



First Presbyterian Church

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Come, Worship the Lord, Our God
Pentecost Sunday

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May 28, 2023

10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Alleluia!

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples on the day of Pentecost, and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness, that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.

***HYMN: "There's a Sweet, Sweet, Spirit in this Place" #408**

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins together as we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

Amen.

Silence is Kept

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Listen! This is the good news spoken long ago, yet brought fresh to us by the Holy Spirit. God forgives us and fills us with all things new.

Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, new life – this day and in all the days to come.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Interactive Reading of Acts (Acts 2:1-21)

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

PSALM - Responsive Reading (Psalm 104:24-34, 35b)

²⁴O LORD, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there,

living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are dismayed;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

may the LORD rejoice in his works--

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}Bless the LORD, O my soul.

Praise the LORD!

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Spirit of the Living God" - Bell Choir

Daniel Iverson

GOSPEL READING: Choral Reading of Epistle (1 Corinthians 12:3b-13)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Come, Spirit, Come"

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Chaffee

SERMON HYMN: "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" #285

BRIDEGROOM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us unite our hearts and minds in prayer for our world, saying,

Almighty God, **hear our prayer.**

(The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father who 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, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

With thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, let us offer ourselves and the fruits of our labor for God's work in the world.

THE OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" #240 (CHORUS ONLY)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we have opened our hands to you, and our hands have been filled with good things. Receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your care for us, and help us to bless you with dedication of our lives; through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the Spirit of Pentecost touch you this day.

And touch you, as well.

May the fresh breeze of love fill your hearts.

We open them to the Spirit who would overflow from our hearts.

May the words of Pentecost offer you new songs.

We will sing praise and thanksgiving to our God.

Wow! What you do, God... ..we will sing your praise forever and ever:

Holy, holy, holy are you, Shattering Spirit.

All creation will sing until it has no more breath.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who stands in our midst speaking peace.

Hosanna in the highest!

Like your glory... ..tell of that faith grounded in Pentecost's mystery:

Drawing his last breath, Christ died for us;

with the sudden breath of the resurrection, Christ was raised;

Christ will return, to breathe the Spirit into us forever.

Here in this place... ..God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

And forget not all God's benefits.

***HYMN: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" #291**

SPIRIT

CHARGE

The shutters of our hearts have been flung open
by the fresh breath of God!

We will go to offer God's love to everyone around us.

Our souls have been set on fire
by the justice of the Brother of the poor.

**We will go to share visions of hope,
to listen to the dreams of the oppressed.**

Our loneliness and fears have been set aside
by the Spirit of inclusion creating community.

**We will speak words of peace to all we meet,
we will open ourselves to the gifts of others.**

BLESSING

May the grace of God the Father bless you with peace, may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy, and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage, this day and forevermore. Bless the Lord! Alleluia!

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PRAYER CONCERNS

The prayer concerns have recently been updated. If you have a prayer request, please contact **Pastor Rebecca at 315-317-6140 or the church office at 716-692-1319.**

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28

10:30 am

Worship for all ages (Sanctuary) - Pentecost Sunday & Communion

11:30 am

Coffee Fellowship for all ages (Parlor)

Monday, May 29

10:00 am

Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Tuesday, May 30

9:00am – 2:00pm

Office Hours

Wednesday, May 31

9:00am – 2:00pm

Office Hours

Thursday, June 1

9:00am – 2:00pm

Office Hours

10:00am

Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Friday, June 2

5:30pm-8:30pm

Faith Formation – All Ages

Saturday, June 3

10:00am

Alcoholics Anonymous (Circle II Basement)

Sunday, June 4

9:30 am

Sunday School for all ages (Classrooms)

10:30 am

Worship for all ages (Sanctuary) - Celebration Sunday

11:30 am

Church Picnic

