



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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.



Submission and Service

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The Words of Preparation

There are therefore two things for us to do. The first is never to doubt that God can use us if we are willing to be used, no matter what our weaknesses. The second is to see that God can use any other person who is willing to be used, whatever his weaknesses, and if need be, to assure him of this truth.

THE WELCOME

Rev. James Estes

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

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the Lord Most High is awesome, a great King over all the earth!

The Lord is King, robed in majesty and girded with strength; He has established the world—it shall never be moved.

Since we have a great High Priest, Jesus the Son of God, who has passed through the heavens for us, let us then hold fast to our confession;

let us draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

◆ THE OPENING HYMN

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song. This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For every sin on Him was laid, here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain. Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand. 'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Paul McEntire

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-12

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of Your holy name...(in silence)

THE GRATEFUL RESPONSE

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

KINGSFOLD

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light. Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Micah 7:18-20)

Praise be to You, Lord God, for You pardon iniquity;

You do not stay angry forever—mercy is Your delight.

You have compassion on us, treading our sins underfoot;

All our sins You cast into the depths of the sea.

In Jesus Christ, Your mercy has come to us—forever, beyond earning or deserving.

Praise and adoration, glory and majesty and honor to You, Lord Christ, for You delight in mercy! (x3)

Alleluia, Amen!

◆ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. 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 SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE****THE OFFERING****Eternal Life**

Olive Dungan

Brad Morgan, soloist

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *St. Francis of Assisi*

THE SECOND READING**Philippians 2:1-13****THE SERMON****Submission and Service**

Rev. James Estes

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

◆ THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**◆ THE CLOSING HYMN 40****Joy to the World!**

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◆ THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**THE POSTLUDE****Flourish on Joy to the World** Michael Dell◆ *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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Annie Eloise Myatt, daughter of Emma and Dalton Myatt, was baptized on July 27.

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 Joe Robson and Steve Brill.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. John Campbell by Linda Campbell 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.

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.



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.

Newcomer Gathering: If you are new to First Church, or a member who would like to meet the newcomers, join us today 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.

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 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 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.

Young Adults are invited to join together for a Pickleball Social on the evening of Friday, August 8. Please email jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org or follow us on Instagram [@fpcadults](https://www.instagram.com/fpcadults) for more information.

Deacon Day of Care: Saturday, August 9, we will be serving congregants who need assistants with home projects; if you would like to volunteer to help, please visit the table in the atrium this Sunday to sign up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

"Your Hope in Jesus: How to Share It!" Inquiry Luncheon On Sunday, August 10 join us 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.



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 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.



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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.

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.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 8/3

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 8/5

9:30 a.m.	Precept Summer Bible Study, E100
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Wednesday 8/6

12:00 p.m.	Life in the Spirit: Midweek Meetup, Kerr Chapel
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., August 10

<i>Covenanters</i>	The Chosen Series	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>	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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