

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2015

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Smith Hustad

Call to Worship Joel 2:28-32

God declares: I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

The young shall see visions. The elderly shall dream dreams.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

* Hymn 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***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.***

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response 591 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-12 (NT, p. 119)

Psalter: Psalm 104 (Hymnal 34)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Peace Like a River/Kum Ba Yah" Traditional
arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Our young children are invited to attend "Joyful Noise" in room 103.

Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:18-27 (NT, p. 158)

Sermon: "Pregnant Prayer" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 287 "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

* Affirmation of Faith: A Brief Statement of Faith, section 4 (Hymnal, p. 38)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Nun Bitten Wir" arr. Buxtehude

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 360 "Christ Is Coming!"
Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Komm, Heiligler Geist, Herre Gott" arr. Armsdorf

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the Glory of God by

- Debbie and Al Traettino in memory of their parents; and
- by Jana and Laura Schillinger in honor of their parents, Brian and Nina, on their 40th wedding anniversary.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Pianist	Beverly Bright
Liturgist	Ryan Flynn
Joyful Noise Leaders	Tina Ide, Wayne Griffiths
Welcomers	Anne and Rob Deremer
Ushers	Elaine Lavelle and Mary Parry



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not know what
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**The
Spirit
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for us ...**

**Romans
8:26**

Acts 2:1-12

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.

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, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 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, "What does this mean?"

Romans 8:18-27

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.