

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.

# **Trinity Sunday**

June 4, 2023 Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa Born by grace in 1885

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Sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.

# The Words of Preparation

At His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased." Luke 3:22

# The IntroitIt is Well with My Soul<br/>Randie Lewis, soloistarr. John Ness Beck

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought – my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend. Even so, it is well with my soul!

# The Welcome

Patricia Hall Dr. Miller

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

The Joy of Welcoming New Family Members!

# The Call to Worship

God, who is rich in mercy, out of His great love, made us alive together with Christ!

Yes! By His grace we have been saved through faith.

This good news is not our own doing, is it?

No, it is entirely God's gift —His gift of amazing, wonderful, saving grace! Alleluia! Amen! Ephesians 2

#### • The Hymns



Holy, holy, holy, blessed Trinity! Perfect in power, in love and purity!

- The Hymn 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA
- The Prayer of Adoration

Beth Hawkins

#### The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-40

#### The Prayer of Confession

Rev. James Estes

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Invitation to Embrace Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness --for all who call upon Him! Alleluia! Amen!

# The Response

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above!

# • **The Confession of Faith** St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the three in One and the One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever. By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation, His baptism in the Jordan River, His death on the cross for my salvation, His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding up the heavenly way, his coming again at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the power of the Spirit to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to listen to my need, His wisdom to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, the Word of God to give me speech, God's heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the strong name of the Trinity --by Whom all nature finds creation! Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the God of my salvation!

# The Blessing of the Young Disciples What to Do With an Old Baseball Glove? Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved...,

Jeremiah 17:14

#### The Hymn Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray! Power, all power, surely is Thine! Touch me, and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see, Christ only, always, living in me!

# The Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-19

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The SermonJesus: Utterly Dependent?Then Jesus in the power of the Spirit....Luke 4:14

**The Offertory** Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God Getty/Townend/ Larson Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see; give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me. Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin, in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace; breath of God show Christ in all I do. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

#### The Commissioning of the Mission Trip to Ireland

Gretchen Bashforth, Eric Baird, David Davis, Gina Davis, John Donnelly, Sonya Donnelly, Rev. James Estes, Michaela Estes, Jaclyn Metcalf, Rev. Roxie Sullivan, Bill Worman, Mariesa Worman

Father in heaven, watch over these brothers and sisters and, by your spirit, cause them to be the very living presence of Christ in the places they go and to the people they meet.

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

•	The Hymn	313	Come Down, O Love Divine	DOWN AMPNEY

- The Charge and Benediction
- The Postlude If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee J. S. Bach

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We welcome and thank guest organist Michael Bedford for his musical leadership in our service today.

# Today

Our Letter of Blessing goes to Mr. Dan Richmond.

**The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of L. K. Smith and honor of Barbara Smith by Trip and Lisa Swain.

**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 starts today –9:30 in the sanctuary!** Mr. David Osterholt shares ways in which the Lord has shown up in his life. Next Sunday, we hear from the Rev. Julia Metcalf. 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, starting this Tuesday, June 6 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*.

**Precept Summer Bible Study** - This is a 6-session study entitled *Breaking Free from Fear*. We will meet this Tuesday in E100, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., starting June 6 through July 18, excluding July 4. For more information contact Laura Stevens at *Istevens@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 beginning on June 7 - August 9 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Laura Stevens at *Istevens@firstchurchtulsa.org* for more information.

# Mark Your Calendar

**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)!

**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*.

# **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*, 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, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Larry Osterhout, Rosemary Priest, Lyle Proffitt, Helen Quiring, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Robert Shaw, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Marcia Tromp and Susan Waldie.

# **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 6/4						
8:00 am	Worship: Kerr Chapel					
8:30 am	Worship: Stephenson Hall					
9:30 am	Glimpses of Grace, Sanctuary: Rev. Julia Metcalf Gatherings and Classes					
11:00 am	Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall					
Wednesday 6/7						
11:30 am	Pastor's Study, E104					
11:30 am	Downtown Theological Roundtable, 206					
Saturday 6/10						
8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103					
	COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!					
TODAY: Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.						
Cornerstone	Apostles' Creed	E102				
Covenanters	Mere Christianity	E101				
Faith and Family	The Heidelberg Catechism	Prayer Room				
Forum	Soul Keeping	E200				
Morning Glory	Mastering Your Emotions	B318				
Reflections	King David	E103				
Shepherds	Study of Elijah	E203				
Sojourners	Study of James	E204				
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104				
The Vine	Study of Jonah	E100				
Westminster	The Greatest Commandment	Tower Room				
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104				