

First Presbyterian Church Worship Bulletin 5.28.23
Pentecost (with Welcoming New Members and Communion)

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of the Day

Remembering our Baptism

Remember your baptism **and be thankful.**

Prelude

Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire

Arr: Werner Grams

***Call to Worship** (based on Acts 2:1-4)

When the day of Pentecost came,
the disciples were all together in one place.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

And suddenly from heaven there came the sound like a rushing wind.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

Tongues of fire rested on them.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

And all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit!

Alleluia and Amen!

***Hymn of Praise** #127 Come, O Spirit

*1. Come, O Spirit, with Your sound
Like a wind, quick rushing;
Come from heaven and stir our hearts,
Each disciple touching!
Mold our actions to Your will,
You our service giving;
Move within our fellowship,
Transform now our living!*

*2. Come, O Spirit, with Your flame,
Leaping tongues of fire;
Come, and with Your glorious light*

*All our thoughts inspire!
Rest upon each servant's head
Till each one is speaking
Of our Christ, the Holy One
All the earth is seeking.*

*3. Come, O Spirit, fill Your church,
Making strong our mission;
Fill Your daughters and your sons
With a mighty vision,
Till the great and glorious day
When the whole creation
Sings Your praise as Lord and King,
Giver of salvation!*

Call to Confession

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows. When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also. When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God, the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open. Let us confess our sins together, saying . . .

Laying Our Burdens Before Christ

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Song Spirit of the Living God #322

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

Silent Reflection and Confession

***Proclamation of the Gospel**

Hear these words of assurance from Romans 8: If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing Himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? So be at peace! Because of God's extravagant love, you are forgiven.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Friends, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace, a peace that makes enemies and strangers into our friends. Let us share that peace we have received with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of our Risen Lord.

***The Gloria Patri**

Senior Bible Presentation

Prayer for God's Wisdom

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of our Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in the all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Romans 8:14-39

Message Nothing Will Separate Us

Welcoming New Members

Offering Our Gifts and Ourselves to God

Offertory *On Jordan's Stormy Banks* Arr: Duane Funderburk
 (I'm Bound For the Promised Land)

***Doxology**

***Prayer of Dedication**

On that first Pentecost, O Giving God, you gave the Holy Spirit and the disciples did incredible things. But it wasn't a one time gift. Your Holy Spirit is still active among us, calling us to new life. May we respond in gratitude with these gifts. Amen.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving Spirit, Now Live in Me #2123 Sing the Faith**

*1. O holy Dove of God descending
You are the love that knows no ending
All of our shattered dreams
You're mending Spirit now live in me*

*2. O holy Wind of God now blowing
You are the seed that God is sowing
You are the life that starts us growing
Spirit now live in me*

*3. O holy Rain of God now falling
You make the Word of God enthralling
You are that inner voice now calling
Spirit now live in me*

*4. O holy Flame of God now burning
You are the pow'r of Christ returning
You are the answer to our yearning
Spirit now live in me*

The Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving with Prayers of the Community and the Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Elements

Prayer after Communion

Benediction

Postlude

Everytime I Feel The Spirit

Arr: Mark Hayes

Remembering in Prayer

Praise and Thanksgiving: (Lord, hear our praise): *The gift of the Holy Spirit and Christ's church.*

Ministry of the Church in the Community: *Koinonia House*

Healing and Encouragement (Lord, hear our prayer):

Homebound: *Jean M, Ernie, Carlene and Wayne, Les, Sheri and Jim*

For those seeking healing and comfort: *Family and friends of Jan as they mourn her loss, Eric, Michael, Bryce, Cindi, Dan, Ken & Lori, Kelsi, Logan, Judy, Sheila, Thomas & Bobbie, Marie, Margaret, Tracey, those suffering from insomnia, Shannon, Freya & family, Katelyn, Ross, Preston, George, Corban, Nicholas F and his family, Cindy & Steve, and Ukraine.*

For our Nation: *Remembering and honoring those who have died in service to our country.*

Psalm of Inspiration:

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 104:34, 35b

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Upcoming Events

June 8	Evening Prayer in the sanctuary	6:00 pm
June 17	Mindfulness in Christ	9:00 am
June 18	End of Life Series	following worship
	Wills & Trusts with Glenn Null	

Church-wide Picnics
Riverside Park
June 7, July 5, August 2
6 pm

****The grill will be available to cook, but bring your own meat please***

****We encourage all to bring a side dish that can be shared among attendees***

****Also bring your beverages of choice, cups, plates, and utensils***

**** We will find tables near the pavilion***

Come share a meal together and enjoy a time of fellowship with one another

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