



**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 13, 2025**

8 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel

**First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa**

Called to make fully-devoted followers of Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused.



# Silence and Solitude

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, JULY 13, 2025

### The Words of Preparation

Solitude is being with God and God alone. Is there any space for that in your life? Why is it so important that you are with God and God alone on the mountain top? It's important because it's the place in which you can listen to the voice of the One who calls you the beloved. To pray is to listen to the One who calls you "my beloved daughter," "my beloved son," "my beloved child." To pray is to let that voice speak to the center of your being, to your guts, and let that voice resound in your whole being...Solitude is where spiritual ministry begins. That's where Jesus listened to God. That's where we listen to God.

Henri Nouwen, *Moving from Solitude to Community to Ministry*

### THE WELCOME

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

*Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register. Visitors, please fill out a welcome guest card from the pew back and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates, and fellowship opportunities.*

### THE INTROIT

#### Sometimes I Hear God's Music

Joseph Martin

*Jeffrey Metcalf, soloist*

Sometimes I hear God's music like none I've heard before, the music of the gentle brook, the ocean's mighty roar, the singing of the nightingale, the thunder's mighty noise, the silence of the starry night, and I must add my voice. His music fills my heart with peace; it floods my soul with joy. His music makes my spirit sing and every note employ. The music of God's love for me He sent His Son to sing. The music of eternity throughout the heavens rings. Sometimes I hear music like none I've heard before, the music of the gentle brook, the ocean's mighty roar. O the music of His sacrifice, of the death that Jesus chose. O the music of forever: Jesus Christ arose! All creation sing together of a love that faileth never, the music of forever. Praise God forever!

### ◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

#### Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

**Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.**

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.**

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!  
**Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 260**

A Mighty Fortress

EIN' FESTE BURG

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Elder Elizabeth DeVore

**THE FIRST READING**

Psalm 62

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, on You alone rests our salvation. You are our refuge and to You belongs steadfast love. We confess before You how often we have erred and strayed from Your ways. We have set our hearts on earthly riches and delights and put our trust in what our own hands have made. We have not loved You fully nor submitted to Your will. Forgive us, O Lord. Fix our eyes on the cross of Christ and so work in us by the power of Your Spirit that we might be fully Yours and live for Your glory alone. Hear us now, as we pray... *(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 everyone who calls upon His name. **Alleluia! Amen!**

◆ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 280**

Amazing Grace  
*(Stanzas 1, 2 and 5)*

AMAZING GRACE

**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 SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE OFFERING 78**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

**THE SECOND READING**

Mark 1:35

**THE SERMON**

Silence and Solitude

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

**THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

The Words of Institution

The Prayer of Blessing

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 361****How Firm a Foundation**

FOUNDATION

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE****Paeon on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

David Lasky

*We welcome and thank guest organist Bruce Wilkin for his musical leadership today.*◆ *Please stand*

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**Greetings in Christ!**

We are glad to welcome you to worship! We are a community that seeks to lift high the name of Jesus and to serve the common good. If you are here for the first time, we pray that you will sense the presence of Christ and the warmth of this congregation. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you; if this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a *Welcome Guest Card*, or contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652 or [emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Summer sermon series: Life in the Spirit**

This summer, we're exploring what it means to truly live Life in the Spirit. We'll walk through the power, presence, and purpose of the Holy Spirit—and learn how everyday practices known as spiritual disciplines can help us grow as disciples of Jesus. Each week highlights a different practice: Study and Meditation, Prayer, Silence and Solitude, Fasting, Worship, Submission and Service, Confession, Simplicity, Stewardship, and Celebration. Join us on Sundays for teaching, practice the disciplines personally through weekly videos, gather on Wednesdays at noon in Kerr Chapel for Midweek Meetups, and connect in prayer on Zoom Mondays at 8 a.m. or Thursdays at 8 p.m. Watch for details in E-News and on our Facebook page.

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**PARISH REGISTER**

**Prayers for Healing:** Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Joy Brewer, Steve Brill, Nelda Brown, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Judy Doyle, Jim Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Don Johnson, Joyce Kunkel, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Terry Monkres, David Osterholt, David Perkins, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Carolyn Perryman, Carly Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Kathy Sengel, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Ginny Talley, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Norma Wallace, Barbara Wiedenmann, and Sarah Wright.

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**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](http://FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube).

**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.

**Our Letters of Blessing** today go to First Presbyterian Church, Kerrville, Texas, Norma Wallace, and Whitney Mallot.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Cynthia Wiles, by Bill Wiles and family.

**Please notify the church** if you have a pastoral need, change of address, phone number or other important family news. Contact Kathy Wilson at 918-301-1029 or [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Thank you for your faithful support:** Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at [firstchurchtulsa.org](http://firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.



## FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

**Pastoral Prayer:** Join us as we pray for the pastoral transition. To receive a weekly prayer prompt, please text @pastorfpc to "81010".

**Prayer in the Chapel:** Join together from 10:40 - 10:55 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month for prayer during this time of pastoral transition.

**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.

**Need a Pastoral Visit?** If you or someone whom you know is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit, please contact Kathy Wilson at [kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

## HAPPENING TODAY

**First Friends in the Pews:** Meet at the Atrium coffee bar 15 minutes before each worship service.

**Faith in Film and The Chosen Series:** An All-Church, summer Sunday School class will explore how faith intersects culture on the silver screen. Today: July 13: *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World*; July 20: *The Princess Bride*; July 27: *A Collage of Biblical Themes Through Cinema*. Then in August, we will dive into Season 3 of *The Chosen* and review how scripture is messaged and depicted through this series. Pastors and lay teachers will lead our conversations at 9:30 a.m. in the Miller Library.

**First Family Summer Swim** Sunday through summer from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Precept Summer Study:** Tuesdays through July 22 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in room E100 we will study *Living Like You Belong to God*. Join us and bring a friend! Scan the QR code to sign up or contact Elizabeth DeVore at [edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:edevore@firstchurchtulsa.org).



**UKirk Summer Bible Study** for all college students every Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson Home. Please reach out to [jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org) for more details.

**Young Adults** are invited to join us for Trivia every Wednesday night at Welltown Brewery throughout the Summer at 7:00 p.m.

**Life in the Spirit:** *Midweek Meetup* meets Wednesdays through August 31 at noon in the Kerr Chapel. Come for a midweek meetup as Rev. Julia Metcalf and various lay leaders lead group practices of spiritual disciplines. All ages are welcome and invited to bring their own lunch and gather on the playground afterwards.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Camp Sunshine:** Our annual event, which is sponsored by the Board of Deacons, offers a day camp experience to children living with special needs and battling illnesses. The camp is from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 2 at Camp Loughridge. If you are interested in volunteering, please scan the QR code.



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## USE YOUR TALENTS

**Join our TV Ministry Team:** Gain valuable video and broadcast experience while helping us reach thousands of TV and internet viewers each week. We're looking for students and adults to volunteer in this ministry. For more information, contact Alex Pennell, TV/Video Manager, at 314-607-1032.

**Greeters:** Do you have the gift of hospitality, or enjoy meeting new people? Whether you are able to dedicate one Sunday per month, or every Sunday, we need you. Sign up to be a Greeter at First Church, via the QR code.



**The Summer Choir Welcomes You!** You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service during the summer months. The only time requirement is a brief rehearsal on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012 or [gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Update on the Valladolid Medical Clinic Fundraiser:** The Sojourners Sunday School Class continues to collect gifts for one of First Presbyterian Church's longest-standing mission partnerships- the expansion medical clinic in Valladolid, Yucatán. So far, over \$350,000 has been secured, some coming from other participating churches in the Midwest, to match the \$1 million challenge grant. The project cost is \$2.4 million and will allow the clinic to upgrade to hospital certification by adding a blood lab, CT scan and x-ray room. To learn more, contact John Harper, Mission Committee Chair at [johndharperjr@att.net](mailto:johndharperjr@att.net) or (918) 497-6956, or contact Valladolid Project Co-Chairs Margaret Holdridge (918) 813-3781 or Jim Hawkins (918) 747-0897. To give now, contact the church business office.

**Texas Flood Disaster Relief:** If you would like to donate funds to help Camp Mustic and the flood victims in Kerr County Texas you can donate to The American Red Cross ([RedCross.org/donate](https://www.redcross.org/donate)) or The Salvation Army ([HelpSalvationArmy.org](https://www.helpsalvationarmy.org)). Please continue praying for all affected by this tragedy.

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## SERMON NOTES



**Come, Grow Your Faith!**

**TODAY 7/13**

- 8:00 a.m.      Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 a.m.      Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 a.m.      Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 a.m.     Worship: Sanctuary and Great Hall
- 1:30 p.m.      First Family Swim, Camp Loughridge

**Tuesday 7/15**

- 9:30 a.m.      Precept Summer Bible Study, E100

**Wednesday 7/16**

- 12:00 p.m.     Life in the Spirit: Midweek Meetup, Kerr Chapel

**Saturday 7/12**

- 8:30 a.m.      Before the Rooster Crows, E103

**Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., July 20**

<i>Faith and Family</i>	Book of John	E206
<i>Forum</i>	Jesus' Words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200
<i>Foundations</i>	Faith in Film	Miller Library
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
<i>Reflections</i>	Spiritual Formation Essays	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	Faith in Film	Miller Library
<i>Sojourners</i>	Apostles	E204
<i>The Vine</i>	Gospel of Mark	E100
<i>Westminster</i>	Jesus' Words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200
<i>Young Adults/Ukirk</i>	Faith in Film	Miller Library



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