



PENTECOST  
*Come, Holy Spirit!*

MAY 28, 2023  
11:00 AM  
SANCTUARY

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa  
Born by grace in 1885*

# ***Pentecost Sunday***

*11:00 a.m., Sanctuary*

## **The Words of Preparation**

However, all these and the other spiritual practices are like the dead bones that the Prophet Ezekiel saw in his vision. They do not have life in themselves...Only God's Spirit can give them life. It is only with and through Him that our lives, works and worship will be as they should be. For, "God is Spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth"

(John 4:24). His presence within us is life and abundance. His absence is death and barrenness.

*Christianity Fundamental Teachings,*

The Joint Commission of Churches in Turkey

## **The Introit**    O Church, Be Filled with the Power of God!

*Stephenson Hall Worship Team*

O church, be filled with the power of God, as from the day of your birth. Every nation and tribe and tongue He's called to declare throughout the Earth; His Kingdom is coming, the Bride He's adorning, He's called us out of the grave. O church, be filled with the power of God, for He is mighty to save.

The room was filled with tongues of fire and the world was never the same. The Spirit of God, come to dwell within, so that we can bear His name. For His Kingdom is coming, His people He's calling to share God's love in His name. O church, be filled with the power of God, for He is coming to reign.

*O let's preach good news to the poor and freedom to all the enslaved. There's liberty and healing for all; we're set free in Jesus' name.*

Once dead in sin, now alive in Christ; baptized in water and fire. The Spirit of God fills His church within and sends us out into the mire. For His Kingdom is coming, this race we are running, fixing our eyes on our King. O church, be filled with the power of God. For our joy and His glory we sing. *Refrain*

## Hymn of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, guide my vision, help me see the way You see. Always Jesus, ever Jesus, Christ in all as Christ in me. Holy Spirit guide my speaking, words of grace and truth abound. Let my lips be filled with stories of the mercy that I've found.

*You're the light. You're my path. You're the Shepherd of my soul.  
All I am, all I have, Holy Spirit, lead me on.*

Holy Spirit, guide my hearing, wake my ears to words You speak. In the thunder, in the stillness, let Your voice be clear to me. Let Your voice be clear to me. *Refrain*

Holy Spirit, lead me onward, walking through the great unknown. Trusting, leaning, holding, clinging, 'til the day You lead me home. *Refrain*

### **The Welcome and Prayer of Pentecost**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord!**

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayers:**

**Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us, come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within, come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness, come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance, come as Holy Power and enable our weakness, come as Holy Life and dwell in us. Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service to ourselves, to be your servants to the world. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us! Alleluia, amen!**

◆ **The Hymn** 129 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*Acolytes: Sammy Hand, Jacob Case, and James Doverspike*

## The Story of Pentecost Part 1: The Coming of the Spirit

**Narrator:**

Rev. Julia Metcalf

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**English:** Steve Wilson

The Lord, the Giver of Life, is here—pouring out His Spirit upon all peoples! Come, every tribe and tongue! Welcome Him!

**French:** Jennifer Philp

**Kamba:** Urbanus Masaku

**Irish:** Gloria Shelton

**German:** Doug Smith

**Arabic:** Sadic Gassad

**Spanish:** Charlotte Foon

**Swahili:** Becca Kibui

Come, O church of Christ from every tribe and tongue: Rejoice and give thanks! Alleluia! Amen!

### ◆ The Hymn

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*

## **The Story of Pentecost Part 2: The Response to the Spirit** (*NLT Acts 2:5-24, 32-41*)

### **Narrator:**

At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were completely amazed.

### **Crowds:**

**How can this be? These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! Here we are— And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!**

### **Narrator:**

They stood there amazed and perplexed.

### **Crowds:**

**What can this mean?**

### **Narrator:**

But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying,

### **Crowds:**

**They're just drunk, that's all!**

### **Narrator:**

Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd,

**Simon Peter:**

Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

**The Prophet:**

'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives. But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

**Simon Peter:**

People of Israel, listen! God publicly endorsed Jesus the Nazarene by doing powerful miracles, wonders, and signs through him, as you well know. But God knew what would happen, and his prearranged plan was carried out when Jesus was betrayed. With the help of lawless Gentiles, you nailed him to a cross and killed him. But God released him from the horrors of death and raised him back to life, for death could not keep him in its grip.

God raised Jesus from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this. Now he is exalted to the place of highest honor in heaven, at God's right hand. And the Father, as he had promised, gave him the Holy Spirit to pour out upon us, just as you see and hear today. For David himself never ascended into heaven, yet he said,

**King David:**

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit in the place of honor at my right hand until I humble your enemies, making them a footstool under your feet.”’

**Simon Peter:**

So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!

**Narrator:**

Peter’s words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles,

**The Crowds:**

**Brothers, what should we do?**

**Simon Peter:**

Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.”

**Narrator:**

Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners,

**Simon Peter:**

Save yourselves from this crooked generation!

**Narrator:**

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Friends, the same promise of new life in Christ is for us and for our children! May we respond with joy in repentance, receiving the fulness of the Spirit that comes through faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! In these moments, let us prepare our hearts to confess our sins and to receive God’s grace and forgiveness.

## The Preparation for Confession

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 Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have raised Christ from the dead and offered new life to all who put their faith in him. In your presence, we repent of our sins, we turn back to you, and we ask that through faith in Christ, you might fill us with your Spirit. Melt us, mold, and fill us that we might live in obedience to your word. By our witness, may others come to know you, the one true God.

*(in silence)*

## The Invitation to Receive Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts! In Jesus Christ, there is indeed forgiveness for everyone who calls upon his name! **Alleluia, Amen!**

## ◆ The Response of Gratitude To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the*



*Father, through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain.*

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *Refrain.*

◆ **The Affirmation of Faith**    The Apostles' Creed                      Rev. James Estes

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 Time with the Children**

Justice McIntosh and Dr. Miller

**The Hymn of Preparation**

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole. Cause Your word to come alive in me.

Give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for Your purity, Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do. Love enough to cover every sin in each thought, and deed, and attitude; kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my strivings into works of grace, breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made, show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise, lead us on the road of sacrifice, that in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.

**The New Testament Reading**      Acts 1:1-8

**The Homily**      The Kingdom of God

*He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or season that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come, and you will be my witnesses..."* (Acts 1:7-8a)

**The Offertory**      Breathe on Me      Dana Mengel

Oh, breathe on me, O breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love the things You love, and do what You would do. Oh, breathe on me, O breath of God, until my heart is pure; until my will is one with Yours, to do and to endure. Oh, breathe on me, O breath of God, until Your will be mine, and this selfish part of me glows anew ever with Your fire divine. Oh, breathe on me, O breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with You the perfect life of Your eternity. Breathe on me, O breath of God.

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Prayer of Consecration

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Elements

The Song During Communion

## Carried to the Table

Wounded and forsaken, I was shattered by the fall; broken and forgotten, feeling lost and all alone. Summoned by the King into the Master's courts. Lifted by the Savior and cradled in His arms.

*I was carried to the table, seated where I don't belong. Carried to the table, swept away by His love. And I don't see my brokenness anymore when I'm seated at the table of the Lord. I'm carried to the table; the table of the Lord.*

Fighting thoughts of fear, wondering why He called my name. Am I good enough to share this cup? This world has left me lame. Even in my weakness the Savior called my name. In His holy presence I'm healed and unashamed. *Refrain*

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Prayers of the People

### ◆ The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

### ◆ The Charge and Benediction

### ◆ The Postlude

Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit

J. S. Bach

◆ Please Stand

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**We move this morning from Eastertide to Pentecost!** As the Holy Spirit took up residence with the earliest followers of Jesus, so we pray His presence here will awaken us to joy, worship, and service in Christ's name!

**Pentecost** launches us on a new eight-week sermon series focused on the Person and work of the Holy Spirit —His transformative presence and empowering blessing.

**Our Letter of Blessing** today goes to Tonye Briscoe who in June from her position on staff —after almost 38 years of service to the Lord and His Church. We celebrate with a reception for Tonye on Sunday, June 11.

### **Today**

**First Family Pentecost Dinner – Join us today in the Stephenson Hall and the courtyard for food and fellowship following the 11:00 service.** Meals are \$9 for adults, \$5 for children, and \$22 per family.

### **Mark Your Calendar**

**Glimpses of Grace** – Beginning next Sunday (and every Sunday in June) you're invited to catch a glimpse of the Lord's work in the lives of First Church members. We gather at 9:30 in the sanctuary. Next Sunday, Mr. David Osterhold shares his story of how Jesus has been at work in and through his life. These stories will encourage you and enrich our faith.

**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 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dinner is provided as we enjoy fellowship and engage in conversation about faith and scripture.

Follow us @ukirktulsa for more information or contact Rev. Julia Metcalf at [jmetcalf@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:jmetcalf@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](mailto:lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org) for more information.

**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)!

**Precept Summer Bible Study** - This is a 6-session study entitled *Breaking Free from Fear*. We will meet in E100, from 9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., June 6 through July 18, excluding July 4. For more information contact Laura Stevens at [lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**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](mailto:lstevens@firstchurchtulsa.org).

## **Ministry Opportunities**

**The Summer Choir Welcomes You!** You are invited to add your voice to the Summer Choir for the 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary service. The only time requirement is 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Nora Ann Schneberger, daughter of Bonnie and Adam Schneberger, was baptized on May 21.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Marsue Gent, a member since 1960, died on May 18.

## Worship Notes

**The flowers that beautify the Sanctuary today** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe and Katie Jewell by Judith and Joe Land and family.

**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*.

**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.



**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 5/28**

- 8:00 am Worship: Kerr Chapel
- 8:30 am Worship: Stephenson Hall
- 9:30 am Glimpses of Grace, Sanctuary: David Osterhold  
Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 am Worship: Sanctuary, Stephenson, Great Hall
- 12:15 p.m. Pentecost Luncheon, Stephenson and Courtyard

**Wednesday 5/31**

- 11:30 am Pastor's Study, E104
- 11:30 am Downtown Theological Roundtable, 206

**Saturday 6/3**

- 8:45 am Before the Rooster Crows, E103

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**

**TODAY: Adult Classes, 9:30 a.m.**

Cornerstone	<i>Apostles' Creed</i>	E102
Covenanters	<i>Mere Christianity</i>	E101
Faith and Family	The Heidelberg Catechism	Prayer Room
Forum	<i>Soul Keeping</i>	E200
Morning Glory	Mastering Your Emotions	B318
Reflections	<i>King David</i>	E103
Shepherds	<i>Study of Elijah</i>	E203
Sojourners	<i>Study of James</i>	E204
UKirk	New Testament Overview	E104
The Vine	<i>Study of Jonah</i>	E100
Westminster	<i>The Greatest Commandment</i>	Tower Room
Young Adults	New Testament Overview	E104