

FIRST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEBANON

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 23, 2021

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 A.M.

THE GATHERING

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE *Come Holy Ghost (Chorale with Soprano Melody)* J.S. Bach

CHIMING THE HOUR

CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

People: In wisdom you have made them all;

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

People: May the Lord rejoice in His works.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

People: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN NO. 115

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

ST. KEVIN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

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 burning desire to be your faithful people.
Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, rejoice in the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.*

*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ANTHEM

Come, Gracious Spirit

Alfred V. Fedak

*Come, Gracious Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.
The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way;
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart, that we from thee may ne'er depart.
Lead us to Christ, the living Way, nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
Lead us to heav'n, that we may share fullness of joy for ever there;
lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him for ever blessed.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, though we have hidden ourselves in locked rooms and huddled together as ones who build barriers, send your Living Word into our guarded hearts that we might be witnesses of your grace and couriers of your goodness.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1 and 2 (selected)

- Leader While Jesus was with the disciples, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.
- Jesus This is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.
- Leader When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- Everyone *[Make the noise of a loud wind and shake your bulletin.]*
- Leader Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
- Everyone *[Babble as if speaking a foreign language.]*
- Leader Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,
- Everyone Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
- Leader Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
- Everyone What does this mean?
- Leader But others sneered and said,
- Choir They are filled with new wine!

Leader Peter raised his voice and addressed the people,
Peter Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON

Unmasked

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 129 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE *Come, God, the Creator, Holy Ghost
Organo Pleno con Pedale Obligato*

J.S. Bach

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to become a member of First Presbyterian Church. For more information, please speak to the pastor at the close of the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – Join us for Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School June 21-23 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School is open for all children age 3 years to 8th grade. We will have separate tracks for early elementary students, upper elementary students, and middle school students. Each night a meal is provided. All participants will also receive a free t-shirt. To register, please visit the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Kristy in the office.

THE PENTECOST OFFERING will be received today. This offering is one of the four special offerings of the PC(USA). A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support young people and address the needs of at-risk children.

YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP (5th -12th grade) –TBD

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:10 a.m. Book Club

Monday

Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Preschool

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday

10:00 a.m. Preschool

Graduation

Friday

Saturday

ELDERS

Class of 2021
Suanne Bone
Don Goodwin
Adrienne Johnson
David Howell

Class of 2022
Jessica Fain
Mickey Stueck

Class of 2023
Max Carter
Frank Reeves

DIACONATE

Class of 2021
Becky Harm
Lee Lyle
Sandra Patton
Emily Peyton

Class of 2022
Jack Emmert
Marilyn Peyton
Laura Simmons
Margaret Ann Trail

Class of 2023
Margaret Carroll

CHURCH COMMITTEES

Clerk of Session – Barbara Howell
Treasurer – Robin Orewiler
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Buildings and Grounds – David Howell
Christian Education – Mickey Stueck
Congregational Care – Adrienne Johnson
Outreach – Adrienne Johnson
Personnel – Jessica Fain
Worship – Suanne Bone

STAFF

Ministers – All Members of the Congregation
Pastor – Sherard Edington
Director of Music – Branson Clark
Organist – J. D. Plant
Director of Christian Education – Michael Schulte
Office Administrator – Kristy Vincent
Preschool Director – Angela Hankins
Nursery – Sara Brown
Custodians – Stratus Cleaning Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Children
Nursery
Preschool – 1st Grade
Elementary Class
Middle School Class
High School Class

Adult
Atypical Class
Cross Roads Class
Faith Builders Class
Westminster Class
Women's Class

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