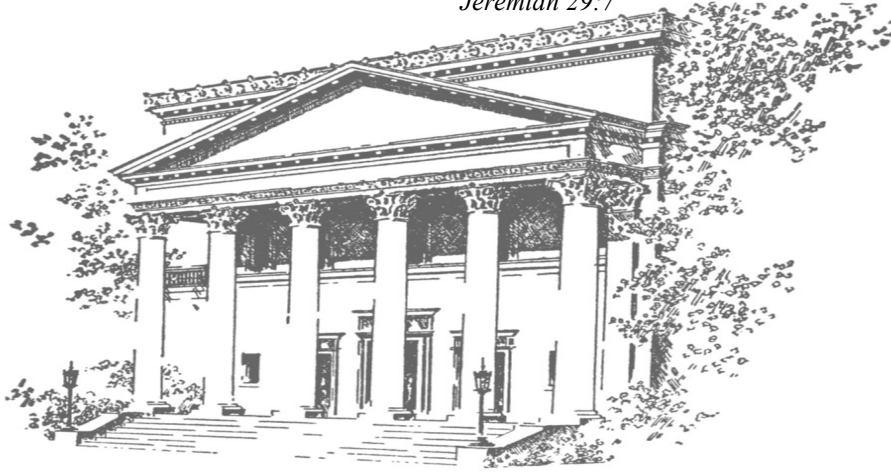


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Pentecost Sunday
May 28, 2023
10:30 AM

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures and reflection are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude

Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 7:37-39 Acts 2:1-21

*Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us. Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.
Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness. Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.
Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness. Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.
Convict us, convert us, consecrate us, until we are set free from the service of ourselves,
to be your servants to the world. Amen.*

* indicates congregation standing, as able

THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Trio on "Veni Creator Spiritus"

Jayson Keeton

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dina Mohler

One: Wild and free, creative and refreshing, God's Spirit blows through this place.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Gentle and mysterious, patient and caring, God's Spirit moves in our hearts.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

One: Breaking barriers and making connections, healing divisions and making us one, God's Spirit flows between us.

All: **Come, Holy Spirit!**

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Myers

One: The promise of Pentecost lies in the relentless, irresistible activity of God, whose Spirit comes among us with power and grace. God refuses to leave us alone, but rather keeps showing up with mercy and love.

All: In confidence, let us confess our sin.

God of fire and wind,

Holy and powerful,

Mighty and mysterious,

We are drawn by your Spirit to this place.

As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin.

We have ignored your word.

We have rejected your gifts.

We have failed in your work.

Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us.

We divide our loyalties

And we divide our hearts.

Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with your courage,

So that we might live into the promise of this day

And receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ.

(Silence is kept for personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Myers

One: The Holy Spirit animates our lives, lifting us into the presence of Christ, and sealing our hearts in the promise of his faithful love. This is good news! Say it with joy!

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (refrain)

SPIRIT

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Numbers 11:24-30 (OT p. 129)

Dina Mohler

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

SCRIPTURE LESSON

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

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Tatum Brown

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Tatem Brown, Kristen Dettinger, Evan Griffith, and Andrew Isaac

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mike and Anne Gardner (March 15, 2023), Ron and Beverly Daniel, Donna Hively, Judy Strahler and Teresa Milano, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church. As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.

(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children's Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)

SERMON *Following the Spirit's Lead* Pastor Myers

*HYMN #526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ LINSTEAD

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Pastor Myers
Offertory Meditations on "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Alfred V. Fedak

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *(insert)* Pastor Myers

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

This morning we share the bread and the cup together, gathered and scattered, united in Christ at the Table.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Filled with your Spirit on this Day of Pentecost, help us who have shared Christ's body and received this cup, to be Christ's faithful disciples so our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #326 For All the Saints SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance) Alfred V. Fedak

Our worship continues in our service to others.

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers
Dina Mohler

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
The Sanctuary Choir

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: Brent and Kristi Walker
John Palmer

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelmann
Keith Avery

WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

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