



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

11 a.m. worship, Sanctuary

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

Put the beauty of ten thousand worlds of paradises, like the Garden of Eden, in one; put all trees, all flowers, all smells, all colors, all tastes, all joys, all loveliness, in one. O what a fair and excellent thing would that be! And yet it would be less to that fair and dearest well-beloved Christ than one drop of rain to the whole seas, rivers, lakes, and fountains of ten thousand earths.

Samuel Rutherford

THE WELCOME

Rev. Julia Metcalf

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

An American Hymn

arr. Cecil Effinger

(Congregation joins on the final stanza)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness. America! America! God mend thine every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life. America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness and every gain divine.

(Congregation joins.)

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears. America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

◆ THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, let us worship the One who is above all rulers, powers, and authorities.

We come to worship the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

God alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light.

Yet through Jesus Christ, God has drawn near to us in love and mercy.

The heavens declare His glory. The earth displays His handiwork. All creation bears witness to His wisdom and power.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, we lift our hearts in praise.

Let us seek the Lord with reverence and joy.

To Him be honor and eternal dominion forever and ever. Amen.

◆ THE OPENING HYMN 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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◆ THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

Elder Dan McDonald

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:25-31

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Everlasting God, You do not grow weary, yet we confess that we often place our trust in our own strength rather than in You. We become anxious, distracted, and discouraged, forgetting that You are faithful to sustain us. Forgive us for looking to lesser things for hope and security. Renew our hearts, teach us to wait upon You, and strengthen us by your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray...*(in silence)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear and believe the good news with all of your hearts: "While we were sinners, Christ died for us." In Him, there is forgiveness for any and all who call upon His name. **Alleluia! Amen.**

◆ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

◆ THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, you heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **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 BLESSING OF THE YOUNG DISCIPLES**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Dr. Jim Miller and Clerk of Session Joel Donohue

*Liam Stember, son of Austin and Courtney Stember***THE HYMN OF PREPARATION****O God, Show Mercy to Us**

Gustav Holst

Randie Tacker, soloist

O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with Your grace; and cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face, so that Your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto every people Your saving grace be shown. Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing, in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring. For You will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness, and on the earth all nations will Your just rule confess. Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing. Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring. The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send, and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.

*Psalms 67***THE SECOND READING****1 Timothy 6:11-16****THE SERMON****The Most Compelling**

Jerry McCoy

THE OFFERING**Blessed Shall They Be**

Natalie Sleeth

O blessed shall they be who serve our God most faithfully; who know and do the Lord's command, and take the truth to every land. For they shall be joyful wherever they go; the fruits of the Spirit within will they know; upon them abundance the Lord will bestow, and through them the glory will shine. O blessed all their days are those who join in grateful praise. And serve the Lord who reigns above, to light the world with heavenly love.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER◆ **THE CLOSING HYMN 476****O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!**

LYONS

◆ **THE CHARGE AND THE BENEDICTION****THE POSTLUDE****The Stars and Stripes Forever**

John Philip Sousa

◆ *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 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, Marcia Tromp, Ralph Veatch, Gretchen Wagner, Susan Waldie, Janetta Williamson, and Rhonda Wilson.

The Sacrament of Baptism: Gracie Littrell, daughter of Sarah Littrell, was baptized on June 28.

Sympathy and Prayers to: Mariesa Worman on the death of her father, Burl D. Wilbanks, on July 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.

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 Mariesa Worman.

The flowers that adorn the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and our nation, honoring Thomas J. Hughes, a proud Marine, by Sally Hughes, their children, and grandchildren.

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

Watermelon and Lemonade: Join us for fellowship, watermelon, and cold lemonade in the courtyard after the 11:00 worship services.

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.

Next Gen Summer Events: (at Camp Loughridge) UKirk Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Activity Cabin. T.I.N.A and Exodus Nights (5th through 12th grade) meet on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the aquatic center for swimming, snacks, and a lesson.

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.)

All-Church Sunday School: Join all ages on Sundays, July 12, 19, and 26 at 9:30 a.m. in Stephenson Hall. The lessons will follow the sermon series from the Jesus *Storybook Bible*. The nursery will be available for infants up to 3 years old.

Membership Classes: Our next membership classes are on Sundays, August 16 through August 30, at 9:30 a.m., in the Miller Library. To register, click on the QR code.



USE YOUR TALENTS

Did you know? Each Sunday, the Sanctuary and the Kerr Chapel are lovingly organized and maintained by the **Church Mice**. They volunteer their time to help keep the worship space cleaned and stocked for next week's service.

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 7/5

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

Wednesday 7/8

6:00 pm	TINA and Exodus Night, Camp Loughridge
6:00 pm	UKirk Bible Study, Camp Loughridge
6:30 pm	Summer Backyard Bible Study, Rev. Wambugu's Home

Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:30 a.m., July 12

Cornerstone	Not Meeting	E102
Covenanters	<i>Daniel</i>	E101
Faith and Family	Book of John	206
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	Not Meeting	Sanctuary
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

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