



**Pentecost Sunday**  
**May 24, 2026**  
8 a.m. worship, Kerr Chapel

## **First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa**

Called to make fully devoted followers of Christ, inwardly strong and outwardly focused.



# The Story of Jesus

## The Words of Preparation

Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the Life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship apart from the unity of the Spirit, no Christlikeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the Church without the Spirit is dead.

*John Stott*

### THE WELCOME

Rev. James Estes

*Please sign, pass, and return the blue friendship register. Visitors, please fill out a Get Connected card from the pew back and drop it in the offering plate to receive our E-News updates, and fellowship opportunities.*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Echo the good news with me:

**“God, being rich in mercy, made us alive together with Christ. His love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit!”**

Come, for the Risen King is here; lift up your voice!

**And let us worship God!**

### ◆ THE OPENING HYMN

**Come, People of the Risen King**

**Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise; come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in. *Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!***

**Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night; come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.**

***Refrain.***

Come, young and old from every land - men and women of the faith; come, those with full or empty hands - find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore we hear them call the Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all!" *Refrain.*

◆ **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Elder Rick Priest

**THE FIRST READING**

Romans 12

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, to 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. Lord Jesus, in your mercy, hear our prayers... *(in silence)*

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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

◆ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE**

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

◆ **THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried; on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His Kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through His prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**THE SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**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 1:3-8****THE SERMON****You Will Receive Power**

Rev. James Estes

**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 CLOSING HYMN 129**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE**

Improvisation on the tune EBENEZER

◆ *Please stand*

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**Greetings in Christ!**

We are glad to welcome you to worship! We are a community that seeks to lift high the name of Jesus and to serve the common good. If you are here for the first time, we pray that you will sense Christ's presence and the warmth of this congregation. If you do not have a church home, we would love to welcome you. If this is your first time worshipping with us, please fill out a Get Connected Card or contact Emma Myatt at 918-857-5652 or [emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:emyatt@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**PARISH REGISTER**

**Prayers for Healing:** Lisa Angleton, Jane Azlin, Steve Brill, Nelda Brown, Beth Campbell, Gary Casteel, Randy Corelli, Teresa Corelli, B. J. Dollahon, Judy Doyle, Larry Doyle, Debi Foster, Janice Garbart, Gaye Graeler, Rita Graeler, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Brenda Johnson, Don Johnson, Allan Kanyeki, Amy Lesh, Barbara Mace, Margaret Martinson, Sally McCoy, Ann McKellar, Jon Mercer, David Osterholt, Carolyn Perryman, Dennis Powon, June Shults, Bob Shipman, Alex Smith, Andrea Smith, Sally Stewart, Nancy Strimel, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, and Rhonda Wilson.

**Sympathy and Prayers to:** Terrill Simmons on the passing of his son, Steve Simmons, on May 12.

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## 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](http://FirstChurchTulsa.org/YouTube).

**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.

**Our Letter of Blessing** today goes to Solomon and Rachael Tsuma.

**The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Joe and Katie Jewell, by Judith and Joe Land and Jillian, Nathan, and Micah Docter.

**Please notify the church** if you have a pastoral need, a change of address, phone number, or other important family news. Contact Grace Masaku at 918-301-1029 or [gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Thank you for your faithful support:** Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at [firstchurchtulsa.org](http://firstchurchtulsa.org), by texting 405-276-4141, or using the QR code.



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## FIRST CHURCH UPDATES

**Need a Pastoral Visit?** If you or someone you know is in the hospital or needs a pastoral visit, please contact Grace Masaku at [gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-201-1029. We no longer receive information from hospitals, so we rely on you to let us know.

**First Friends in the Pews:** As a church, we are called to show hospitality. You may be someone's very first Friend in the Pew. Please be attentive and welcoming to those around you, as we all seek to be "First Friends in the Pews." Share your stories of joyful hospitality with Jerry McCoy at [jerome-mccoy@tulsa.edu](mailto:jerome-mccoy@tulsa.edu).

**New Hymnals:** After 35 years of faithful use, and after much research by the Worship and Music Committee, with approval of Session, our current hymnal will soon be replaced by the newly published *Sing! Hymnal*. These new hymnals may be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one for \$20 per copy. Monetary gifts supporting the hymnal replacement project may also be given without a dedication. To support the hymnal project, scan this QR code and fill out the dedication form online.




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## HAPPENING TODAY

**Hospitality: Yes, You!** Is not ending — it's continuing. Scan the QR code to watch member videos with practical encouragement for showing hospitality. As a congregation, we are called to notice one another and reflect the love of Christ. Let's keep noticing, inviting and making room. Yes, You!



**First Family Summer Swim:** Let Summer begin! Starting today and every Sunday through summer from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. (The pool will not be available on July 19 and August 2.)

If you would like to follow the sermon series, you can purchase the *Jesus Storybook Bible* at the book table in the atrium.

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Presbyterian Women's Birthday Luncheon:** On Thursday, May 28, at noon, in the Miller Library, the PW program's guest speakers, Joan Hoar, Vicky Wilcoxon, and Jane Wright, will share their experiences of their pilgrimage on the Portuguese Camino to Santiago de Compostela. To make lunch reservations, please contact Grace Masaku at 918-301-1029 or [gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org) by Tuesday, May 26. The cost is \$10 and can be paid at the door.

**Presbyterian Women's May Mission:** is collecting bags of beans, rice, and canned vegetables for the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Items may be placed in the PW donation bins in the Atrium on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings through May.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Worship Schedule
8:00 a.m. Kerr Chapel
8:30 a.m. Stephenson Hall
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Great Hall (Our 11:00 a.m. Stephenson Hall and Great Hall will combine each Sunday through the summer months.)

**The Summer Choir Welcomes You!** You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service during the summer months. The only time requirement is a brief rehearsal on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Gretchen Bashforth at 918-301-1012 or [gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:gbashforth@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Precepts Summer Study:** Beginning June 2, on Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., in room E102, the study is *Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days* by Kay Arthur. This is a hands-on, learn-by-doing book, so bring a pen, colored markers, or pencils.

**Glimpses of Grace:** Members of First Church will share personal testimonies on Sundays in June. We will hear from Ron Pearson on June 7; Larry Kindbom on June 14; Michael Grogan on June 21; and Faith Wambugu on June 28.

**Faith, Israel and God's Plan:** Join us on June 10, at 6:00 p.m. in Stephenson Hall for an evening to hear Ran Silberman, who guided several of the Israel Pilgrimage trips, share his unique perspective as an Israeli Jewish believer in Jesus Christ.

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## USE YOUR TALENTS

### Job Opportunities:

(If you are interested in any of the positions below, please visit the First Church website or send your cover letter and resume to [tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org).)

**Ministry Assistant for Mission, Outreach, and TIF.** This position provides administrative and logistical support for FPC mission and outreach ministries, the Tulsa International Fellowship, and new member integration.

**Associate Director of Children's Ministries (Elementary).** This 30-hour role partners with our Director of Children's Ministries to nurture and guide children in kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, helping them come to know Christ, love Christ, and serve Christ. The Associate Director will help create a safe, welcoming environment, share God's Word in engaging ways, and recruit and support a strong team of volunteers.

**Director of Middle School Ministries.** This full-time role provides leadership, vision, and care for students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, as well as their families and volunteer leaders. The Director will oversee and grow Middle School programming, invest in the faith formation of students and their friends, and collaborate with our Next Generation Session Committee.

## Come, Grow Your Faith!

**TODAY 5/24**

11:00 am      Worship: Sanctuary  
 12:00 pm      Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary  
 12:30 pm      Reception, Stephenson Hall and Courtyard

**Monday 5/25**

Church offices will be closed.

**Saturday 5/30**

8:45 am      Before the Rooster Crows, E103

### Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., May 31

Cornerstone	The Practice of Communion	E102
Covenanters	Screwtape Letters	E101
Faith and Family	Book of John	206
Families w/Young Children	Foundations of Christian Marriage	Tower Room
Foundations	Genesis	E104
Harbingers	Discovering the Gospel in Every Book of the Bible.	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Romans Study	E103
Shepherds	Psalms	E203
Sojourners	Mere Christianity	E204
Sowers	Pray Big	E205
The Vine	Fruitful Affliction	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Genesis	E104
Westminster Forum	John, the Gospel of Light and Life	E200



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