

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
May 31, 2020  
Day of Pentecost

*M.M. Wells, 1858/  
arr. Robert J. Hughes, 1990*

Prelude: "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide"

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

One: Remember the promise of the Lord:  
All: God will pour out the Spirit on all Flesh.

Opening Hymn: "God Is Here!"

No. 461

### Prayer of the Day (unison)

God our creator, earth has many languages,  
but your gospel proclaims your love  
to all nations in one heavenly tongue.  
Make us messengers of the good news  
that, through the power of your Spirit,  
all the world may unite in one song of praise;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Litany for Pentecost

All: Come, Holy Spirit!

### Invitation to Confession

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.  
Out of the believer's heart  
shall flow rivers of living water.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**First Scripture Reading:** Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**Anthem:** "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

Carl P. Daw, 1982/Peter Cutts, 1969

Becky Richter (Soloist)

**Second Scripture Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

P. 119 in the New Testament

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.

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**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

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.

**Kyrie Eleison** (*singing in unison*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Through Christ, God has poured out  
the Holy Spirit upon us  
for the forgiveness of sins.

Believe in God, Friends!

Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

God of power and grace,  
fill us with the wisdom of your word  
and the understanding of your Spirit  
so that we may be your church:  
a people with dreams and visions  
at work in all the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Second Scripture Reading: (continued)

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."

## Sermon: The Birth of Christ's Church

Acts 2:3-4: 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.

*Silence and stillness*

## Congregational Hymn: "Breath on Me, Breath of God"

No. 316

## Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

## Congregational Hymn: "Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart"

No. 326

## Charge and Benediction

## Postlude: "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

No. 129

We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this "Virtual Worship Service." All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read and sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in, now, the Season of Eastertide. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1

Verse 3

Verse 2

Verse 4

## God Is Here!

God is here! As we Your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit;  
Here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.

## Breath On Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldest do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold,  
Here, as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel,  
Help us work Your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive:  
We, who cannot live without You,  
We adore You! We believe!

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glowes with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.

### Spirit of God, Descent Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;  
All, all Thine own: soul, heart and strength, and mind?  
I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

### Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
Come with Pentecostal power;  
Give the church a stronger vision,  
Help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
Still the church is called to mission  
That God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias  
For the grace of yesteryears;  
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
Hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
You have led us all the way,  
Still in presence move before us,  
Fire by night and cloud by day.



Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
Give us words of fire and flame.  
Help our feeble lips to praise You,  
Glorify Your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
Now and through eternity.

### Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests

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### Bulletin Cover

The Bulletin cover for this worship service features a work, entitled "After the Fire," by contemporary artist, John Stushie. This highly colorful picture contains the vivid red associated with the Day of Pentecost ("divided tongues, as of fire," Acts 2:3) as well as the white dove, the symbol of the Holy Spirit ("all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:4). © 2014 John Stushie; all rights reserved. Used by permission of the artist.

The title of the work, "After the Fire," compels all Christians to ask themselves, "What are we to do after the Day of Pentecost?" "What are we to do now that Jesus' promise has been fulfilled?" ("... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth . . ." Acts 1:8). Clearly, we must witness the good news of Christ's salvation to the ends of the earth! On the Day of Pentecost, we were given the power; after that day, we must never lose the will.

### Clergy, Music, and Administration

Rev. Jim DeMent, Interim Pastor  
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