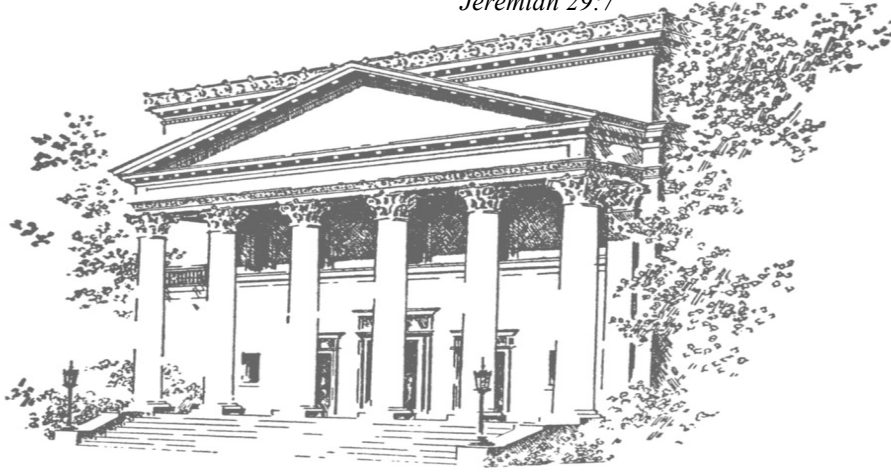


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



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The Worship of Our Lord

Pentecost
May 19, 2024
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 are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude.

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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

PROCESSIONAL Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance) Alfred V. Fedak

INTROIT A Pentecost Prayer Carson P. Cooman

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kim Smith

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!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

EBENEZER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Macy

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

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 #288 Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Macy

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:1-21 (NT p. 119) & Romans 8:22-27 (NT p. 158)

Kim Smith

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Come

Patrick Mayberry

Liturgical Dancers: Courtney Hawkins, Charlotte Hoblitzell, Amelia Rose Shelton

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (NT p. 110)

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Macy

(No Children's Church until the fall)

SERMON

"Divine Power"

Pastor Myers

*HYMN #526

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

LINSTEAD

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Macy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Macy

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER #286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*Breathe on me, Breath of God;
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.*

*OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Pastor Macy

Offertory

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Malcolm Archer

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
Taught by thee, we covet most
Of thy gifts at Pentecost,
Holy, holy heavenly love.
Love is kind, and suffers long,
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself more strong;
Therefore, therefore give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see
Joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three,
And the best, the best is love.
From the overshadowing
Of thy gold and silver wing
Shed on us, who to thee sing,
Holy, holy heavenly love.

*OfferingResponse #607 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Pastor Macy

*HYMN #295

Go to the World

SINE NOMINE

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare Joyeux

Craig A. Penfield

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
The Rev. Marietta Macy
Kim Smith

THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist
The Sanctuary Choir
Lindsay Marchio, soprano
Liturgical Dancers
Courtney Hawkins, Charlotte Hoblitzell, Amelia Shelton
Michelle Raider-Simon, choreographer

ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell
Greeters: Rob and Theresa Kuenzel
Becky Adams

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell
Custodial Services: David Feibelman

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.

*The fresh flowers in the sanctuary are provided by Leslie Miller and family
in memory of Pat Miller, as today is her birthday.*

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