



MORNING WORSHIP

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

May 23, 2021 10:00 AM Welcome to all who gather to worship on this Day of Pentecost! We hope you feel the warmth of God's presence and welcome. If this is your first time joining us, we are honored by your presence and hope to see you again soon! To stay informed, visit www.firstchurchlh.org and subscribe to our weekly email.

- About the Service -

Wearing a face mask is no longer required **if you are fully vaccinated**. Please observe responsible distancing as a courtesy to others worshipping with us.

The single chime and Prelude call us to silent, prayerful preparation for worship.

The People's words are in **bold text**.

*Indicates that the congregation may rise.

Offering plates are in the Narthex (sanctuary entrance) before and after worship.



a member congregation of:

The Presbytery of Florida, The Synod of South Atlantic, and The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Session (spiritual leaders of the church):

Moderator: **The Rev. Lisa Martin** Clerk of Session: **Rosa Stanley**

Class Of 2021: Marcia Burden, Steve Gabbard

Class Of 2022: Rich Kangas, Nancy Mills, Wanda Wallace

Class Of 2023: Huey Hayes, Ann Fyfe

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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Festive Praise"

Lloyd Larson

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

At Christmas, Jesus became Godwithus - bringing meaning and hope to life.

At Easter, Jesus became God-for-us - conquering death forever more.

At Pentecost, Jesus became God-in-us - empowering us for a life of service.

We are Pentecost people!

Let us worship and serve with gladness!

*OPENING PRAYER (pray together)

Surprising God, you come to your people bringing gifts of the Holy Spirit. Open our hearts to the movement of your Spirit as we worship, so that in hearing and seeing the gifts of this life, may know the way to live in thanksgiving and gratitude. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen!

PRAISE & WORSHIP

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Paul Baloche

"Pour Over Me"

Stuart Townend

"Spirit of the Living God"

Daniel Iverson

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, you are abundant with your mercy and quick to forgive. In our stubbornness we are slow to let go of regret, bitterness, hatred, and self-loathing. Forgive us and cleanse us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may be ready and willing servants of the risen Lord, sharing the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Rain Down"

J. Cortez arr. Mark Hayes

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21 (see back side fold)

MESSAGE

"Servants"

Rev. Lisa Martin

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH (adapted from the Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)

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. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls all people to ministries of the Church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.

MUSIC MEDITATION

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

R. Jackson, arr. Wes Ramsey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE RISEN LORD

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" African American spiritual, arr. Brad Thoreson

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

- 2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
- ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"
- ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."
- ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
- ¹⁷ "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

- ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.
- ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.
- The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
- ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- May 23, 2021 -

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to the gathered community of early believers. Pentecost season lasts for 25 weeks, ending on Christ the King Sunday (November 21 this year). The color of Pentecost Day is red, signifying the flames of the Holy Spirit. During the other 24 Sundays the color is green.

Congratulations to the Bay County Council on Aging for celebrating 50 years of active compassion in our area! A reception will be held this Wednesday from 4- 6 pm at the Senior Center: 1116 Frankford Avenue, Panama City.

An Outdoor Work Day is scheduled for this Saturday from 8 – noon. Bring any outdoor yard tools you have and let's spruce up our grounds! Contact Huey Hayes with questions (850.532.4354)

Next Sunday we receive the 2-Cents-a-Meal Offering which supports food insecurity ministries of our congregation and the Presbytery of Florida. Thank you for giving generously!

Camp Dogwood Acres brochures are available in the Narthex!

Camp will be held this summer for kids in grades 2-12 during the months of June and July. To be safe, each church must send a chaperone/counselor with each group of kids. All will be housed together in a cabin. For more information, contact Pastor Lisa.

The "Soft" Exercise Group is meeting again at FPC on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am. Safe distancing is observed. Contact Marsha Mongoven for more information: 850-819-4492.

The June-August Devotional *Our Daily Bread* is available in the Narthex. We have plenty, so take some to share!

Please check to see if you have offering envelopes in the Narthex! Please pick up yours today!

Check out our FPC web site for a "live" calendar! Want to know what's going on at the church? Go to www.firstchurchlh.org, click on the Connections link, then scroll to the bottom of the page for a monthly calendar of up-to-date events! Contact Aline in the office to register your event for the electronic calendar.

FOUND in the paved parking lot: a lovely chain Bible bookmark! If it's yours, please come by the church office to claim!

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