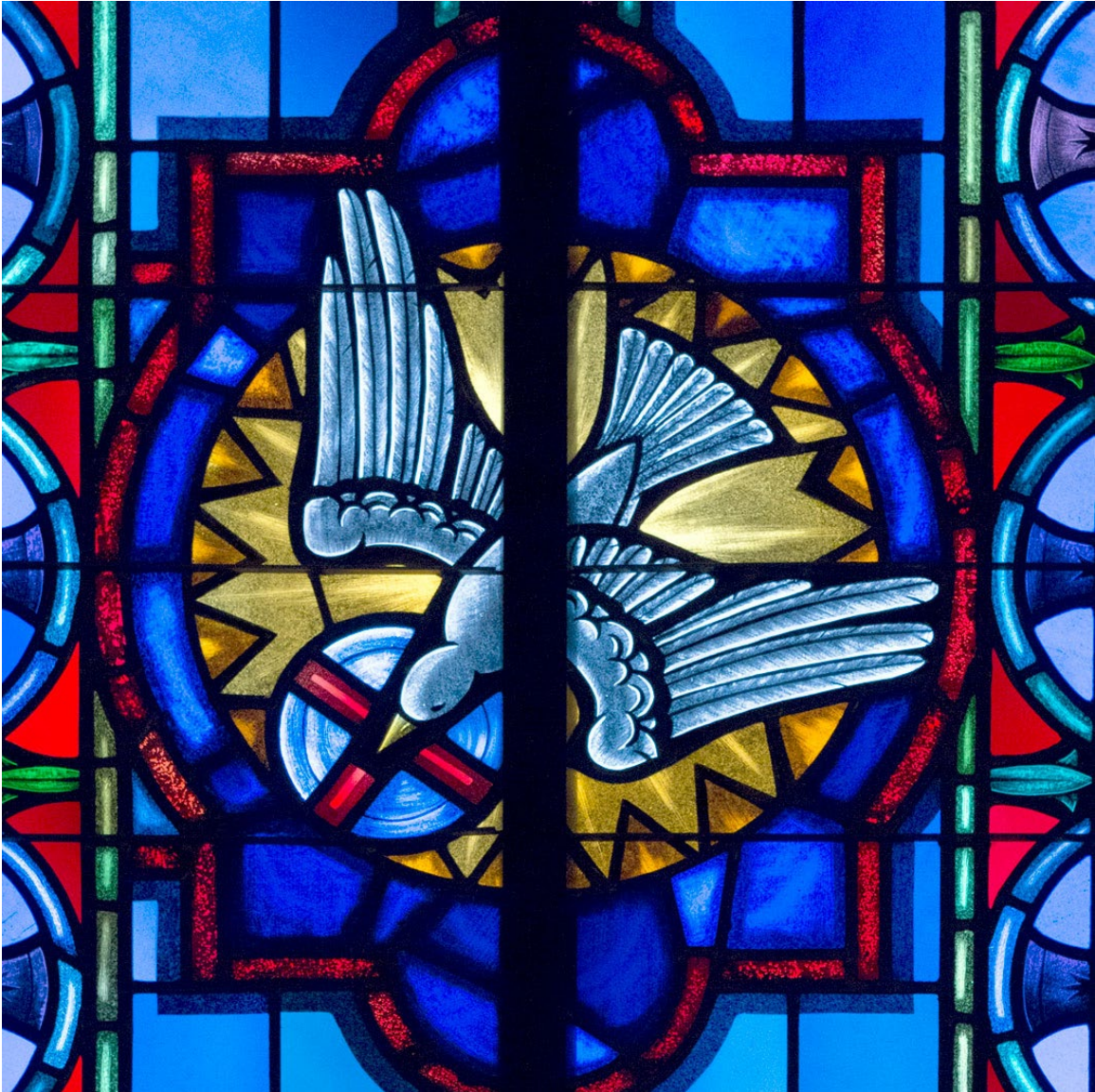




The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025
11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa

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

Confession

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The Words of Preparation

Not only does the Lord through forgiveness of sins receive and adopt us once for all into the church, but through the same means He preserves and protects us there...carrying, as we do, the traces of sin around with us throughout life, unless we are sustained by the Lord's constant Grace and forgiving our sins, we shall scarcely abide one moment in the church. But the Lord has called His children to eternal salvation. Therefore, they ought to ponder that there is pardon ever ready for their sins. Consequently, we must firmly believe that by God's generosity, mediated by Christ's merit, through the sanctification of the Spirit, sins have been and are daily pardoned to us who have been received and engrafted into the body of the church.

John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion

THE WELCOME

Rev. Julia Metcalf

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

(from Isaiah 60: 1-5)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the LORD rises upon you;

See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

but the LORD rises upon you, and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

"Lift up your eyes and look about you:

All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip.

Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy." With joy we come together before our Lord, so let us stand,

and let us worship God!

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Rachael Vaughan

THE FIRST READING

Luke 7:36-50

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The good news is this: Christ came into the world to save sinners. Let us therefore open ourselves to Christ's saving love as we humbly confess our sins, and in faith receive cleansing... *(in silence)*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

Ah, Holy Jesus
(Stanzas 1 – 2)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended, that we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone
Thee! 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

My Father, I abandon myself to You. Do with me as You will. Whatever You may do with me,
I thank You. I am prepared for anything; I accept everything, provided Your will is fulfilled in
me and in all creatures; I ask for nothing more, my God. I place my soul in Your hands.
I give it to You, my God, with all the love of my heart, because I love You.

Charles de Foucauld, 1858-1916

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

Ah, Holy Jesus
(Stanzas 3 – 4)

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation, Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,
Your death of anguish and Your bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You, I do adore You, and will ever praise You, think on
Your pity and Your love unswerving, not my deserving.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. (Luke 7:48, 50)

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING 101 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
(Stanzas 1 – 3)

HAMBURG

◆ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

◆ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him
above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

◆ 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 SONG OF PREPARATION I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Kathleen Thomerson

Jewel Pierson, soloist

I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the star of my life is Jesus. *In Him there is no darkness at all; the night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.* I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain.* I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain.*

THE SECOND READING

1 John 1:5-10

THE SERMON

Confession

Rev. Julia Metcalf

THE OFFERING

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 391

Take My Life

HENDON

◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on the tune HYMN TO JOY◆ *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.

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.

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, Joe Robson, 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.

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.

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 Monte Prater and Sherye Halliburton.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jimmie Mathews by the Gary Mathews 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.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at 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 Instagram at [fpcyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/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 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.

The Chosen Series: Join us as we 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 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 today and on Sundays, August 17, and 24 at 9:00 a.m. in room E104.



“Your Hope in Jesus: How to Share It!” Inquiry Luncheon Join us today for lunch and a time of fellowship at 12:15 p.m. in room E104 to explore how to develop your testimony and gain a biblically based motivation for sharing your faith. Scan the QR code to register for the luncheon.



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

Life in the Spirit: Midweek Meetup meets on 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Annual Ping-Pong Tournament: Join the fun on August 24 in Stephenson Hall following the 11:00 a.m. services for our annual Ping-Pong tournament (all ages) and cookout. You will learn about volunteer opportunities with the Anderson Elementary School community.

Matson Cup Golf Tournament: Monday, September 15, 7:30 a.m. at the Meadowbrook Country Club. Monies raised from this tournament are devoted to the most impoverished of Tulsans – through the efforts of our *Helping Hand Ministry*. Scan the QR code to register yourself and/or your team.



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. To sign up to be a Greeter or for more information, please contact Emma Myatt at emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.

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 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.

Book Table: Check out the new books related to our sermon series on spiritual disciplines at our book table at the north side of the atrium.

SERMON NOTES

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 8/10

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 8/12

9:30 a.m.	Precept Summer Bible Study, E100
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Wednesday 8/13

12:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit: Midweek Meetup, Kerr Chapel
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Saturday 8/16

8:45 a.m.	Where the Rooster Crows
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., August 17

<i>Cornerstone</i>	<i>Gospel of John</i>	E102
<i>Covenanters</i>	<i>Simply Christian</i>	E101
<i>Faith and Family</i>	Book of John	206
<i>Forum</i>	Jesus' Words in the Gospel of Matthew	E200
<i>Foundations</i>	The Chosen Series	Miller Library
<i>Morning Glory</i>	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
<i>Reflections</i>	Spiritual Formation Essays	E103
<i>Shepherds</i>	The Chosen Series	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>	The Chosen Series	Miller Library



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