



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 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.



# Fasting

## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, JULY 27, 2025

### The Words of Preparation

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. Psalm 27:4

#### THE WELCOME

Rev. Wambugu

*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 CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving.

**Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

**For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. AMEN!**

#### ◆ THE OPENING HYMN 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

#### ◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Petra Mangesho

#### THE FIRST READING

Ezra 3:10-13

#### THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Julia Metcalf

#### 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 PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

#### ◆ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE 555 Now Thank We All Our God

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**◆ 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**

Consecration

John Ness Beck

*Emily Willard, soloist*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee. Take my voice and let it sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

**THE SECOND READING**

Psalm 147

**THE SERMON**

Worship

Rev. Wambugu

**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 482**

Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

**◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on the tune LYONS

◆ *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, Debi Foster, Jim Goodwin, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Joyce Kunkel, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, David Osterholt, David Perkins, Penny Steinkuehler-Perkins, Carolyn Perryman, Jennifer Rodehaver, 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.

**The Joy of Christian Marriage:** Cynthia Coleman and Idowu Falodun were married on July 23.

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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](https://www.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 Bob and Marion Simmons and Carolyn Perryman.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Tom and Kathleen Reynolds, by the Hand 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](https://www.firstchurchtulsa.org), text 405-276-4141 or by using the QR code.




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## 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 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: *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. Children must always be accompanied by parents.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**UKirk Summer Bible Study:** A study for all college students meets every Tuesday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Thompson Home. Please contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at [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 pastors 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.

**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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Newcomer Gathering:** If you are new to First Church, or a member who would like to meet the newcomers, join us on Sunday, August 3 at 9:30 a.m. in room E104 for a light breakfast, and fellowship as we get to know one another and learn more about First Church. To register scan the QR code.



**First Church Membership Class:** Are you interested in becoming a new member? If so, register for the upcoming classes which are led by our pastors and facilitators. They will guide you through what it means to be a First Church member. The classes will be held on Sundays, August 10, 17, and 24 at 9:00 a.m. in room E104.



**Presbyterian Women's Fall Workshop:** On Saturday, August 23 at John Knox Presbyterian Church, registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the event ending at 2:00 p.m. The cost for registration and lunch is \$15. For more information contact Cathy Akin at 918-742-8286 by August 10.

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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, using 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).

**Become a Mentor to First Church Members:** Would you like to make a big impact on our newest members, help them feel welcomed and connect to First Church? We are launching a mentorship program, pairing each member with someone to walk alongside them for six months. Scan the QR code for more information.



**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 - expansion of the 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 [johnharperjr@att.net](mailto:johnharperjr@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.

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## SERMON NOTES

## Come, Grow Your Faith!

### TODAY 7/27

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 7/29

9:30 a.m.	Precept Summer Bible Study, E100
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### Wednesday 7/30

12:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit: Midweek Meetup, Kerr Chapel
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### Saturday 8/2

8:30 a.m.	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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## Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., August 3

<i>Covenanters</i>	Faith and Film	Miller Library
<i>Faith and Family</i>	Book of John	204
<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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