make us fertile soil. Cause us to bear fruit that your name might be exalted in all the earth. Hear us now as we confess our sin to you...*(in silence)*

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** How Deep The Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss – the Father turns His face way, as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom; but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; but this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

◆ **The 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 321 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine SONG 13

The Sermon Transformed by the Spirit Rev. Dan Hutchinson
Those who belong to Jesus Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:24)

The Offertory The Gift of Love Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed. *1 Corinthians 13*

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Closing Hymn** 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

The Postlude Fugue in C Major Dietrich Buxtehude

We welcome and thank Dr. Michael Bedford, for his musical contribution to our service today.

Today

Our Letter of Blessing goes to the Voice of Hope.

The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Teddy Woolman, by his 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.



Today! “Faith & Film” – An all-church, summer Sunday School class gathering at 9:30 a.m. in the library! We’ll explore how faith intersects culture on the silver screen. In July, Dan Hutchison and John Shelton consider popular movies and search out Christian themes that emerge.

- Today – Stranger Than Fiction
- July 16 – The Mission
- July 23 – Arrival
- July 30 – Star Wars Series

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.

Dr. Miller summer session on Christian apologetics – today at 9:30 (and Wednesdays at 11:30) in E104. We’re reviewing Rebecca McLaughlin’s book, *Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World’s Largest Religion*. Rebecca will be speaking in Stephenson Hall on Saturday night, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Summer Swim – Cool off this summer, bring your family to Camp Loughridge, today and every Sunday –1:30 - 4:45 p.m. through

September 3.

This Week

College Update for 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 at the Wambugu 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

Session will meet on Tuesday, July 25, dinner at 5:15 p.m. and Session meeting at 6:15 p.m., in room E104.

Inquirers' Class – Sundays, August 6 – 27 at 9:15 a.m., in the Miller Library. If you are interested in joining First Church, please contact Patricia Hall at 918-301-1028.

Annual Ping Pong Tournament - August 20 following the 11:00 worship services. All ages are welcome to participate. There will also be a cookout.

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*, or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at 918-301-1030.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Jane Azlin, Linda Barnett, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Carol Caldwell, 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, Shari Postier, Rosemary Priest, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, and Susan Waldie.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Patricia Wheeler, a member since 1965, died on June 30th.

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.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY 7/9

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Faith and Film, Miller Library
- Morning Glory Class, B318
- Christian Apologetics, led by Dr. Miller, E104
- Westminster Class, Tower Room
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall

Tuesday 7/11

- 9:30 am Precept Bible Study, E100

Wednesday 7/12

- 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 7/15

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103