



# PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 9, 2019

11:00 AM

SANCTUARY

*First Presbyterian Church of Tulsa*

*Born by Grace in 1885*

# ***Pentecost Sunday***

*Come, Holy Spirit!*

## **The Welcome and Call to Worship**

*Burn in us this morning, Holy Spirit. Enter the deepest chambers of our heart and have your own way. Awaken us to your lively presence, deal with our sin, and create in us an ever-deepening faith. Grant us a deep love for Jesus and an eager desire to submit to Him as Lord, keen to serve in His name. We await your fiery cleansing. Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

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

EBENEZER

## ***The Story of Pentecost: Acts 2***

**Narrator:**

Rev. Dan Hutchinson

When the Feast of Pentecost came, the disciples were all together in one place, when suddenly, without warning, there was a sound like a gale force wind. No one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, took up residence within them, and they started speaking in different languages --as the Spirit prompted them-- declaring the mighty works of God, to all who could hear!

*Multi-lingual Good News!*

**English:** Jackson Seibert

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

**Spanish:** Ara Jacobson

**Arabic:** Sadik Gassid

**Mandarin:** Janice Tham

**Swahili:** Solomon Tsuma

**Russian:** Katrina Gilmore

**Lugandan:** Patrick Kirunda

**Kukuyu:** Rachel Kamaru

Come, every tribe and tongue: welcome the Holy Spirit, for He is good! Alleluia! Amen!

**Narrator:**

When the crowd heard these words, each in their own language, they were astonished. They had no idea what was going on. Many of them began to exclaim:

**Chancel Choir and band:**

These men are all Galileans! How can they possibly speak in our languages?!

**Center section:**

It's impossible! All of us can understand them, too!

**North Side:** (left section)

All of us! Each of us! Parthians, Medes, Elamites.

**South side:** (right section)

We're from Judea, Mesopotamia, and Cappadocia –We can hear our languages, too!

**Balcony:**

We've come all the way from Rome --and look, over there: people from Crete and the Arabian nations!  
These disciples are speaking in all of our languages!

**Pastors:**

From Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene –We're all hearing it together!

**Narrator:**

And the disciples declaring the good news kept saying, "Every tribe and tongue! Come, all of you, each of you, receive the Spirit!" Embrace Him, for He is good!

But not everybody responded that way. Some in the crowd mocked all of this and jeered:

**Entire Congregation:**

**These people are drunk! That's all this is; they're all drunk on cheap wine.**

**Narrator:**

That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke into all of this with a bold confidence:

**Simon Peter**

Daniel Hebert

Fellow Jews, and all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully: you need to get *this* story of all stories straight:

These people aren't drunk as some of you suppose. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**Joel**

Rev. James Estes

Hear the word of the Lord! I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, our old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

## **Simon Peter**

Fellow Israelites, listen carefully to me. Jesus of Nazareth, a man vindicated by God —the miracles and wonders and signs that God did through him are common knowledge—

This Jesus, following God’s deliberate and well thought-out plan, was betrayed by those who took the law into their own hands. He was handed over to you. And you pinned him to a cross and killed him.

But God untied the death ropes and raised him up. Death was no match for him.

This Jesus, got up. And every single one of us here is a witness to that!

Jesus, raised to the heights at God’s right hand, and receiving the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he poured out the Spirit on his people.

That’s what you are seeing and hearing!

So Israel, and all of you! Know this: There's no longer room for doubt—God made him Master and Messiah, this Jesus who was killed on a cross.

### **Narrator:**

Cut to the quick, those who were there listening pleaded with Peter and the other apostles,

**Entire Congregation:**

**What shall we do? Help us know what to do!**

**Simon Peter**

What to do? Change your life. Turn around! Turn and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah, and your sins will be forgiven.

And welcome this gift of the Holy Spirit! For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far away —whomever, in fact, the Master invites.

**Narrator:**

That day about three thousand people took Peter at his word, were baptized and were added to the community! They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

And we're invited, even today, to join with them!  
Please join me in prayer:

**Entire Congregation:**

**Lord, you are here this morning ready with a blessing for each of us. Cause your Holy Spirit to fall on us yet again. Soften our hearts, awaken us to your presence. And hear us when we pray: *Come, Holy Spirit, dwell among us!***

**Narrator:**

Pentecost tells the story of the Great Good King who takes up residence among His people. Who are we

that the highest King would welcome us? It's an amazing love story of sheer grace!

◆ **The Songs of Praise**      Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in; Oh, His love for me!  
Oh, His love for me!

Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed! I'm a child  
of God; yes, I am!

Free at last, He has ransomed me! His grace runs  
deep. While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me –  
Yes, He died for me!

*Who the Son sets free, Oh, is free indeed! I'm a child of  
God; yes, I am! In my Father's house, there's a place  
for me; I'm a child of God; yes, I am!*

I am chosen, not forsaken; I am who You say I am!  
You are for me, not against me; I am who You say I am!  
*Refrain.*

*I'm Trusting You!*

*The Spirit of (and in!) our Vacation Bible School Students  
Gretchen Bashforth, director*

◆ **The Congregational Response**

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to Him belong: they are weak but He is  
strong! *Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes,  
Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.*

Jesus loves me, He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide; He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. *Refrain.*

**The First Reading:** Ezekiel 37:1-6

Rev. Wambugu Gachungi

**The Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, if you can breathe life into dry bones, maybe you can breathe life into us! You know our condition, our sin, our need. You know where our hearts are hard, our necks are stiff, and our spiritual bones are dried out. Come, and have your own way. Deal with our sin. Breathe into us your Life! Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers...(in silence)**

**The Response**    Come to the Altar

(Band leads verse 1; Congregation joins on verse 2)

Are you hurting and broken within? Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

*O come to the altar the Father's arms are open wide; Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes; come today there's no reason to wait; Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy, from the ashes a new life is born; Jesus is calling. *Refrain.*

Oh, what a savior! Isn't He wonderful? Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen! Bow down before Him for He is Lord of all; Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen! *Refrain.*

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; tell the world of the treasure you've found. *Refrain.*

**The Second Reading:** Ezekiel 37:7-14

**The Homily** *Be Rattled*

*Suddenly there was a noise, a rattling.....*

Dr. Jim Miller

Ezekiel 37:7

**The Offertory** Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

*Gina Davis, violinist*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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 Invitation to the Table**

**The Words of Institution**

**The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

**The Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Christ is in This Place

Allen Pote

We come to eat the bread of life and drink the cup again. We come to kneel before the One who brings us peace within. We come to greet the living Christ, who feeds our hungry souls. O may we live as ones forgiven, in Christ we are made whole. *Alleluia, alleluia, sing of love and grace. Alleluia, alleluia, Christ is in this place.* We go refreshed, with hearts renewed into the world again. We go with minds and spirits blessed, which gives us strength within. We go to seek the living Christ in everyone we meet. O may we live for humankind, in Christ we are complete. *Refrain.*

**The Hymn 467 How Great Thou Art**

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**The Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung by the congregation*)

**The Charge and Benediction**

**The Postlude** Come, God Creator, Holy Spirit

J.S. Bach

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## **THE FIRST CHURCH UPDATES**

**Welcome to worship on this holy day of Pentecost!** The Church rejoices in the fiery awakening of the human heart —ignited by the

indwelling Holy Spirit. We pray that you'll sense the presence of Christ here —and the warmth and welcome of this congregation.

**Join us after worship today** for a delicious all-church Pentecost picnic in the Stephenson Hall and the Courtyard. No RSVP necessary!

**The 8:10 Mission Effort:** Thanks to everyone who's contributed to this remarkable effort! We're just \$140,000 away from the finish line! Remember: every dollar generated from the tenant revenue of the 8:10 building (about \$85,000/month) will serve to support mission initiatives in metro Tulsa in Jesus' name. If you haven't yet put your oar into the water, why not join the effort this week?

**If you'd like to contribute** to those who have encountered flood damage, please make your check to First Church with that notation. If you know a person in need, let us know. Please call Beverly Carter at 918-301-1029.

**Summer Sunday Evening Worship** begins tonight! Join us tonight at 7:00 p.m. (and every Sunday night this Summer) for informal community worship in the Powerhouse. The Rev. Dan Hutchinson will speak and Eric Baird leads our singing. Coffee follows!  
*#Seeyouthere!*

**Wednesday Night Downtown** classes offered: *Sing! Learning to Make a Joyful Noise* with Eric Baird and Dr. Miller, Choir room.

**Precepts, Understanding Spiritual Gifts**, takes you straight to God's word to discover answers from the Gift-giver Himself. Join us on Tuesdays in June at 10:00 a.m. in E100. For more information, contact Denise Rounds at [deniserounds@gmail.com](mailto:deniserounds@gmail.com).

**Called to serve on the FPC Staff? We are seeking a full-time Director of Communications.** For more information go to [www.firstchurchtulsa.org](http://www.firstchurchtulsa.org). Please email your resume to Tonye Briscoe at [tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:tbriscoe@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**Camp Loughridge Summer Camp** is filling up! Each day includes a mix of swimming, canoeing, archery, ropes course, arts and crafts, nature hikes, Chapel, Bible study, and more. Camp is an exciting ministry where your child is immersed in God's creation and mentored by college-aged Christians. Sessions run weekly from June 10 through August 2. Enroll at [www.CLcamps.org](http://www.CLcamps.org) or by calling the registrar at 918-446-4194.

**The Global Leadership Summit** will be held in the Great Hall of the Bernsen Building on Thursday, August 8 and Friday, August 9. Purchase your tickets early at the reduced rate of \$89 for church members. This rate is good through June 25. When you register, use priority code GLSTEAM. For more information, contact Elaine Horkey at 918-301-1037 or [ehorkey@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:ehorkey@firstchurchtulsa.org).

### **NEXT GENERATION MINISTRIES UPDATE**

*For questions or to make a reservation for any of the following events, please contact Kiona Tyler (918-301-1008 or [kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:kt Tyler@firstchurchtulsa.org)) or visit our FPC website.*

**MISSION TRIPS: Pathfinders** will be going on a mission trip to Dallas, TX from June 23 - June 29. This year there is a firm registration deadline of June 6.

**Exodus** will be going to Memphis from June 16 - 22, the registration deadline is Monday, June 3.

**Exodus Night**, our High School students weekly summer gatherings, will meet on Tuesdays, June 25 - August 13, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will meet in various homes. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Youth Ministries, at 918-301-1007 or [swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:swilson@firstchurchtulsa.org).

**TINA is Pathfinder's Summer Wednesday** night program which meets from July 10 - August 7. For more information, please contact Jackson Seibert at [jseibert@firstchurchtulsa.org](mailto:jseibert@firstchurchtulsa.org) or 918-640-5036.

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**PARISH REGISTER**

**Prayers for Healing:** Alao Aruna, Jane Azlin, Vanessa Batchelor, Nancy Burns, Diane Cherry, Coleman Coates, Sandra Cousins, Marilyn Davis, Fred Droege, Bill Dunning, Allan Edwards, Vivienne Edwards, Bill Farris, Wandie and Mary Fitzpatrick, Eugene Gilbert, Loise Gitau, Cynthia Hill-Meriwether, Nathan Homan, Dick Horkey, Meg Hubler, Larry Don Johnson, Ralph Kitch, Joyce Kunkel, John Lesch, Amy Lesh, Jimmie Mathews, Jo Matthews, George Matson, Ann McKellar, Gabriella Mungai, Pamela Neumann, Patti Parker, Don Perry, Robert Perryman, Sue Phelps, Rosemary Priest, Katherine Reid, Stephen Riungu, Jacob Rodehaver, Amy Russell, Ellen Ryan, Jerry Sisler, Jane Sneed, Cissy Ssettimba, Barbara Thomas, Bill Thompson, Chris Traband, Elaine Vinson, Joe Wanenmacher, Sandi Willhite, Jack Williams, Ruth Wilson, and Joe Woolslayer.

**With Gratitude for the Resurrection:** Doris K. Wills, a member since 1960, died on June 1, 2019.

**Letters of Well-Wishing** are available for you to sign before or after the services. This week the letters go to Bailey Newman, and Kitty Brumbaugh.

**COME, GROW YOUR FAITH!**

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***Adult Sunday Morning Classes for NEXT Sunday, meeting at 9:30***

Bible Walk ( <i>All ages</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary
Cornerstone ( <i>All ages</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary
Covenanters ( <i>Couples w/children</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	E201
Faith and Family (Parents)	<i>Read the Bible in 180 Days</i>	West Parlor
Forum ( <i>All ages</i> )	<i>Christianity's Family Tree</i>	E200
Front Porch Team ( <i>All ages</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	E205
Harbingers ( <i>Singles/couples</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	E202

The Niche 2.0 ( <i>Special needs</i> )	<i>The Bible Project, Tim Clement</i>	Kirkland
Pastor's Study	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary
Reflections ( <i>All ages</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary
Shepherds ( <i>Singles/couples</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary
Sojourners ( <i>All ages</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary
The Vine ( <i>Singles/couples</i> )	<i>Deep dive into Matthew</i>	E100
Westminster ( <i>All ages</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary
Young Adults ( <i>20's &amp; 30's</i> )	Autobiographies of Grace	Sanctuary

## **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### **Today 6/9/19**

**Worship Service** 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

**Pentecost Picnic** 12:30 p.m., Courtyard and Stephenson Hall

**Sunday Night Vespers** 7:00 p.m., Powerhouse

### **Tuesday 6/11/19**

**Men's Bible Study** 7:00 a.m., 313 Conference Room

**Summer Precept Bible Study** 10:00 a.m., Room E100

### **Wednesday 6/12/19**

**Pastor's Study** 11:30 a.m., Room E104

**WNDT Dinner** 5:15 p.m., Stephenson Hall

**WNDT Classes and Seekers** 6:15 p.m., Various Locations

### **Thursday 6/13/19**

**PW Coordinating Team Meeting** 10:00 a.m., Room E203

**Leader Talks** 11:00 a.m., Stephenson Hall

### **Saturday 6/14/19**

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

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

June 13            Leaders Talk

June 16 – 22    Exodus Mission Trip

June 23 - 29    Pathfinders Mission Trip

**We celebrate these new members that the Lord, by  
His Holy Spirit, has added to His Church!**

**Confession of Faith**

Bailey Newman\*

**Letter of Transfer**

Ruby Graff

Susan & Tommy Slaten

**Reaffirmation of Faith**

Elaine Andrew

Jolena Foust

Rita Helwege

George Mathu & Caroline Ndiritu

Eliza Wade

Sherman Wade

\*pending Baptism