



Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 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

In chapter 8, Luke describes Jesus as the Hope of the hopeless... a demoniac who was hopelessly wild (verses 26–39), a woman who was hopelessly ill, and a father who became hopelessly bereaved (verses 40–56)... the people were unable effectively to bind the demoniac; no one was able to cure the woman; and, of course, no power in the universe was able to raise a child from the dead! Yet Christ, in his majesty, power, and compassion, triumphed over this hopelessness in all three cases: He dispelled the demons and transformed the demoniac into a missionary; He healed the woman and perfected her faith, changing it from faith concealed to faith revealed; and He not only brought the child back to life, but even in His tenderness took care that she got something to eat! What is especially important is the fact that not only the power but also the pity of Christ is revealed. His compassionate heart is laid bare. The lesson, therefore, is this: “Give your heart to the wonderful Savior.”

William Hendriksen

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 INTROIT

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

arr. Dale Wood

Hannah Johnson, soloist

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry. While on others thou art calling, do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by. Trusting only in thy merit, I would seek thy face. Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. Savior, Savior, whom have I but thee? Thou the source of all my comfort, more than life to me. Savior, Savior, thou hast heard my plea! Thou the source of all my comfort, more than life to me.

◆ **THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 2)

In days to come the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

◆ **THE OPENING HYMN 443** O Christ, the Great Foundation AURELIA

◆ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION** Elder Patricia Hall

THE FIRST READING Zephaniah 3:9-13

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You promise to purify the lips of the peoples, that all may call upon Your name and serve You shoulder to shoulder with the peoples of the earth. But we tend to bless our own people and judge those You are seeking to reconcile to us through Yourself. We tend to rehearse old grievances, guard old divisions, and look with suspicion on those You would teach us to call family. You promise to resist and displace the proud and establish the humble who take refuge in You. We confess our pride. We trust the safety of our own tribe more than the mercy of Your kingdom. We would rather be secure with those like us than made new with those You are reconciling. Forgive us, O Lord. Take away deceit from our mouths, arrogance from our hearts, and fear from our common life. Make us the people You promise: humble, truthful, and unafraid; more than that. Grant that we may be enthralled by the vision of the world as You are remaking it and long for the healing of the nations until every tribe and tongue and people and nation are gathered to sing one song with one voice in praise of the humble, self-emptying love given to us in Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit...*(in silence)*

THE RESPONSE TO CONFESSION 440 In Christ There is No East or West MCKEE

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved children of God, hear and believe this good news with all your hearts: Jesus died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. There is new life for all who call 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 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 SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING 11 O Lord, How Shall We Meet You? VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

THE SECOND READING Luke 8:40-56

THE SERMON Something to Eat Rev. James Estes

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing
Sharing of the Bread and Cup

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 260** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION**

THE POSTLUDE Improvisation on the tune EIN' FESTE BURG

◆ *Please stand*

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.

PARISH REGISTER

Prayers for Healing: Lisa Angleton, Nifemi Aruna, 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, 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.

With Gratitude for the Resurrection: Sally McCoy, a member since 2008, died on June 5. Jerry Steen, a member since 1993, died on June 4.

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.

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 Shirley Steen.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Rachell and Tom Deane, Jack, Mary and Jim Curtis, by Sandy and Bob Curtis and family.

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.

Thank you for your faithful support: Weekly tithes and offerings to the Lord may be given electronically at 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 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@utulsa.edu.

New Hymnals: After 35 years of 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.



HAPPENING TODAY

Glimpses of Grace: Members of First Church will share personal testimonies on Sundays in June. Today, we will hear from Larry Kindbom; next Sunday, June 21, from Michael Grogan; and on June 28, from Faith Wambugu.

First Connections: A new Sunday rhythm of hospitality, a come-and-go meet-and-greet in Miller Library following worship each Sunday. As our church continues to grow and welcome new faces, we are creating a simple, intentional space for connection to happen naturally. If you are visiting First Church, First Connections is a place to meet others, ask questions, and begin building relationships. If you are a member, routinely bringing visitors to Miller Library after worship for fellowship and more information is a great way to show hospitality.

First Family Summer Swim: Let Summer begin! The Camp pool will be open every Sunday through the summer from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. at Camp Loughridge. (The pool hours on July 19 and August 2 will be 12:30 – 3:30.)

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Precepts Summer Study: We meet 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.

Summer Backyard Bible Study: Join us for a casual summer evening Bible study on Wednesdays through August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the backyard of Rev. Wambugu, located at 3728 E. 81st Pl., Tulsa. We will go through the Gospel of Luke together. For more information, contact Elizabeth Massey at 918-301-1019 or emassey@firstchurchtulsa.org.

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.

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.

Membership Classes: Our next membership classes begin on Sunday, August 16, and every Sunday in August at 9:30 a.m., in the Miller Library. There will be a Covenant Service on Sunday, September 13. To register, click on the QR code.



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.)

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.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 6/14

8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
 9:30 am Glimpses of Grace, Sanctuary
 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Great Hall

Tuesday 6/16

9:30 am Precepts Bible Study, E102

Wednesday 6/17

6:00 pm TINA, Camp Loughridge
 6:00 pm Exodus Night, Camp Loughridge

Saturday 6/20

8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., June 21

Cornerstone	<i>Not Meeting</i>	E102
Covenanters	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Faith and Family	Book of John	206
Families w/Young Children	Ephesians	Tower Room
Foundations	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Harbingers	Not Meeting	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Shepherds	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Sojourners	What was the Son of God's Role in the Old Testament?	E204
Sowers	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
The Vine	Class led Study	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Glimpses of Grace	Sanctuary
Westminster Forum	The Case for Miracles	E200

The First Church Pastors

James Estes, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
Wambugu Gachungi, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
Julia Metcalf, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*