



**DIVIDED TONGUES, AS
OF FIRE, APPEARED
AMONG THEM ...**

ACTS 2:3, NRSV

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

10:00 a.m.

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

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Congregational Gathering

***Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.
Maranatha! Come, Lord, come!***

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

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 people shall see visions,

and your old people shall dream dreams.

In those days I will pour out my Spirit,

and they shall prophesy.

* Hymn 287

“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Generous God,

you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.

You send us the Spirit of truth,

but we cling to our illusions.

You send us the Spirit of healing,

but we cannot let go of our hurts.

Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:

shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love:

send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.

We hold out to you all our burdens of guilt and sin.

Set us free to live the way of your justice and love.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

* Response (from Hymn 287)

Come, come! Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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Reception of New Members

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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

Psalter: Psalm 104:24-35 (OT, p. 555)

A Time with Children

Anthem "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual

Second Lesson: Isaiah 44:1-8 (OT, p. 673)

Sermon: "Faith and the Future" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 401 "Gather Us In"

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

A Minute for Graduates

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "As the Wind Song" (Hymnal 292)

* Doxology (606)

* Dedication of the Pentecost Offering

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response (Hymn 66, refrain only)

***Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.***

* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers are given by Erika Adams and her siblings in loving memory of their mother, Jeneane.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	Rev. William Carter
Liturgist	John Weiss
Coordinator of Children and Youth	Jana Schillinger
Director of Music	Frank Jones
Musicians	The Measures of Faith Band
	Frank Garnecki Wally Longcor Chris Sekol
	Crosby Sekol Bill Carter

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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 gather at 10:00 a.m. in person or on our YouTube channel, (or stream the service on YouTube at a later time).
- Please use the red attendance pads to record your presence today.

FPC Young(er) Adult Group

This summer, the Christian Education committee is sponsoring new opportunities for building relationships and nurturing faith for anyone in the 20–50-year-old range. We are looking to create fun events and fresh learning opportunities. We are planning the following events:

- **Sunday, June 29, 11:15** - Trolley/Railriders Game. We will join the larger church outing on this day.
- **Saturday, July 26** - Pool Party at the Farrells. Time TBA.
More events to come. Children are welcome to join these early events. If you have any questions or wish to join the group, please reach out to Michael Thompson at mkthompson96@gmail.com or 518-577-8691.

Summer Bible Study for Adults

Children's Bible Stories - But Not the Way You Remember Them

We will continue our Wednesday night Bible study through the Summer, beginning at 6:00 pm in the library (room 206). We will look at some of the most beloved Bible characters and stories in the Old Testament, like Noah, Moses, David, and Elijah. Some of these will be familiar (or so you think) and others you may be reading for the first time.

Coffee Hour: We are looking for families and church groups who would like to host the coffee hour during the summer months. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall or contact Karen White at 570-575-7005 to get on the schedule.

Updated Church Directory

Bound copies of the latest Church Directory are on the cabinet inside the Narthex. Please be sure to pick one up!



Hey kids and families! Reservations are confirmed for the Trolley ride and RailRiders game on June 29.

- All attending, please forward your payment of \$25 per person to the church office. Checks are payable to First Presbyterian Church.
- We must leave for the game right after the service is over to be at the Trolley in time for departure.
- No large purses, bags, or back packs are permitted on the

Trolley or at the game. Plastic, see-through bags may be used.

- **If you missed the sign up**, you may be able to reserve a spot yourself by calling the Trolley Museum at 570-963-6590.

There's another RailRiders ball game on the calendar!

Friday, August 1 Game Time is 6:35 p.m. Tickets are \$14.

That's right! The WBS RailRiders will play
the Nashville Sounds at PNC Field!

Sign up in the Narthex or church office by **Sunday, July 20**. Contact Betty Keen with questions. Checks are payable to Betty Keen.j



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, Caleb, Jon, Char, Susan, Jerry, Don, Roberta, Judy, Wayne, Candace, Jen, Terry, Edward, Sue, Joseph, Baby Lyric, Lisa, Judy S., Mollie, Ellen S., Jeff and Jean, Nancy, Sarah, Leslie, Carol, Dennis, Bill, the Reid and Calvey families, Leslie, Kim.

Plans are being made to celebrate Rev. Carter's 35th year at FPCCS. Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 5th, one o'clock at Montdale Country Club. Save the date cards have been printed and are ready to be mailed. If you know of anyone that might be interested in attending and is not on the church mailing list, please let JoAnn Hall or Beverly Bright know.

Are you looking for a new camping experience? Perhaps church camp for "the kids" this summer? Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center in Northwest New Jersey offers programming for children and youth, Grades 1-12. Brochures are available in the narthex. It's 72 miles and just over an hour away. Check their website www.johnsonburg.org for more information. Check our website, www.fpccs.org, "Learn" tab for scholarship details.

CEO WEINBERG FOOD BANK
SERVICE DAY – SPRING 2025

The Mission & Justice Committee will hold a morning of service at Monsignor McGown Center for Healthy Living (CEO Weinberg, Northeast Regional Food Bank) in Pittston on June 21, 9 a.m. to noon. The morning will entail packing food boxes for qualifying senior citizens in an assembly line manner. Carpooling will be available, leaving the church's side parking lot at 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in participating, please contact Diane Scheuer or the church office. It is always a fun and rewarding experience.



LIFT: Living In Faith Together

Join us after worship **today** to celebrate **Pentecost** with a meal and intergenerational program. Families with children as well as congregants of all ages are invited. Learn about the Holy Spirit at work in ourselves and the world as we enjoy a meal, Bible reading and discussion, and activity. It's a great opportunity to share fellowship and faith with our friends and family.

Our lunch will be a **potluck of salads**. From potato to tuna to fruit to leafy green, **bring us your favorite salad to enjoy together**. Rolls, drinks, and dessert provided.

Thank you to all who have participated in our LIFT programs this year! We hope you'll join us again in the fall.

We have a Nursery that is staffed regularly on Sunday mornings from 9:40 to 11:10 a.m. Located in room 208 (sanctuary level), it has a changing table, and age-appropriate toys and books for children ages 3 and younger.

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online
- 11:15, Lift Program, Fellowship Hall
- 2 p.m., GSA program, Fellowship Hall

Monday, June 9

Tuesday, June 10

- 9:30 a.m., Yoga, Room 111
- 10 a.m., MBK Quilters, Fellowship Hall – Last workshop until September
- 6 p.m., OA, Room 210
- 7 p.m., Session, Room 206
- 7 p.m., AA, Room 111

Wednesday, June 11

- 10:30 a.m., Prayer and Share, Room 209
- 6:00 p.m., Adult Christian Education, Room 206
- 7:30 p.m., AlAnon, Room 206

Thursday, June 12

- 4 – 6 p.m., Mobile Food Pantry distribution, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m., Worship, Music, Arts, Room 206

Friday, June 13

- **Presbyter Deadline:** Send to office@fpccs.org

Sunday, June 15 Trinity Sunday

- 10 a.m., Worship in the sanctuary and online

Church summer office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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.



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