



PENTECOST
Come, Holy Spirit!

MAY 28, 2023
8:00 AM
KERR CHAPEL

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885*

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m., Kerr Chapel

The Words of Preparation

However, all these and the other spiritual practices are like the dead bones that the Prophet Ezekiel saw in his vision. They do not have life in themselves...Only God's Spirit can give them life. It is only with and through Him that our lives, works and worship will be as they should be. For, "God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). His presence within us is life and abundance. His absence is death and barrenness.

Christianity Fundamental Teachings,

The Joint Commission of Churches in Turkey

The Welcome and Prayer of Pentecost

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers:**

Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within, come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and enable our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service to ourselves, to be your servants to the world. Come, O Spirit, descend on us we pray!

◆ **The Hymn** 326 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart MORECAMBE

◆ **The Call to Worship** Dr. Miller

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

The Lord, the Giver of Life, is here—pouring out His Spirit upon all peoples!

So come, every tribe and tongue! Welcome Him!

Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** 129 Come O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Elder Elisa Mangesho

The First Reading Acts 2:22-24, 32-39

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have raised Christ from the dead and offered new life to all who put their faith in him. In your presence, we repent of our sins, we turn back to you, and we ask that through faith in Christ, you might fill us with your Spirit. Melt us, mold, and fill us that we might live in obedience to your word. By our witness, may others come to know you, the one true God. (*in silence*)

The Invitation to Receive Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts! In Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name. **Alleluia, Amen!**

◆ **The Response of Gratitude** To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the

Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain.*

◆ **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 Prayer of Dedication

The Offering Every Time I Feel the Spirit arr. H. T. Burleigh
Emma Myatt, soloist

Every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray; yes, every time I feel the spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke; Jordan river is chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain.* All around me looked so fine; ask my Lord if all was mine. Ain't but one train runs this track, it runs to Heaven and runs right back. *Refrain.*

The Second Reading

Acts 1:1-8

The Homily

The Kingdom of God

He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or season that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come, and you will be my witnesses..." (Acts 1:7-8a)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer and Thanksgiving

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People

◆ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

◆ The Charge and Benediction

◆ The Postlude

◆ Please Stand

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We move this morning from Eastertide to Pentecost! As the Holy Spirit took up residence with the earliest followers of Jesus, so we pray His presence here will awaken us to joy, worship, and service in Christ's name!

Pentecost launches us on a new eight-week sermon series focused on the Person and work of the Holy Spirit —His transformative presence and empowering blessing.

Our Letter of Blessing today goes to Tonye Briscoe who in June from her position on staff —after almost 38 years of service to the Lord and His Church. We celebrate with a reception for Tonye on Sunday, June 11.

Today

First Family Pentecost Dinner – Join us today in the Stephenson Hall and the courtyard for food and fellowship following the 11:00 service. Meals are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$22 per family.

Mark Your Calendar

Glimpses of Grace – Beginning next Sunday (and every Sunday in June) you're invited to catch a glimpse of the Lord's work in the lives of First Church members. We gather at 9:30 in the sanctuary. Next Sunday, Mr. David Osterhold shares his story of how Jesus has been at work in and through his life. These stories will encourage you and enrich our faith.

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 6:30 - 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.

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 lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org for more information.

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)!

Precept Summer Bible Study - This is a 6-session study entitled *Breaking Free from Fear*. We will meet in E100, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., June 6 through July 18, excluding July 4. For more information contact Laura Stevens at lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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! You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. The only time requirement is 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](https://www.instagram.com/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.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Nora Ann Schneberger, daughter of Bonnie and Adam Schneberger, was baptized on May 21.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Marsue Gent, a member since 1960, died on May 18.

Worship Notes

The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe and Katie Jewell by Judith and Joe Land and family.

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*.

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.



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 5/28

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Glimpses of Grace, Sanctuary: David Osterhold
Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Pentecost Luncheon, Stephenson and Courtyard

Wednesday 5/31

- 11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
- 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 206

Saturday 6/3

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY: Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.

Cornerstone	<i>Apostles' Creed</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Mere Christianity</i>	E101
Faith and Family	The Heidelberg Catechism	Prayer Room
Forum	<i>Soul Keeping</i>	E200
Morning Glory	Mastering Your Emotions	B318
Reflections	<i>King David</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Study of Elijah</i>	E203
Sojourners	<i>Study of James</i>	E204
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
The Vine	<i>Study of Jonah</i>	E100
Westminster	<i>The Greatest Commandment</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104