



Living Into Pentecost!

*They devoted themselves to:
the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, the breaking of
bread, and the prayers...*

Acts 2:42

*Called to make fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ:
Inwardly Strong
and
Outwardly Focused.*

**JUNE 20, 2021
8:30 AM
STEPHENSON HALL**

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

Living Into Pentecost!

Stephenson Hall, 8:30 a.m.

The Words of Preparation

A Spirit-filled community is
related to the apostles (in submission),
related to each other (in a fierce *koinonia* love),
related to God (in worship),
related to the world (in outreach).

The marks of the Spirit's presence are these: biblical teaching,
loving fellowship, living worship, and an ongoing and outgoing
evangelism.

John Stott

The Prelude

God So Loved

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that
never runs dry. Drink of the water; come and thirst no more.
Come all you sinners, come find His mercy, come to the table He
will satisfy. Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking for.

*For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son
to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down
at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son
to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever. The power
of hell, forever defeated, now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world. Praise God, praise God
from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, praise Him for the
wonders of His love.

The Welcome

Dr. Jim Miller

The Prayer for Fathers

We dealt with each of you as a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you live a life worthy of God...

I Thessalonians 2:11-12

The Call to Worship

Hear the good news --for by the power of His Holy Spirit, the Author of every blessing is here, ready with a blessing for whomever will receive it!

Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, ancient doors!

Open your hearts, tune your ears, that the King of glory may come in! Let's lift our voices, and welcome Him in song

—this One from Whom every blessing comes! Alleluia! Amen!

***The Doxology**

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

***The First Reading** Revelation 7:9-12

I looked and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb...crying out in a loud voice saying:

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And they all worshipped God, singing:

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

*The Joyful Praise

How Great Thy Art

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O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee: how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Refrain

Thank You

Thank You for Your kindness; thank You for Your mercy; thank You for the cross --thank You for the price You paid! Thank You for salvation; thank You for unending grace. Thank You for Your hope; thank You for this life You give.

There is no one like You. There is no one like You, God. All my hope is in You, Jesus, Jesus.

Thank You for Your promise; thank You for Your favor; thank You for Your love; everything You've done for me. *Refrain*

To Your Name we give all the glory. To Your Name we give all the praise. You're alive, our God everlasting; let Your face shine on us! *Refrain*

The Prayer of Adoration

Julia Metcalf
Director of University Ministries

The Second Reading Nehemiah 9:6-8, 16-21

The Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

Almighty God, as the Scriptures remind us, you are “gracious and merciful, ready to forgive, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.” Meet us this morning in our need and in our sin. Good Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...*(in silence)*

The Response

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us; how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

Behold, the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no power, no wisdom, but
I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should
I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer but this I know
with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom!

The Invitation to Embrace Forgiveness

Friends, embrace this good news with all of your hearts: In Jesus Christ there is forgiveness –for all who call upon Him!

Alleluia! 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 Third Reading Act 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Sermon What Constitutes Christian Unity? (3)

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Acts 2:42

The Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Joys and Concerns of the Church

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***The Closing Song** Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

It all comes down to this, what you require of me: love my neighbor as myself and You above all things.

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with You, God. In all things, in all ways, walk humbly with You, God.

It all comes down to this, to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the world. The truth will set us free. *Refrain.*

It's beauty for ashes. It's mourning to dancing. It's closer and closer, the Kingdom of heaven.

Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown. Faith just like a seed, the only way it grows. *Refrain.*

***The Charge and Benediction**

*Please Stand

Worship Notes

We're glad to welcome you in this season of Pentecost. We gather to exalt Jesus, receive His Spirit, and serve in His name. A warm welcome to each one who might be among us for the first time. May you sense the presence of Christ and the warm embrace of His Church!

Next week, and for the summer months, our Sunday worship includes four weekly services:

8:30 a.m. – Contemporary Worship – Stephenson Hall

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship – Sanctuary

Also broadcast on ***Livestream.com***, our ***Facebook*** page,
and at 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Cox Channel 3.

Livestream.com/FirstChurchTulsa

Facebook.com/FirstChurchTulsa

11:00 a.m. – Tulsa International Fellowship Worship - Great Hall

(See above for Livestream and Facebook links.)

5:00 p.m. – Vespers – Camp Loughridge

(Regular Sunday Evening Worship)

The flowers in today's Sanctuary worship are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Lynde Sneed, given by his loving family.

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* or text 405-276-4141.

For those who need hearing assistance in the Sanctuary, audio headsets are available from the ushers.

Most hospitals are now open for visitors –but we may not know if you or someone you love is hospitalized. 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*.

Parish Register

Prayers for Healing: Challa Ashlock, Jane Azlin, Billy Boyd, Pat Brown, Roy Cail, Joan Hastings Camp, Dwight Creveling, Marilyn Davis, Donna Droege, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Pat Ford, Caroline Fravel Jones, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Mike Hopkins, Meg Hubler, Harvey Hunt, Maggie Jones, Joyce Kunkel, Annelle Lanford, Amy Lesh, Laurence Mansur, Bob Matthews, Jo Matthews, Jan Miller, Rosemary Priest, Janie Quint, Carly Rivers, Zach Rivers, Mary Ruddle, Susan Shults, Robert Shaw, Helen Marie Sisler, Cissy Ssettimba, Sally Stewart, Dayne Weierbach, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

The Celebration of Christian Marriage: Peggy Welch and Dan Hoyt were married on June 5.

We Welcome These New Members!

June 2021

Joining by:

Profession of Faith

Nicholas McMillan

Certificate of Transfer

Sally Autin

Mary Lou Daniel

Joyce Johnson

Patrick and the Hon. Dana Kuehn

Jackie and Bob Shipman

Bob Stanton

Reaffirmation of Faith

Louann Buhlinger

Aurelia Popa

First Church Updates

We're glad to welcome each of you in worship this morning! If you're new to First Church, please feel free to participate in any of the events offered below.

Glimpses of Grace begins today at 9:30 a.m. in the Stephenson Hall! Lt. Jacob Thompson, who works as a police officer with the Tulsa Bomb Squad, leads off this four week series with his testimony of how he's encountered God's grace in and through his life.

We're grateful for Courtney Miller's presence on our staff and her devoted ministry to the children of First Church these past five years. We're also glad that as she begins her new work at St. Francis' Children's Hospital we'll continue to see her in the First Church hallways and in worship!

Dr. Miller begins his sabbatical this Tuesday and will be away until the early part of September. The Rev. Dan Hutchinson will serve during the summer as the interim Head of Staff.

Meet our global mission partners! Join us via Zoom, tomorrow, June 21, at noon for a real-time update from the Outreach Foundation's Syria-Lebanon partnership. These Zoom calls will occur on every third Monday at noon, featuring various mission partners and will include updates, Q & A, and a time prayer. Please visit the church website to register:
www.firstchurchtulsa.org/events.

Faith on the Farm: join us this Tuesday, June 22, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Make a hands-on impact on John 3:16's farm where stories of healing and redemption grow alongside tomato and pepper plants. This farm is part of John 3:16's mission to share the Gospel while meeting the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the homeless and at-risk of Tulsa. Register on our website at
www.firstchurchtulsa.org/events.

Mark the date! On Wednesday, September 29, we'll be glad to welcome back to First Church internationally known Christian musicians Keith and Kristyn Getty and their concert tour: "Christ Our Hope". We're thrilled to share this musical outreach with the larger Tulsa community. Tickets will be available in the near future.

FPC University Ministries: Join us at *Gather* this Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for community, fun, and food. Follow us at *@ukirktulsa* for location.

Masterwork Academy - volunteers are needed for this summer's session, Monday, June 28, to Friday, July 2, for half- or full-day time slots. (Full day: 8:40 - 4:30 p.m. Half day: 8:40 - 12:40 p.m. or 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.). If you're able to serve, please email Laura Voth at *create@masterworkacademy.org* and let her know your availability.

Poppin' Fourth of July Celebration: Sunday, July 4, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Camp Loughridge pool – Come for family fun including swim relays, popsicles, a dive contest and more. Then, stay for Vespers!

Moms' Summer Bible Study, Mondays, July 12, 19 & 26 from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Prayer Room, 204. There's so much parenting advice that it can be hard to figure out what works for your family. This can be especially true when it comes to teaching children about God and faith. Join with other moms to discuss how to pass faith on to our children, led by Sarah Savage, Director of Children's Ministries. Childcare provided. Register by contacting Kiona Tyler at 918-301-1008 or *ktyler@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

Staff Opening! First Church seeks an *Associate Director of Children's Ministries* to tend to our littlest lambs from birth through pre-kindergarten. This staff member coordinates early childhood programming and actively recruits, trains, encourages and coordinates volunteers and caregivers. If you love children and their families and want to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them, please send your resume to Tonye Briscoe in the business office, *tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org*.

COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!

Adult Classes for NEXT Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

On Site:

Covenanters	<i>Lies My Preacher Told Me</i>	E205
Faith and Family	<i>Symbol or Substance?</i>	Prayer Room
Reflections	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E204
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E202

On Site and Zoom:

The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>Acts</i>	E100
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today 6/20/21

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Stephenson
- 9:30 a.m. Gatherings and Classes
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary and Great Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Vespers

Monday 6/21/21

- Vacation Bible School: All week! 9:00 a.m., Camp Loughridge
- Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., E103

Tuesday 6/22/21

- Precept Bible Study 9:30 a.m., E100

Wednesday 6/23/21

- WNDR Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Ensemble Rehearsal 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday 6/24/21

- Hearts for the Lord 10:00 a.m., Zoom

Saturday 6/26/21

- Before the Rooster Crows 8:45 a.m., E103



SAVE THE DATE

July 4

Poppin' 4th of July

August 5-6

Global Leadership Summit

September 20

Golf Tournament

September 29

Getty Concert

**June 20, 2021
Stephenson Hall**

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