



Taking Up Residence!
Empowered by the Mystery of
the Holy Spirit's Presence

*Called to make fully-devoted followers of
Jesus Christ:
Inwardly Strong,
Outwardly Focused.*

June 11, 2023
Kerr Chapel, 8.00 a.m.

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

The Words of Preparation

The Holy Spirit, whom *the Father is ever willing to give to all who ask*, applies our redemption. He regenerates us by His grace, convicts us of sin, moves us to repentance, persuades and enables us to receive Jesus Christ by faith. He unites all believers to Christ, dwells in us as our Comforter and Sanctifier, gives to us Adoption and Prayer...sanctifying and sealing us unto the day of redemption.

The Westminster Confession of Faith, AD 1643

The Welcome

Dr. Miller

(Please sign, pass, and return the blue Friendship Register)

◆ The Introit



Ho-ly Spir - it, You are wel - come in this place; Ho-ly



Spir - it, You are wel - come in this place. Om - nip - o-tent Fa-ther of



mer - cy and grace, You are wel - come in this place.



1. Lord, in Thy pre - sence there's heal - ing di - vine; No oth - er
 2. Fill all the hun - gry and emp - ty with - in; re - store us, oh

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pow - er can save, Lord, but Thine. Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come
 Fa - ther, re - vive us a - gain. Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come

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in this place; You are wel - come in this place. _____
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◆ **The Call to Worship**

How good it is to sing alleluias to the only God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit --one God in three persons!

Alleluia! Dear Father: King of mercy!

Alleluia! Lord Jesus: Savior, Redeemer!

Alleluia! Holy Spirit: Indwelling presence of God!

To you, Triune God, be all praise and glory! Come now and kindle within us the fire of Your Love; prompt us to serve your purposes; cause us to be marked by joy and faithfulness --now, forever and always!

We have reason to lift up our hearts and sing! Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** 455 All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 (Stanzas 1-2, 5-6)

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration**

Ricky Jones

The Psalter Reading Psalm 139:1-14

The Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, Author of our story, You see our every thought,
You know our every need, You discern clearly the path we travel:
why wouldn't we give you first place in our lives? Why wouldn't
we listen for your wisdom, respond to your directives, open our
hearts to your love? Ah, our minds and hearts are scrambled by
sin, dear Christ. We have spiritual amnesia, forgetful of Your
abiding presence and love. Have mercy on us and forgive our
foolishness. In the quiet of this house of prayer, draw us close to
you by the tether of your Holy Spirit. Create in us a clean heart,
O God –for Jesus' sake. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers....
(in silence)

The Invitation to Embrace Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: in
Jesus Christ there is forgiveness –for all who call upon Him!
Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Response** 460 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

Holy God, we praise your Name; Lord of all, we bow before You;
all on earth Your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name you. While
in essence only One, undefiled God we claim You, and
adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

◆ **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 Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Offertory

Lord, Who Knows My Heart

Daniel Burton

Abrianna DeLeon, soloist

Lord, who sees my every thought, Lord, who hears my quiet need, Lord, who walks the path I travel, Lord, who knows my heart. When I stand and when I sit, he is always close at hand; every word upon my lips he will understand. Nowhere here in earth or heaven could I ever run away from the God that gently guides me to the day. If I take the morning's wings, soaring to a distant sea, there his loving hands will meet me; Lord, who knows my heart.

Psalm 139

The Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 11:17-20, 36:19-28

The Sermon

The Spirit's Residence and Work

I will put my Spirit within you.... Ezekiel 36:27

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

◆ **The Hymn** 555 Now Thank We All our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

◆ **The Charge and Benediction**

◆ **The Postlude**

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Today

We're glad today to celebrate Tonye Briscoe, longtime and beloved member of the First Church Staff! For thirty-eight years we've been blessed to serve side by side with her and grow to love her –as brothers and sisters in Christ in this part of the vineyard called First Church. A reception will be held in the Atrium immediately following the 11:00 o'clock service.

Our *Letter of Blessing* goes to Ray McGee on the death of his wife, Linda.

The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William and Pauline Wiles and Charles and Marjorie Ashcraft by Bill and Cynthia Wiles and family.

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.



Glimpses of Grace today – 9:30 in the sanctuary. Rev. Julia Metcalf shares ways in which the Lord has shown up in her life. Next Sunday, we hear from Elder Solomon Tsuma. These stories will encourage all of us and enrich our faith.

This Week

Mid-Week Pastor's Class continues: Wednesdays, 11:30 to 12:30. Dr. Miller leads on significant essays by C. S. Lewis.

College Update for June and July – All College Students are invited to join us this summer for UKirk Bible Study on Tuesday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner is provided as we enjoy fellowship and engage in conversation about faith and scripture. Follow us [@ukirktulsa](https://twitter.com/ukirktulsa) for more

information or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Precept Summer Bible Study – Denise Rounds leads a 6-session study entitled *Breaking Free from Fear*. Join us this Tuesday in E100, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., through July 18 (excluding July 4). For more information contact Laura Stevens at lstevens@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 through August 9 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Laura Stevens at lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org for more information.

Mark Your Calendar

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)!

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 or click on the QR code below.



Ministry Opportunities

The Summer Choir Welcomes You! Why not add your voice to the Summer Choir during the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service? Join us Sunday mornings for 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, Gena Gray, Dana Grogan, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Meg Hubler, Warren Hubler, Jeannie Dickey Kelsay, Joyce Kunkel, Carmelitti LeFlore, Amy Lesh, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, Jan Miller, David Osterholt, Larry Osterhout, Bill Peacher, 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: Maxwell P. Sullivan, son of Rhiannon and Edward Sullivan, was baptized on June 4.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Linda McGee, a member since 2001, died on June 2.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Phyllis Ekwempu on the death of her sister, Eunice Ngina Wangui, on June 1.

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).

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.

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 6/11

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Glimpses of Grace, Sanctuary: Rev. Julia Metcalf
 Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall

Wednesday 6/14

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

Saturday 6/17

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

TODAY: All 9:30 Adult Classes will gather for Glimpses of Grace in the Sanctuary except for Morning Glory and The Vine classes.