

# Day of Pentecost

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## May 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m. Service

### WELCOME TO FPC

We are so glad you are with us on this day where we celebrate the gift of hope for ourselves and for our world. We invite you to follow us on Facebook, sign up for our weekly emails or check the website regularly to see the new things God is doing among us at FPC Findlay!

### CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

**Little Ones:** Infants and toddlers are welcome to join trained caregivers in Room 333 on the third floor during Worship. Check-in begins at 9:20 a.m.

**Godly Play:** Children in preschool through elementary school-age are invited to attend Godly Play worship in Room 340 following the Blessing of the Children.

### WORSHIP VIA FACEBOOK LIVE

*As the prelude begins, we invite you to share your prayer requests in the comments section beneath the Facebook Live video.*

### ***About Pentecost Sunday***

On Pentecost Sunday, Christians around the world celebrate the formation of the church when the Holy Spirit called people into community as Christ's body and blessed them with universal understanding of languages. Pentecost, which literally means "fifty days," is a moveable feast which always occurs on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Though it may not be as ubiquitous as other key Christian celebrations, it is a tremendous day in church history. Theologian Willie James Jennings asserts: "Only the gracious work of God in creation matches this moment of prevenient grace." He's not alone in this conviction; some theologians describe Pentecost as the Church's birthday. Others describe it as a "big bang" that brought the Church into being, for just as God's Spirit came rushing into the world over the waters of creation, in Acts 2, God's Spirit rushes into the world to gather and transform God's people.

So where does that leave us? If we are willing to be amazed, Pentecost is one of the most awe-inspiring days in our Christian calendar. If we are willing to be transformed, it is an opportunity to be renewed in energy and faithfulness toward the work of God's kingdom on earth when all people will experience true liberation and boundless love.

\* Call to Worship/Opening Words

As we gather together in this place,  
Let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

**We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.**

**We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

Rejoice, for God’s spirit flows among us!  
Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

**In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!**

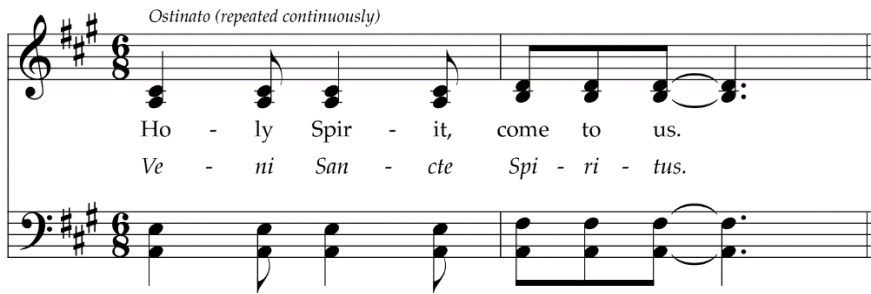
**Let us worship God.**

\* Hymn #281

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

*Ostinato (repeated continuously)*



Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.  
Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

*Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light. Veni Sancte Spiritus.  
Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come, Breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew  
and strengthen your people. Veni Sancte Spiritus.  
You are our only comforter, peace of the soul. In the heat you shade us; in our labor you  
refresh us, and in trouble you are our strength. Veni Sancte Spiritus.  
Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love that in the darkness of the world it may glow and  
reach to all forever. Veni Sancte Spiritus.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**God, you invite us to wonder.**

**We confess that we find more comfort in the mundane.**

**We lean into the familiar and treat the amazing  
as suspicious or even threatening.**

**We long for a routine to keep us safe from pain,  
and we’re willing to give up joy in exchange.**

**Reshape our hearts for possibility, O God.**

**Awaken our senses to your wondrous work in the world,  
and give us the courage and will to follow you.**

*(Silent Confession)*

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

\* Assurance of Pardon

From Psalm 104: 24, 28, 30

The psalmist writes,

**"O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

When you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground."**

It is through this same creative, renewing Spirit that we experience God's grace.

**We give thanks as a renewed, forgiven people!**

\* Passing of the Peace

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\* Grateful Response

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia. Re-joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb, e - ven from death, dis - pel-ling its gloom.

Let us sing praise to him with end-less joy. Death's fear-ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing of the Children, children 3rd grade and younger may go to Room 340 for Godly Play.

## Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Galatians 5:22-23, 25-26

Pew Bible page 948

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Anthem

Spirit, Moving Over Chaos

David Ashley White

*Spirit, moving over chaos, bringing light where there was none, be to us a light, revealing where the work is to be done. Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving light. Breath, instilling animation, giving life, informing soul, breathe into all our beings life that makes the Body whole. Praise to God, among us dwelling: praise the Spirit giving life. Power, Life-force, Inspiration, blowing, breathing, brooding here, call, enliven, and empower for your work, both far and near. Praise to God, among us dwelling, praise the Spirit giving strength.*





1 As the wind song through the trees, as the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the  
 1 風 之 頌, 林 中 吹 送, 輕 風  
 2 彩 之 虹, 雨 後 高 懸, 生 之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 送, 心 中 振 動, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹  
 盼, 人 間 再 現, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the  
 God, as the green in the spring, as a  
 送; 心 溫 暖, 奇 異 難 明, 風 浪  
 送; 春 天 裡, 青 山 綠 水, 線 上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 中, 靜 聽 主 聲, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹  
 繫 飛 揚 風 箏, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come  
 送; 眼 不 見, 心 未 明, 風 來 去 何  
 送; 大 地 萬 象 更 新, 和 平 終 實



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,  
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,  
 蹤, 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;  
 現, 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the  
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮  
 麵 之 酵, 悄 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。  
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。

## Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

## Pew Bible page 933

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Hymn

Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race

TALLIS' CANON

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: 2-part canon: Higher Voices, then Lower voices

Stanza 3: 3-part canon: Soprano, then Alto, then Tenor/Bass

Stanza 4: 4-part canon: SATB order



1. Di - verse in cul - ture, na - tion, race, We come to - geth - er  
 2. God, let us be a bridge of care Con - nect - ing peo - ple  
 3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O Ho - ly Spir - it,  
 4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread With gifts of love and



by your grace. God, let us be a meet - ing ground Where  
 ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all fear and hate And  
 make us wise. Let our re - solve, like steel, be strong To  
 bro - ken bread, Where all find wel - come, grace at - tends, And



hope and heal - ing love are found.  
 lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.  
 stand with those who suf - fer wrong.  
 en - e - mies a - rise as friends.



Stanza 1 : Lecturn side

Stanza 2 : Pulpit side

Stanza 3 : All



1. With wa - ter free - ly flow - ing we cel - e - brate new birth, in  
 2. The Spir - it, swift - ly soar - ing, de - scend - ing as a dove, con -  
 3. By wa - ter and the Spir - it bap - tized in Christ, we rise to



sa - cred sign ex - press - ing God's love for all on earth. The  
 veys the star - tling Pres - ence on all whose vow is love. The  
 walk new paths un - fold - ing be - fore our o - pened eyes. We



Well of Liv - ing Wa - ter springs up for us this day; en -  
 Breath of God with - in us en - liv - ens and sus - tains, be -  
 jour - ney from this mo - ment, faith's pil - grim - age em - brace. By



gulfed by love's ac - cept - ance, our fears are washed a - way.  
 yond this rite of pas - sage with us al - ways re - mains.  
 Spir - it and by wa - ter we feel and sense God's grace.

Third Lesson

Acts 2:1-4

Pew Bible page 885

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. 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.

## Stanzas 1-3: Unison

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to  
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -  
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Hymn #286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
 un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Call for Offering

Offertory Anthem I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves Moses Hogan

*I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes. It was grace that brought me. It was grace that taught me. It was grace that kept me and it's grace that will lead me home. I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart. I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes. Can't you feel the spirit movin'. I'm gonna shout 'til the sprit moves in my heart. I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes.*

\* Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here be -  
 low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heaven-ly  
 host; Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

\* Prayer of Dedication  
Concerns and Celebrations  
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.**

Prayer Response #600 Amen African American

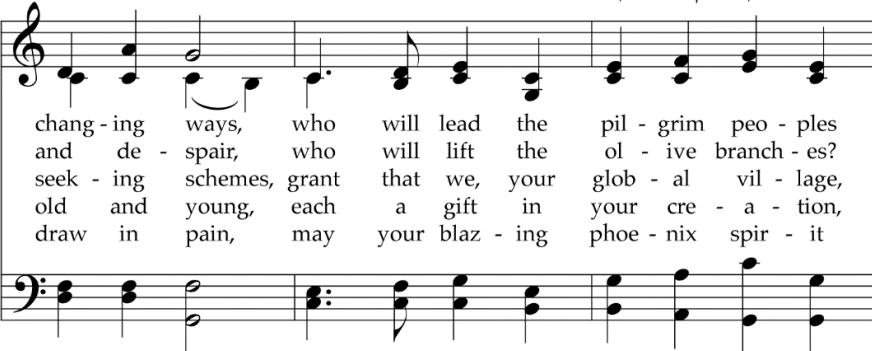
Messages for Our Life in Community

Verse 1 – All; Verse 2 – Higher voices

Verse 3 – Lower voices; Verses 4 &amp; 5 – All

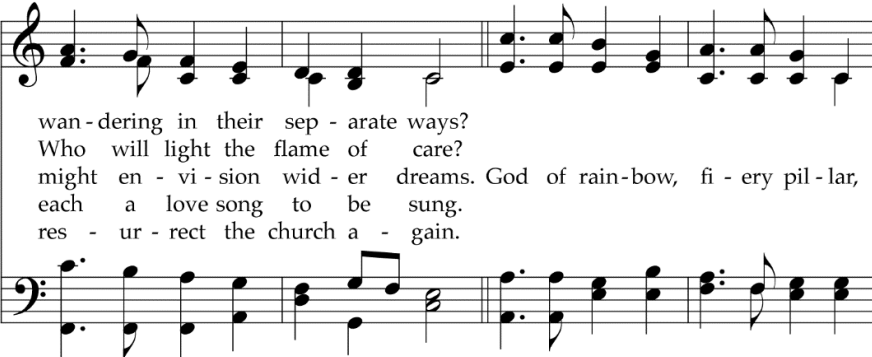


1 In the midst of new di - men - sions, in the face of  
 2 Through the flood of starv - ing peo - ple, war - ring fac - tions,  
 3 As we stand, a world di - vid - ed by our own self -  
 4 We are man and we are wom - an, all per - sua - sions,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre - dic - tions cause us to with -



chang - ing ways, who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples  
 and de - spair, who will lift the ol - ive branch - es?  
 seek - ing schemes, grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage,  
 old and young, each a gift in your cre - a - tion,  
 draw in pain, may your blaz - ing phoe - nix spir - it

*Refrain*



wan - dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will light the flame of care?  
 might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams. God of rain - bow, fi - ery pil - lar,  
 each a love song to be sung.  
 res - ur - rect the church a - gain.



lead - ing where the ea - gles soar, we your peo - ple, ours the jour - ney



now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

\* Benediction

**As we leave this place,  
 May we go out into the world ready to be overwhelmed with amazement.  
 May we clear our throats to shout the good news.  
 May we not shy away from the fire and wind of the Spirit,  
 But rather, let it envelop and hone us for the work of love  
 That God entrusts to us as the body of Christ.  
 Go in peace!**

Postlude                      Carillon de Longpont, 24 Pièces en style libre, Op. 31                      Louis Vierne

*\* Please rise in body or spirit*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Pastor:** Rev. Jessica Commeret

**Director of Music:** Clinton Miller

**Lay Readers:** Lark McCormick and Dave Healy

**Director of Connectional Ministry:** Leslee Kirkconnell

**Musicians:** FPC Choral Scholars: BK Riha, Deja Jennings, Cassie Wilson, Zach Sanford;  
 Desra Dabney, flute; Marsha Pendley, cello

**A/V Technician:** Robbie Riffle

**The flowers for worship are in celebration of Pentecost.**

## Announcements

**It's a Birthday Party!** Join us for our Pentecost Brunch in Fellowship Hall following worship. We'll enjoy delicious food, warm hospitality and hot Pentecost fun (no actual flames).

**Music Ministry Offering** Today a special offering for Music Ministry will be taken. You can find envelopes in the pews. Your financial gifts contribute to having guest musicians for our special services. Please give generously to the Music Ministry.

**Outdoor Worship:** Our first outdoor worship will be next Sunday, May 26, 9:30 a.m. Dress comfortably for the weather and bring your chairs as desired. In the event of rain, we'll gather in Fellowship Hall. We will also recognize our graduating seniors that Sunday.

**Get Connected!** Read our weekly E-News on our website, on Facebook or in the hallway outside the office!

**Summer News & Views** will be available by June 1. Last call for items to be included-must be to Leslee Kirkconnell by tomorrow!

To the right is a QR Code. You can open the camera on your smartphone and be connected to our Giving page via a link pop up. We encourage you to use this method to give as we pass the offering plate.



### LITURGICAL ART

**First Presbyterian Church** follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together as Christians. The DAY OF PENTECOST is 50 days after Easter Day. RED is the color of fire and symbolizes the presence of God in the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples as depicted in both pulpit and lectern paraments and banners created by liturgical artist Jenia Rimov of Camas, Washington. The mobile in the Chancel "Come Creator Spirit" represents the flames poured down upon the disciples, as well as the presence of the Holy Spirit in the dove. The mobile was created in 2016 by Don Beck. The color RED is also used for Reformation Sunday, the last Sunday of October, representing the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the 16th century renewal movement, as well as the blood shed by the martyrs of that period. The pulpit and lectern paraments, as well as the banners above the doors, depict the fractured Protestant churches which resulted from that movement 500 years ago. They were created in 2017 by Don Beck, whose artistic vision continues to shape worship at First Presbyterian Church in all seasons of the liturgical year.

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