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## PENTECOST

9:00 am

May 31, 2020

Holy One,  
for all of the ways you speak to us –  
in rushing wind,  
in dancing flames,  
in words we understand,  
and in all that transcends language,  
we give thanks.

Give us courage to speak your love,  
everywhere we go,  
to everyone we meet.  
Amen.

Joanna Harader  
<http://practicingfamilies.com>

## **Our Mission Statement**

Called to love God and one another, First Presbyterian Church responds to God's grace by following Christ with ministries of hospitality, worship, faith development, service and generosity.

## **Welcome to First Presbyterian Church**

We're glad you're here with us today. We fondly refer to this community of Christ-followers as "First Pres," and you being here is one of God's blessings for our fellowship. If you wonder what we're up to at First Pres, it's actually pretty simple. In fact, we use a short phrase to remind ourselves of our shared purpose: "Above all, love." Drawn from a New Testament text (1 Peter 4:8-11), those brief words challenge us to focus everything we do on loving God and loving every single person we encounter. So every day we're learning how to do just that, as God's Spirit keeps working in our lives.

By the way, we can't take credit for this idea. It goes as far back as Jesus. He was once asked to sum up what it looks like to really be alive; what we should aim for in our lives if we want to live as fully as we can. His answer? Love God with every fiber of your being, and love the people around you.

Prelude

*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*  
*Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Welcome

Opening Prayer

**Wind of God, who awakened creation  
and stirred bones to life,  
sweep through our lives  
and enliven our worship.  
Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame  
and gave birth to the church,  
sweep through our lives  
and ignite our hearts.  
Wind of God, who guides our ministry  
and equips us for service,  
sweep through our lives  
and empower our witness. Amen.**

Hymn #280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*  
*Ebenezer*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God,  
like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon  
the first disciples  
on the day of Pentecost,  
and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared  
their hearts and minds  
with the message of salvation.  
Forgive us for the times we've fallen short of your proclamation.  
Forgive us for the many times we have failed  
to be witnesses to your power and love.  
Have mercy on us, your church.  
Send your Spirit upon your people  
in this time and place,  
and upon all who bear your name throughout this world.  
Stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness,  
that we may join with them  
to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power  
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise:  
“I will not leave you orphaned!”  
For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us—  
the forgiveness and presence of God is around us all.  
What a promise! Rejoice! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Response

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Ministry Updates

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

Special Music

The Morning Trumpet  
*arr. Todd Marchand*

Offertory

Prelude in D-flat Major, “Raindrop”  
*Frederic Chopin*

Hymn #393

O Day of Rest and Gladness  
*Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein*

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:14-41

Sermon

“What Happened Here?”

Dr. Greg Stovell

Hymn #525

Let Us Break Bread Together

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn #291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness  
*Spirit*

Blessing

Response

Seven Fold Amen

Postlude

Menuet Gotique  
*Leon Boellmann*

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**Leading us in worship** today are Greg Stovell, Pastor; Caroline Cupp, Associate Pastor; Sándor Kádár, Director of Music; Kira Boros, Choir accompanist; Miner Street Brass.

**In Memoriam** - Dr. William F. Foxx, member of First Presbyterian Church from October 2, 1963 to May 22, 2020, and Bunni Stanley, member of First Presbyterian Church from October 29, 2006 to May 22, 2020.

**Our sympathy and prayers** are with Patricia Foxx and family in the death of her husband, Bill, and with the family of Bunni Stanley.

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