



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

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**Welcome & Invitation to Worship**

**Songs of Praise**

May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night, into Your glorious light, that we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife, with boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise You; let the nations be glad! All Your blessing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Jesus.*

May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard; may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word.

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name, to every nation, tribe and tongue Your church proclaim. *Refrain*

Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain. Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; all creation praise Your glorious Name. *Refrain*

Called Me Higher

I could just sit; I could just sit and wait for all Your goodness, hope to feel Your presence. And I could just stay; I could just stay right where I am and hope to feel You; hope to feel something again.

*But You have called me higher; You have called me deeper and I'll go where You will lead me Lord. You have called me higher; You*

*have called me deeper, and I'll go where You will lead me Lord; where You lead me.*

I could hold on; I could hold on to who I am and never let You change me from the inside. I could be safe; oh I could be safe here in Your arms and never leave home; never let these walls down. *Refrain*

I will be Yours; oh, I will be Yours for all my life. I will be Yours; oh, I will be Yours for all my life. *Refrain*

## **Prayer of Confession**

### **Response**

#### **Come As You Are**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been. Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin. Come find your mercy, O sinner come kneel. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

*Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame; all who are broken lift up your face. O wanderer come home, you're not too far. So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.*

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed. Come sit at the table, come taste the grace. There's rest for the weary, rest that endures; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

*Refrain*

Come as you are. Fall in His arms. Come as you are. There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still; Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. *Refrain*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

## **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 sits at 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 New Testament Reading**      Acts 2:42, Philemon 1:4-7

## **The Sermon**      What Constitutes Christian Unity? (2)      Rev. Johnson

*They were devoted: to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship...*

*Acts 2:42*

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **Songs of Response**      The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

*Amen. Amen. Amen.*

May his favor be upon you, and a thousand generations, and your family, and your children, and their children, and their children.

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May his presence go before you, and behind you, and beside you.  
All around you, and within you, He is with you. He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming, and your going. In  
your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you. He is for you. *Refrain*

## ***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.

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***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 William and Pauline Wiles and Charles and Marjorie Ashcraft, given by Bill and Cynthia Wiles and 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](http://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](mailto:kwilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

### **Parish Register**

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, Bill Weinrich, and Jack Williams.

### **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 check into any of the Sunday morning offerings –and remember: the weekly activities are open to all.

**Immediately following worship this morning in the Courtyard**, Dr. Tom Marberry and Dr. Miller will lead a brief liturgy of the burning of the Palms. The palm branches carried by the children into the sanctuary last Palm Sunday will be burned and the ashes used as we gather next Spring for Ash Wednesday. Join us at 12:15 p.m. today for this brief service of lament and hope.

**The Pastor's Class**, led by Dr. Miller, meets in the Stephenson Hall this morning at 9:30 a.m. This will be his last Sunday morning reflection on C.S. Lewis' *Mere*

*Christianity* until he returns from his sabbatical in September. The class, at that time, will reconvene and continue the discussion on Lewis' work.

***Glimpses of Grace*** begins next Sunday at 9:30 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. The title of his message is: "*As Iron Sharpens Iron, So One Person Sharpens Another: Seeing God's Grace Through Fatherhood, Friendship and the Christian Community*".

**Mark the date! On Wednesday, September 29**, we'll be glad to welcome back to First Church Keith and Krysten Getty and their concert tour: "Christ Our Hope"! We are thrilled to share this musical outreach with the larger Tulsa community. More information next Sunday!

**All women of the church are invited** to join for a Presbyterian Women's Bible study and lunch this Thursday, June 17, at noon in the Miller Library. Contact Betty Price with any questions: 918-301-1039 or [bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:bprice@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Dr. Miller begins his sabbatical a week from Tuesday.** He plans to finish a writing project and share time with his extended family. He's due to return in the early part of September. Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

**The Rev. Dan Hutchinson celebrates his ninth anniversary** with us this year. The Session, recognizing his gifts and faithfulness, has happily changed his title to *Senior Associate Pastor*. He will have Head-of-Staff responsibilities during Dr. Miller's sabbatical.

**FPC University Ministries:** Join us at *Gather* this Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for community, fun, and food at the Metcalf home: 3850 S. Florence Place. (Follow us at [@ukirktulsa](https://twitter.com/ukirktulsa) for updates.)

**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: 8:40am - 4:30pm. Half day: 8:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m. or 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.) If you are able to serve for any time slot, please email Laura Voth at [create@masterworkacademy.org](mailto:create@masterworkacademy.org) and let her know your availability.

## 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> Eric and Lydia Olson	Prayer Room
Pastor's Study	<i>Mere Christianity</i> , Dr. Jim Miller	Stephenson Hall
Reflections	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E103
Sojourners (All Ages)	<i>Glimpses of Grace</i>	E204

### On Site and Zoom:

The Vine (Singles/couples)	<i>Acts</i>	E100
Young Adults (20's and 30's)	<i>I Corinthians</i> , Rev. Dan Hutchinson	E202

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Today 6/13/21

- 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 6/14/21

- Guy's Monday Bible Study 11:45 a.m., E103

### Tuesday 6/15/21

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

### Wednesday 6/16/21

- Pastor's Study 11:30 a.m., E104 *Mere Christianity*, C. S. Lewis
- WNDR Dinner 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall
- Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Ensemble Rehearsal 6:45 p.m., Choir Room

### Thursday 6/17/21

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

### Saturday 6/19/21

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



## SAVE THE DATE

June 21 – 25	VBS
September 20	Golf Tournament
September 29	Getty Concert