

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

**And let everyone who hears say, "Come."**

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

**Let anyone who wishes**

**take the water of life as a gift.**

Hymn 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

1 On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

2 The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

3 God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

4 O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,**

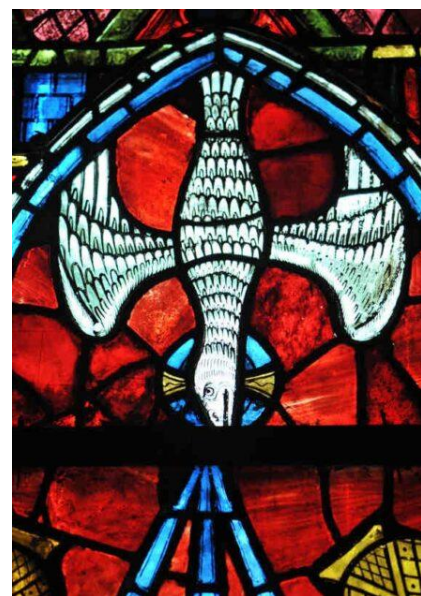
**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.**

**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**



The Belle Verrière Window (12th century),  
Chartres Cathedral of Chartres, France.

Silent Confession  
Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination  
First Lesson: Acts 2:1-11

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?'

Psalter: Psalm 104:24-35

O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.  
There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.  
When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.  
When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.  
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.  
Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more.  
Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Praise the LORD!

Gospel Lesson: John 7:37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Sermon: "Water Won't Quench the Fire"

Rev. Carter

### **RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn 479 "Ho, All Who Thirst, Come Now to the Water"

**Refrain:** Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and all whose souls are parched and weary, come and drink!  
Ho, all who thirst, come now to the water,  
and from your heart will flow a never-failing spring!

- 1 Why forsake the Lord, the fount of living water,  
choosing broken cups that cannot be filled? (**Refrain**)
- 2 For the Lamb will be our shepherd and will guide us  
to the wellsprings of the water of life. (**Refrain**)
- 3 All who come may take this gift of living water.  
They will thirst no more, for they shall be filled. (**Refrain**)

Affirmation of Faith: 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.**

Offering

Offertory

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Refrain:** Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

Hymn 287 "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading"

- 1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading; fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing; help us to follow you.

**Refrain:**

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

- 2 Come to teach us; come to nourish those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful; may they flourish, strengthened by grace unpriced. (**Refrain**)
- 3 Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame. (**Refrain**)
- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment, nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment, doubt into certainty. (**Refrain**)
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness, unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness, which you alone assure. (**Refrain**)

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

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