



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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

We have forgotten that we have a Father who provides, a Father who gives beyond exchange. Like bastard children, we think we must earn our love and our purpose, that we must make meaningful and useful what is good in and of itself. It is time to rediscover our home and our family, to learn that our meals will come, our good will be provided for. These are things we must learn to receive.

Ragan Sutterfield, *Cultivating Reality*

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

(from by Psalm 68)

O God shall arise, His enemies shall be scattered

and those who hate Him shall flee before Him!

As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

as wax melts before fire so the wicked shall perish before God!

But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, sing praises to His name;

lift up a song to Him who rides through the deserts; His name is the LORD;

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation.

God settles the lonely in a home; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity,

Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;

Our God is a God of salvation

To GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.

Alleluia, Amen.

♦ **THE OPENING HYMN 664**

Now Thank We All Our God

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♦ **THE PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Elder Gary Johnson

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:18 – 43:13

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You have called us by name, redeemed us, and made us Your witnesses. Yet we confess that we are still people who have eyes but do not see and ears but do not hear. You have spoken, and we have ignored Your voice. You have searched us by Your Word and even by Your loving discipline, yet, like Your people of old, the fire has burned around us, and still we have not taken it to heart. We thank You that Your faithfulness is greater than our blindness and that Your saving purpose does not rest on our willingness, but on Your steadfast love. Forgive us for resisting the work of Your Spirit. Grant us the grace to yield ourselves gladly to Your redeeming will, that we may delight in the salvation You have accomplished and bear joyful witness to the One besides whom there is no Savior; Lord, hear our prayer...*(in silence)*

THE GOOD NEWS

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to Him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you to do His will, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Alleluia! Amen.**

♦ **THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE**

The 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**

I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness

Antonin Dvorak

Brad Morgan, soloist

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-stringed psaltery. Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy holy name. Great is God and great His mercy. Who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.

Psalms 144:9; 145:1-6

THE SECOND READING

Luke 15

THE SERMON

Celebrate and Rejoice

Rev. James Estes

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 529**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

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

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

◆ *Please stand**We welcome and thank guest organist Bruce Wilkin for his musical leadership this morning.***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 this is your first time worshipping with us, please come to the Miller Library right after the 11:00 a.m. worship service for First Connections. You will be welcomed by our staff and receive a gift. For more information, 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, Kinnee Tilly, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

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 Blessings today goes to Allen Faries.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lila Smith.

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.

HAPPENING TODAY

All-Church Sunday School: Join all ages on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall on July 19, 26, and August 2. The lessons will follow the sermon series from the *Jesus Storybook Bible*. The nursery will be available for infants up to 3 years old.

New Hymnals: You will notice that our new *Sing!* hymnals, are being used for the first time today. 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.



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.)**

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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.

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.

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.)

Presbyterian Women are hosting the Presbyterian Women of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Fall Workshop on Saturday, August 22, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at First Church. The 2026-2027 Horizons Bible study, *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other*, will be introduced. This is the study First Church PW Circles will use in their Bible studies starting in September. If you are interested in the workshop, please contact Barbara Mugge at 918-491-6495/bmugge@gmail.com to register by August 7. The cost is \$15, which covers continental breakfast, a buffet lunch, and other activities. For more information, contact Grace Masaku at gmasaku@firstchurchtulsa.org/918-301-1029.

USE YOUR TALENTS

Did you know? Flower Ministry: Every Sunday, flowers adorn the Sanctuary and Chapel; they are given in memory or in honor of loved ones. If you would like to donate flowers, please email your information to Dionna Schooley at dschooley@firstchurchtulsa.org.

Praying for the Unreached: The Mission Committee encourages our church family to pray for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth. Join us by praying for one unreached people group each day through the Joshua Project's daily prayer focus. Visit joshuaproject.net/pray to receive a new people group each day or scan the QR code.



Job Opportunities:

(If you are interested in the position below, please visit the First Church website or send your cover letter and resume to tmoseley@firstchurchtulsa.org.)

Director of Children's Ministries: We are hiring a full-time director to lead our ministry with children from birth through 4th grade and their families. This position provides spiritual leadership, supports parents in Christian discipleship, oversees children's programs and events, and equips staff and volunteers to help children come to know, love, and serve Christ. If you are passionate about walking alongside children and parents in their faith journey, we invite you to learn more and apply.

Come, Grow Your Faith!

TODAY 7/19

8:00 am	Worship: Kerr Chapel
8:30 am	Worship: Stephenson Hall
9:30 am	Experience Jesus: All-church Sunday School, Stephenson Hall
11:00 am	Worship: Sanctuary, Great Hall

Wednesday 7/22

6:30 pm	Summer Backyard Bible Study
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Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., July 26

Cornerstone	Not Meeting	E102
Covenanters	<i>Daniel</i>	E101
Faith and Family	Experiencing the Story of Jesus	Stephenson Hall
Families w/Young Children	Experiencing the Story of Jesus	Stephenson Hall
Foundations	Experiencing the Story of Jesus	Stephenson Hall
Harbingers	Not Meeting	E202
Morning Glory	Prayer and Sermon Texts	B318
Reflections	Jesus—Prophet, Priest, and King	E103
Shepherds	Attributes of God	E203
Sojourners	Old Testament	E204
Sowers	Experiencing the Story of Jesus	Stephenson Hall
The Vine	Class led Study	E100
UKirk/Young Adults	Experiencing the Story of Jesus	Stephenson Hall
Westminster Forum	The Case for Miracles	E200

The First Church Pastors

Cameron Beaty, M. Div., Senior Pastor
James Estes, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
Wambugu Gachungi, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
Julia Metcalf, M. Div., *Associate Pastor*
Ron Pearson, *Organist and Director of Music*