

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

MAY 23, 2021

11:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN B MAJOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

MARCEL DUPRÉ  
OP. 7, NO. 1

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT*

ARR. WILLIAM L. DAWSON

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ZACH DODGE, BARITONE SOLOIST  
(Live streamed from worship on October 7, 2018)

*Every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray;  
Yes, every time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.*

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke.  
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan river is chilly and cold.  
It chills the body, but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train upon this track,  
it runs to heaven, and right back.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

FROM PSALM 104

O Lord, how many are your works!

**In your wisdom you made them all.**

The earth is full of your creatures,

**The sea teems with living things both great and small.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created.

**By their life you renew the face of the ground.**

Let us sing to the Lord as long as we live; let us praise our God while we have being.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

Let us pray:

Loving God, by your Word and your Spirit you have revealed your salvation for the whole world and given us a share of your life and your love. Fill us with the vision of your glory that we may serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

\* HYMN # 280

COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

“EBENEZER”

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with  
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the  
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a  
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's  
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.  
un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.  
lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the  
In the church -'s pil - grim jour - ney you have led us  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to  
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -  
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.  
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.  
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new possibilities, we confess our resistance to the movement of your Spirit in our lives, our church, and our world. Immersed in the ways of the world, we do not hear the Spirit's voice. Fearing change, we close ourselves off to what the Spirit is doing. Seeking to maintain control, we resist going where the Spirit is leading. Have mercy upon us, O God. Forgive our sins and our selfish ways, and transform our unwilling hearts. Raise us to new life, that we may love and serve and honor you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \* HUMMED RESPONSE #581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

“GLORIA PATRI”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>al</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath<sup>bl</sup> in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.” <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath:<sup>cl</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath,<sup>dl</sup> and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

### ANTHEM

OPEN MY EYES THAT I MAY SEE  
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. J. COURTNEY

*Silently now I wait for thee  
Ready, my God, thy will to see  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

### SECOND READING

ACTS 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

## \* HYMN #289

## ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED

"MUNICH"

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,  
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed  
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,  
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,  
 a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.  
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.  
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.  
 A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,  
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?  
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.  
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,  
 and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.  
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.  
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.  
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

MISSION IN A MINUTE

PENTECOST OFFERING

KATIE ROSS

## MORNING OFFERING AND OFFERTORY PRAYER

(The offering is to be placed in the dish at the rear of the sanctuary. We are not passing the plate at this time)

## \* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, you heavenly hosts,  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by 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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DAVID STICKLER

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE CONGREGATION

DAVID STICKLER

\*PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

WELCOME

CHARGE TO THE NEWLY ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

\* HYMN #290

O DAY OF JOY AND WONDER!

"JONATHAN'S TUNE"

1 O day of joy and won - der! Christ's prom - ise  
2 The world, in sheer a - maze - ment, the truth must  
3 We too may know your pow - er; your cour - age  
now ful - filled: the com - ing of the Spir - it that  
now de - clare: that those who once were cow - ards are  
makes us strong. Your love, your joy, your pa - tience can  
ho - ly love has willed. Our Lord in hu - man  
brave be - yond com - pare; and tongues, which could not  
all to us be - long. Come now and dwell with -  
bod - y to mor - tal eye is lost, yet comes in  
ut - ter their faith in Je - sus' name, de - fy all  
in us, O Com - fort - er di - vine. Come to our  
flame up - on us at bless - ed Pen - te - cost.  
per - se - cu - tion God's glo - ry to pro - claim!  
hearts, and keep them; there let your bright - ness shine.

\* BENEDICTION

\* **RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #288**

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

“LIVING GOD”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

**POSTLUDE**

TOCCATA FROM TWELVE PIECES FOR ORGAN  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

THÉODORE DUBOIS

\* 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**

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. Walt Peters  
Liturgist..... Katie Ross  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney  
Musicians.....The JoyBells; The Sanctuary Choir; Zach Dodge, Baritone Soloist (*previously record*)  
Clerk of Session.....David Stickler  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Bill and Ann Kellermeier

**Worship Notes**

**Today we welcome back our guest preacher, the Rev. Walt Peters,** to the pulpit. He served congregations in Macon, GA; Tampa, FL, and Augusta, GA, before coming to First Presbyterian in Westminster in 1999, being honorably retired by Baltimore Presbytery in October of 2013. In retirement he is an active participant in the Wild Wild West Ministry Group. He and his wife Rebecca reside in Hagerstown. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. “Fun Fact: Walt was drafted and then inducted into the US Army in 1971 shortly before the draft law expired. He was trained as a nuclear weapons specialist and held several high security clearances during his tour of duty. ”

**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.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: On Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> we will be returning to our summer worship schedule with worship beginning at 10:00 AM!**

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME:** A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a “Big Tent Church” where everyone is welcome to join us in worshipping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage participants from all sexes including the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, all races, and all walks of life. We welcome you to worship with us.

**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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland).

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** We 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. 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).

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

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** There are currently flower openings on June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS:** Please use orange prayer request cards in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys and concerns. Place the card in the offering plate once you have completed your request. The ushers will bring them to the pastor during the offering.

**OFFERING PLATES:** Offering plates are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please deposit your gifts, offerings, and tithes into the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 9, 2021
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$67,326.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$71,478.00
Over/(Under)	\$(4,152.00)

### FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDER: JOSH GILHART

#### FAITH FORMATION SAVE-THE-DATES:

**Sunday, June 13th:** Worship & Milestone of Remembrance at Rocky Gap State Park

**Monday, June 14th- Friday, June 25th:** Virtual Community Vacation Bible School (Registration forms can be found on the FPC website.)

**Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>:** Church Retreat, "Close Encounters of the God-kind"

\*More details to come from the Faith Formation Team

### MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

**The Missions Committee** is actively seeking congregation members to serve on our committee. There is no administrative work to do, just bring your passion for helping others, ideas of how we can serve our nation, world, and community, and your time, on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 in the Gathering Place. Please join us! For questions and/or interest please contact Aaron Hendrickson, Judy Stern, Georgene McKenzie, Linda Smith, Robin Bissell, or Rolfe Singerman, or just simply show up for any of our meetings. We hope to see you there!

**PENTECOST OFFERING:** **This morning**, the congregation will have the opportunity to donate to the Pentecost Offering, one of four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

40% of what our church donates goes to help support The Family Junction here in Cumberland. This organization provides the resources parents need to strengthen their relationships with their children. Their parenting curriculums stress active parent involvement, successful communication skills, appropriate boundaries, practical discipline methods, age-appropriate expectations, nurturing techniques and stress relief. Their goal is enriching the relationship between parent and child through effective communication, common-sense parenting skills and positive discipline.

The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.