



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

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

**JUNE 11, 2023
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL
*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885***

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Words of Preparation

The Scriptures declare that God himself is the chief evangelist. For the Spirit of God is the Spirit of truth, love, holiness and power, and evangelism is impossible without him. It is he who anoints the messenger, confirms the word, prepares the hearer, convicts the sinful, enlightens the blind, gives life to the dead, enables us to repent and believe, unites us to the Body of Christ, assures us that we are God's children, leads us into Christlike character and service, and sends us out in our turn to be Christ's witnesses. In all this the Holy Spirit's main preoccupation is to glorify Jesus Christ by showing him to us and forming him in us.

*The Manila Manifesto:
An Elaboration of the Lausanne Covenant 15 Years Later*

Prelude

Simple Kingdom

Your kingdom is simple, as simple as love; You welcomed the children, You stopped for the one. We want to see people the way Jesus does. Your kingdom is simple, Lord teach it to us.

Your kingdom is humble, as humble as death: His King is a savior who gave His last breath. So, may we die daily, our pride laid to rest; His kingdom is humble and the broken are blessed.

Hallelujah! Hallowed be Your name! May we live and breathe Your praise. Hallelujah! Let all creation say, "Oh the King of heaven reigns."

Your kingdom is coming, Your kingdom is here, alive in our waiting, at work in our tears. So, come to us quickly, forever our prayer; Your kingdom is coming, Lord Jesus, come near. *Refrain*

Your kingdom is backwards, it flows in reverse. What You call a treasure this world calls a curse. The small become great and the last become first. Your kingdom is backwards; Lord, teach us to serve. As it is with Your kingdom let it be with Your church.

Refrain

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Song of Praise Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation. O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation. All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near. Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things, so wondrously reigneth. Shelters thee under His wings, yet so gently sustaineth. Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee. Surely His goodness and mercy, here, daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with His love, He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him. All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again; Gladly, for aye we adore Him.

First Reading

John 14:15-26

Elder Elisa Mangesho

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God our Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not kept your word or followed your commands. We have doubted your promises. Lord, in your mercy, hear us as we pray. Forgive us our sins for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and fill us with your Spirit that we might delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your Holy name...*(in silence)*

Response to Confession

Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Christ the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm, when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been

torn. In the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few, I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor, while the tempest rages on, when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won. Deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused, I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor through the floods of unbelief, hopeless, somehow, O my soul now, lift your eyes to Calvary. This my ballast of assurance, see His love forever proved. I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Christ the sure and steady anchor as we face the wave of death, when these trials give way to glory, as we draw our final breath. We will cross that great horizon, clouds behind and life secured, and the calm will be the better for the storms that we endured. Christ the shore of our salvation, ever faithful ever true. We will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel that in Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon His name. **Alleluia, amen!**

Affirmation of Faith 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.

Passing of the Peace

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

Offering

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters; the great unknown, where feet may fail. And there I find You in the mystery; in oceans deep my faith will stand.

And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves, when oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace; for I am Yours and You are mine.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters; Your sovereign hand will be my guide. Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me; You've never failed and You won't start now. *Refrain*

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters, wherever You would call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior. *Refrain*

Gospel Reading

Ezekiel 36:19-28

Sermon

The Spirit's Residence and Work

And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. (Ezekiel 36:27)

Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Song of Sending

Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, help me see the way You see. Always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all as Christ in me. Holy Spirit guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound. Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

*You're the light. You're my path. You're the Shepherd of my soul.
All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit, lead me on.*

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing, wake my ears to words You speak. In the thunder, in the stillness, let Your voice be clear to me. Let Your voice be clear to me. *Refrain*

Holy Spirit, lead me onward, walking through the great unknown. Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging, 'til the day You lead me home. *Refrain*

Charge and Benediction

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

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!

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.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, 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.

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.