

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day

Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music

Concerns of the Church

Prelude "Sine Nomine" arr. Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship Joel 2:28-29

God declares: In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.

Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

Your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions.

Even on the male and female slaves, I will pour out my Spirit.

* Hymn 130 (PH) "Let Every Christian Pray"
Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Almighty God,

who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit

to fill disciples with contagious faith:

We confess that we resist the force of your Spirit among us;

that we are slow to serve you,

and reluctant to spread the good news of your love.

God, have mercy on us.

Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together.

Inflame us with a desire to do your will

and be your faithful people;

for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

* Passing of the Peace

* Gloria Patri (PH 579)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9 (OT, p. 9)

Psalter: Psalm 104, selections (Sing 163/164)

A Time with Children

Anthem "When Morning Gilds the Skies" arr. Barbara Kinyon

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

Sermon: "Miracle and Mess" Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 167 (Sing) "Gift of Christ from God Our Father"

* Litany for Pentecost (Sing 170)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" arr. Dahl

* Doxology (PH 592)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 315 (PH) "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude "Spirit Song" arr. John Carter

* All who are able shall stand.

PH Presbyterian Hymnal

Sing Sing! A New Creation (green songbook)

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Stoeckel by the Eunice Circle.



PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Director of Bell Choir	Richard Cochrane
Liturgist	Richard Cochrane
Ushers	Bill Farrell, Wendy Wescott



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Genesis 11:1-9

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”

The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the Lord said, “Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another’s speech.” So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Acts 2:1-21

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?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘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 men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’