

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 9, 2019

THE DAY OF PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. H. T. BURLEIGH

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 96:1-2

Hear, people of God!
God is speaking through us
calling us to follow and serve.
See, people of God!
God is moving through the church and the world,
showing us how to love and lead.
Believe, people of God!
God is working through all creation,
drawing us into the warmth of the spirit.
Worship, people of God!
Let us worship God together.

* HYMN #289

ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED

"MUNICH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You cry out for us to open our hearts,
but we keep them shielded from the goodness of your spirit.

You call for us to open our minds,
but we would rather confine them to what we already know.
You long for us to open our ears,
but we shy away from the language of your grace.

Forgive us, God of mercy.
Heal us, embrace us, and wash us in your love.
Breathe your spirit on us once more, and move us to respond with lives of faithfulness...
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

* RESPONSE #555

O LAMB OF GOD

“LAND OF REST”

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves,
but for him who died and was raised for them.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forever!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:1-21

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 110

SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:14-17

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 148

ANTHEM

IF YE LOVE ME

THOMAS TALLIS

FPC YOUNG ADULT QUARTET

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the father,
and he shall give you another comforter, e'en the spirit of truth,
that he may bide with you forever.

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 14:8-17, 25-27

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 102

SERMON

SIGNS OF THE SPIRIT

REV. HAL ATKINS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #192

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING

“SHINE, JESUS, SHINE”

PASTORAL PRAYERS CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

FIRE OF LOVE

MARGARET RIZZA

FPC YOUNG ADULTS AND WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

Fire of Love ...

O living flame of love,
So tenderly you wound
The deepest centre of my soul.
No longer you oppress me,
no longer you afflict me;
now, if it be your will,
perfect in this work of love;
break through the veil
of this sweet encounter.

O gentle dart, O tender wound,
O soft hand, O loving, caring touch
that tastes of life eternal, life eternal.
All debts are paid;
slaying, you changed death into life,
slaying, you changed death
into this fire of love.

O lamps of fire, O lamps of fire,
whose radiance fills
the deepest caverns of my heart.
Once obscure and so dark and blind,
now give forth with such
strange exquisite tenderness,
both light and warmth,
transforming forever their beloved.

O how gentle, O how loving
is your awakening deep within my heart,
There secretly you dwell,
hidden and alone,
breathing the sweetness of your love,
enkindled in your living flame,
O how tenderly you rouse me to love you.

Fire of love...

* **AT THE PRESENTATION # 609** *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* “LASST UNS ERFREUEN”
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
 Praise God, all creatures high and low.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
 Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #280** *COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US* “EBENEZER”

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **SUNG RESPONSE #306** *BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS* “DENNIS”
(Please join hands as we sing together.)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
 The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *INTERMEZZO FROM ‘SYMPHONIE VI’* CHARLES MARIE WIDOR
 BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
 Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Hal Atkins
 Liturgist.....Janet Hendershot
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Musicians.....FPC Young Adult Quartet and Wesley Mason, Violin
 Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
 Ushers.....Sharon Squires and Cathy Levitas

WORSHIP NOTES

Today we welcome **Rev. Hal Atkins** as our **guest preacher**.

If Ye Love Me is the best-known work of the Tudor-era composer Thomas Tallis. Tallis composed the four-part motet in 1565 during the reign of Elizabeth I, the fourth monarch for whom he served as a court musician. The text is taken from today’s lesson from the Gospel of John, as it appears in William Tyndale’s 1539 translation of the Bible.

Pentecost (meaning “fiftieth”) draws the 50 days of Easter to a climax. It has become the celebration of the birthday of the Church, acknowledging the work of the Holy Spirit among us.

Red is the traditional color for the day, symbolizing the fire of the Spirit that rested on the disciples of Christ and gives life to the church in every age.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.

NEW E-GIVING OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE: You now have the option to give via the church website by clicking the Give Now button, from your Realm account or by text message. You can set up one time payments or reoccurring payments as well. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or if you need any assistance.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 2, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
<u>2019 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$205,850.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 91,115.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 88,359.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,755.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

June 3, 2018

78

June 2, 2019

80

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

MEDITATION GROUP BEGINNING AT FPC: In response to the interest indicated on the Wellness Assessment earlier this year, Cheri Duncan will be leading a guided meditation group starting **June 10th at 5:00 PM in the Heritage Room**. The group plans to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The second meeting for June will be on June 24th in the Parlor. If you're interested in participating in this group and would like further information, please contact to Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, or Cheri Duncan to discuss the group.

JOIN US FOR MOVE NIGHT! The Congregational Care and Outreach Committee invite you to attend Movie Night on **Sunday, June 30th!** We will be showing **"An Interview with God"** beginning at **5:30 PM in the Heritage Room**. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER TRIP PLANNING: The Congregational Care and Outreach Committee would like to offer the opportunity to go see Jesus at Sight and Sound Theater in the coming months. As this show ends in October, we are thinking a Saturday trip in either August or September. Tickets will be around \$120-140 including transportation and a meal (these prices are just an estimate). Family and friends are welcome. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Joshua Gilhart. Once we have an idea of how many people would like to go we can pin down a date and provide more details about pricing. This is not a commitment to going, just a survey of who would be interested. Thank you!

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2019: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers....We will again be making and delivering lunches for eight Fridays this summer ~ **beginning Friday, June 21 and running through Friday, August 9**. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 AM - noon for any or all Friday mornings this summer. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas at 301-707-7386 for more information.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JUNE (10)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON BY A VOLUNTEER
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, JUNE (11)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:03 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (12)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH MEETING IN THE PARLOR
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, JUNE (13)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JUNE (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE (15)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, JUNE (16)

10:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

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PENTECOST SUNDAY

taking faith home

The Holy Spirit lives in us.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 14:8-17, 25-27	Jesus promises the Holy Spirit
Monday	Acts 2:1-21	Filled with the Holy Spirit
Tuesday	Romans 8:14-17	Life in the Spirit
Wednesday	Isaiah 44:1-5	God's blessing on Israel
Thursday	Galatians 5:16-25	The fruit of the Spirit
Friday	2 Kings 2:1-15a	Elijah ascends to heaven
Saturday	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	God the creator and provider
Sunday	John 16:12-15	The Spirit will guide you into truth

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

John 14:26 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, just as you are in Jesus and Jesus is in you, thank you for your Holy Spirit that places Jesus in us as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

O Lord, your work in creation is filled with awe and wonder; you open your hand and fill us with good things. Amen. (Psalm 104:24 and 28)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord pour out the Holy Spirit upon you that you may be filled with faith in Jesus Christ.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

taking faith home

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What is it like to feel lost or alone?
- How did the disciples feel after Jesus ascended and was not visibly present to them?
- How does the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, fill the void of Jesus' absence?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 14:8-17, 25-27.

It can be confusing to understand the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of one's faith. Some are tempted to see the Holy Spirit as an added dimension of the Christian faith beyond faith in Jesus. However, Jesus states in John 14 that the Holy Spirit will simply make his teachings and work alive in them, even though Jesus is not visibly present to them. The Holy Spirit makes Jesus Christ the living Savior in the lives of believers and not just a historical figure to recall from the past. The Apostle Paul names the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9). It is Christ's presence that the Spirit gives, not something new and different from the saving, reconciling work of Christ. John 14 names the Spirit as "another Advocate" (v. 16, v. 26). The term advocate means someone who stands alongside someone and is a description used in 1 John 2:1 to describe Jesus Christ. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, reveals Christ to believers. The identity of the Holy Spirit in believers is the same as that of Jesus Christ. How does Christ's presence through the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, give you comfort? How does it make a difference in your life?

Pray: Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, so that our lives are strengthened and our faith renewed day by day through your presence in our lives. Amen.

SERVICE

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b is about God's wisdom in creating "living things both small and great" (v. 25b). The psalmist sings praises to God, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!" (v. 35b). Praise of God includes caring for all of God's creation. In what ways do you care for God's creation in your home and in your neighborhood?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Pentecost means fiftieth. Pentecost Sunday is 50 days after Easter. It is when we celebrate the birthday of the church. Find a pattern for making paper flames or doves. Buy or bake a cake and decorate it with red icing. Place the flames (or use candles) and doves on the cake to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Buy birthday party plates and hats and have a party. Sing *Happy Birthday* to the church before cutting the cake. Close the party with a reading from Psalm 104:35b, "Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!"



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