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Service for the Lord's Day

The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn

Words of Welcome

Recognition of Graduates

Prelude Improvisation on "Veni Creator Spiritus" arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Call to Worship

Come, believers and faithful ones, sing your alleluias to God!

***Praise God, who invades us with the rush of a mighty wind
and fills us with fire.***

Praise God, who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.

***Praise God, whose spirit is poured out upon all flesh
so our sons and daughters might prophesy.***

God reaches into our lives and claims us, calling us honored and loved.

Come, Holy Spirit, and find us in our wilderness.

Lead us forth into the wonders of your love.

* Hymn 289

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

***O God, giver of the Holy Spirit, we sit surrounded by red
and hear the amazing story of Pentecost this morning.***

But some of us have heard it so many times before.

***It is so familiar; we've ceased to be amazed and surprised
or filled with excitement. Forgive us for our complacency.***

***Blow us out of our complacency. Let the flames of passion dance
in our lives. Inspire us with visions and dreams.***

Help us appreciate each gift you give us.

Help us be truly Pentecost People. Amen.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

Brothers and Sisters, we are standing in the grace of Jesus Christ. Because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the

Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for the reconciliation of the world. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen!

* Passing of the Peace

* Response 589

"Alleluia"

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Now the Lord is risen indeed.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-17 (OT, p. 806)

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 (NT, p. 119)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Precious Lord”

Traditional

Gospel Lesson: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (NT, p. 110)

Sermon: “Holy Spirit Power!”

Rev. Samford

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Minute for the Pentecost Offering

Offering

Offertory “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers” arr. Alfred V. Fedak

* Doxology (606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude “Tongues of Fire” Alfred V. Fedak

If you are leaving before the postlude is finished, please do so quietly.

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers have been given to the glory of God in loving memory of Harold and Betsey Cooper from the family.

Flowers were placed in the sanctuary last Sunday for Mother’s Day in memory of Frances Wollen Bright and her six sisters, and also in memory of Ruth Bright Kaestner and Doris Miller Coyne by Beverly Bright.

Apologies to Beverly for the omission.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Guest Pastor
Coordinator of Children and Youth
Director of Music
Organist
Liturgist

Rev. William Samford
Jana Schillinger
Frank Jones
Kay Ten Eyck
Kurt Wadsworth

Church Family Announcements

Our congregation worships God, equips God's people for ministry in the world, and serves God in ways that are faithful to the Gospel.

Thank you for joining us for Worship. We worship in two ways!

- **Join us in person at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Tune in online** for our service, which is broadcast live and archived for later viewing on our website, fpccs.org.
- Please use the **red attendance pads** to record your presence today.
- **Large-print bulletins** are located at the rear of the sanctuary.

Bible Time is our program for children (age 4 to approx. grade 4) to hear Bible stories told in a fun and engaging way. Each Sunday following the anthem, children are invited to go with leaders downstairs for Bible Time (lasting about 20 minutes) and return for the Prayers and the end of service.

The Nursery is open Sunday mornings from 9:40-11:10 a.m. for children ages 3 and younger in room 208. The nursery is staffed by Heather Lyons.

The Deacons are sponsoring a Food Drive in May that will benefit both the Clarks Summit Gathering Place and the Dalton Food Pantry. You may bring your food donations of non-perishable pantry staples such as cereals, pastas, baby food, etc. to the church narthex.

Adult Education meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m., Room 206. On May 15 and 22 Rev. Bill and Friends continue a Bible Study series titled "Why Presbyterians Are Like That." We will explore the ways we read the Bible, pray, and serve. All are invited!

Interested in a Presbyterian trip to Scotland? Our church is sponsoring a Presbyterian Heritage Tour of Scotland for September 5-14, 2024. The trip will take our travelers to Edinburgh, Glasgow, St. Andrews, and the mystical island of Iona. A brochure is available in the Narthex. An information session was recorded for your listening. The trip will be capped off at 26 travelers. Interested? Let Rev. Carter know.

Tell us your prayer concerns. Prayer Request Cards are in the pew racks. Pass them to the center aisle to be collected during the first hymn.

Please pray for: Hall, Bob, Bonnie, Betty, Lisa, Janet, Patty, Barb, Tami, Margaret, Colleen M., LeAnne, Wayne, Dennis V., Liz, Jerry, Gerry, Tracy, Kathy, Hannah, Tom, Dick, Chris, Rick, Brian, Len, Joyce, Staci, Travis, Nancy, Helen, Edward, Irena, Maureen, Bentley, Sawyer, Nate, Kay, Ginny, Kelly, Jamie, Judy, Renee, Dave, John, Clyde, Denise, Sawyer, Dawn.

Bike Ride June 1 - Please join us for this year's bike ride through the Lehigh Gorge. It's a 26-mile, all downhill ride from White Haven to Jim Thorpe, with a shuttle back to White Haven. The ride is free, but the shuttle is provided by Pocono Biking for \$24.99. No reservations needed. Meet at the new White Haven Trailhead at 10:00 a.m. on June 1. Contact Dick Cochrane (570-587-3970) with any questions.

Would you like to host refreshments after church this summer? The Fellowship Committee is looking for families and church groups to provide refreshments after church from June 2 through August 25. A sign-up sheet has been placed in Fellowship Hall. Call Karen White, 570-575-7005, with any questions.

We held a **CPR class and defibrillator training** in the fall of 2023. Some people expressed an interest in repeating that class for those who were unable to attend. Please contact JoAnn at jodihall@nep.net or 570-806-1591 if you would be interested.

We are grateful for the many ways that people support our church's ministry to the community and world. If you wish to contribute by cell phone, scan here.



This Week at a Glance

Today, May 19 Pentecost

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
Graduate recognition during worship
- **11 a.m.**, "We Worship Together" series for children. Today's topic is Pentecost.
- **1 p.m.**, Girl Scouts Heritage Cooking Class, Fellowship Hall
- **4 p.m.**, Recital, Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 21

- **10 a.m.**, PW Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22

- **10:30 a.m.**, Prayer and Share, Room 209
- **6 p.m.**, Adult Education, Room 206
- **7 p.m.**, Adult Choir, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 26

- **10 a.m.**, Worship in the sanctuary and online
This morning we will ordain and install all incoming elders and deacons during the worship service.

Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day – Church Office is closed.

On Tuesday, May 28, the church office will begin its summer schedule. The office will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Later this summer – Check your newsletters for information!

- June 30 – Parking Lot Picnic
- July 15-19 – Vacation Bible School
- August 2 – Rail Riders’ game



Vacation Bible School 2024
July 15-19, 9am-12pm
Age 4 through completed Grade 5

for more information and to register, visit:
myvbs.org/fpccs

Calling all volunteers!

We need YOU to make VBS happen!

If you'd like to help children explore Nazareth by teaching, leading, or preparing, let us know!

Please contact Jana Schillinger or send an email to fpccs.vbs@gmail.com



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