



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 4, 2023
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL
First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa
Born by grace in 1885

Trinity Sunday

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

Words of Preparation

There is one God...There is a perfect Trinity, in glory and eternity and sovereignty, neither divided nor estranged. Wherefore there is nothing either created or in servitude in the Trinity; nor anything super-induced, as if at some former period it was non-existent, and at some later period it was introduced. And thus neither was the Son ever wanting to the Father, nor the Spirit to the Son; but without variation and without change, the same Trinity abides ever.

Gregory the Wonderworker

Bishop of Neocaesarea, Pontus, Asia Minor (213-270)

Prelude

God is On the Throne

Why should I worry? Why should I fear? Why should I run when Jesus is here? I'm safe in His arms. Safe in His heart. Nothing can take me away from His love.

God is on the throne. He reigns forevermore. Just think about it. Just think about it. God is always good. He loves like a father should. Just think about it. Just think about it.

When I am anxious, when I'm afraid, I find strength when I call on His Name. I'm safe in His arms. Safe in His heart. Nothing can take me away from His love. He's the King of power. The King of kings. He is the Lord over everything. To Him be the glory, the honor and praise, forever and ever, amen, always. *Refrain*

Hallelujah, He reigns. Hallelujah, He saves. Hallelujah, always. He's never gonna let me down. *Refrain*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord always;

Again I will say, rejoice.

Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.

The Lord is at hand;

Do not be anxious about anything,
But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

So let us join our voices,
And let us rejoice in the Lord!

Song of Praise

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; sing it again we rejoice!
Delight in the love He has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise; we gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

With each breath he's given, Christ the Lord! In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord! Throughout every season I am sure we have every reason to praise the Lord!

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need. Come with a song of thanksgiving, lay your requests at His feet. His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds in Christ who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives. *Refrain*

Rejoice in the Lord now and always, tell of the good he has done; worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come. The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy; with praise that's never ending we say again rejoice! *Refrain*

First Reading

Hebrews 4:14-5:10

Elder Anne McCoy

Prayer of Confession Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea; a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart; I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me; to look on Him and pardon me!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the One risen Son of God!

Behold Him there the risen Lamb; my perfect spotless righteousness; the great unchangeable I Am; the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high; with Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God! *Refrain*

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 (From the Athanasian Creed)

Now this is the catholic faith: That we worship one God in trinity and the trinity in unity, neither blending their persons nor dividing their essence. For the person of the Father is a distinct person, the person of the Son is another, and that of the Holy Spirit still another. But the divinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, their glory equal, their majesty coeternal...And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being...Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually as both God and Lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten from anyone. The Son was neither made nor created; he was begotten from the Father alone. The Holy Spirit was neither made nor created nor begotten; he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Accordingly there is one Father, not three fathers; there is one Son, not three sons; there is one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits. Nothing in this trinity is before or after, nothing is greater or smaller; in their entirety the three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other. So in everything, as was said earlier, we must worship their trinity in their unity and their unity in their trinity....

Passing of the Peace

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

Offering

Only A Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven? Who else could make every king bow down? Who else can whisper and darkness trembles? Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises? What other splendour outshines the sun? What other majesty rules with justice? Only a Holy God.

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only. Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God. Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire? What other power can raise the dead? What other name remains undefeated? Only a Holy God.
Refrain

Who else could rescue me from my failing? Who else would offer His only Son? Who else invites me to call Him Father? Only a Holy God. Only my Holy God. *Refrain*

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-2a & 14-21

Sermon

Jesus: Utterly Dependent?

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..." (Luke 4:17b-18a)

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

Commissioning of the Exodus Mission Trip

Song of Sending

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us we pray; unveil why we're made. Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls; Holy Spirit come invade us now. We are Your church; we need Your power in us.

We seek Your kingdom first; we hunger and we thirst; refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace; we lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church; we pray revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here; let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand; heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire; win this nation back. Change the atmosphere; build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far, no force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts. You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us; fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church; we are the hope on earth! *Refrain.*

Charge and Benediction

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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](https://twitter.com/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*, 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

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.