



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.*

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023
Chapel, 8:00 a.m.

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Born by grace in 1885*

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The Words of Preparation

At His baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven: "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased." Luke 3:22

The Welcome

Dr. Miller

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

The Call to Worship

God, who is rich in mercy, out of His great love, made us alive together with Christ!

Yes! By His grace we have been saved through faith!

This good news is not our own doing, is it?

No, it is entirely God's gift of grace! His amazing, wonderful, saving grace!

Ephesians 2

◆ The Hymns

Wonderful Grace of Jesus!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin; how shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin? Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free --for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus, deeper than the mighty rolling sea! Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain --all sufficient grace for even me! Broader than the scope of my transgressions, greater far than all my sin and shame, O magnify the precious Name of Jesus. Praise His Name!

Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost, by it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost! Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty, for the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain.

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This is the great Hope of the Christian faith. And, as the apostle says: Hope does not disappoint --because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. (Rom.5)
All glory to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Perfect in power, in love and purity! Alleluia! Amen!

◆ **The Hymn** 138 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! NICAEA

◆ **The Prayer of Adoration** Elder Urbanus Masaku

The Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-40

The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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**

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above!

The Sacrament of Baptism

Rev. Roxie Sullivan
Joel Donohue, Clerk of Session

Maxwell Phineas Sullivan

The Hymn

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today! Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway. Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see, Christ only, always, living in me!

◆ **The Confession of Faith** St. Patrick's Breastplate

I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the three in One and the One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever. By power of faith, Christ's Incarnation, His baptism in the Jordan River, His death on the cross for my salvation, His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding up the heavenly way, his coming again at the day of doom, I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself today the power of the Spirit to hold and lead, His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to listen to my need, His wisdom to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward, the Word of God to give me speech, God's heavenly host to be my guard.

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the strong name of the Trinity --by Whom all nature finds creation! Eternal Father, Spirit, Word: praise to the God of my salvation!

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Offertory

It is Well with My Soul

arr. John Ness Beck

Randie Lewis, soloist

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." My sin, O the joy of this glorious thought – my sin, not in part, but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend. Even so, it is well with my soul!

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:14-19

Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Sermon Jesus: Utterly Dependent?

Then Jesus in the power of the Spirit.... Luke 4:14

The Invitation to the Table

The Words of Institution
The Prayer of Consecration
The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

- ◆ **The Hymn** 313 Come Down, O Love Divine DOWN AMPNEY
- ◆ **The Charge and Benediction**
- ◆ **The Postlude**

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We're glad to welcome back our longtime friend and guest organist, Bruce Wilkin, grateful for his musical leadership in our service today.

Today

Our *Letter of Blessing* goes to Mr. Dan Richmond.

The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of L. K. Smith and honor of Barbara Smith by Trip and Lisa Swain.

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 starts today –9:30 in the sanctuary! Mr. David Osterholt shares ways in which the Lord has shown up in his life. Next Sunday, we hear from the Rev. Julia Metcalf. 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, starting this Tuesday, June 6 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* for more information or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at *jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

Precept Summer Bible Study - This is a 6-session study entitled *Breaking Free from Fear*. We will meet this Tuesday in E100, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., starting June 6 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 beginning on June 7 - 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.

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.facebook.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.

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*.

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 6/4

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 6/7

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

Saturday 6/10

8:45 am	Before the Rooster Crows, E103
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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.