

June 5, 2022

The Celebration of Pentecost

10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, service, and program life of First Pres!

Please visit the church website: www.firstpresevansville.com to stay up-to-date on our ministry and service opportunities.

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Please note that this service is being livestreamed on our website and Facebook page, and the recording will be posted to our [YouTube](#) channel.

We will share **Holy Communion** this morning. The table is open to all who claim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and to all who are seeking a closer relationship with God. You are invited to have a bit of bread and juice available to use during that portion of today's worship.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE NEW LIFE

**Let those who are able stand at this sign.*

THE MUSIC FOR GATHERING

THE INTROIT

"Hymn to the Holy Spirit"

Martin How

*O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, eternal fount of love,
in flame we pray our inmost hearts with fire from heaven above.
As thou in bonds of love dost join the Father and the Son,
so fill us all with mutual love, and knit our hearts in one.
All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory Holy Ghost to Thee,
while endless ages run. Amen.*

- Charles Coffin

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

One How manifold are your works, O Lord!
All **In Wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**
One You send forth your spirit, and they are created;
All **And so you renew the face of the earth.**
One I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
All **I will praise my God while I have my being.**

***THE OPENING HYMN . . . no. 289**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

Munich; adapt. Felix Mendelssohn
Jane Parker Huber

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ’s disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children who would God’s grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life’s ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

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***THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

***THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*in unison*)

Without your power, O God, we are lost.
We have done the things we would avoid
and what you desire, we have not done.
By your purifying fire transform our lives;
guide us into honesty and compassion,
so that filled with your peace
our dreams and visions may be one with yours;
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE RESPONSE**

Vulpius

“Sisters and Brothers, with One Voice”

arr. John Bell and Graham Maule

Sis - ters and bro - thers, with one voice con - firm your cal - ling
and re - jice: each is God's child and each God's choice.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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THE WORDS OF WELCOME

The Greetings Among the People of God
The Concerns of the Church

WE HEAR THE WORD OF LIFE

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: '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. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

One The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE ANTHEM

"Listen, Sweet Dove"

Katie Burk

*Listen, sweet Dove, unto my song, and spread Thy golden wings in me;
hatching my tender heart so long, till it get wing and fly away with thee.
The sun which once did shine alone hung down his head and wisht for night;
when he beheld twelve sunnes for one going about the world and giving light.
Such glorious gifts Thou didst bestow, that earth did like a heaven appear,
the stars were coming down to know if they might mend their wages and serve here.
Lord, though we change, Thou art the same, the same sweet God of Love and Light;
restore this day, for Thy great Name, unto its ancient and miraculous light.*

- George Herbert

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

"Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 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. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

One The Gospel of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Rev. Wendy VanderZee

“The Holy Spirit: A Transforming Breath”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

A TIME OF INTENTIONAL SILENCE

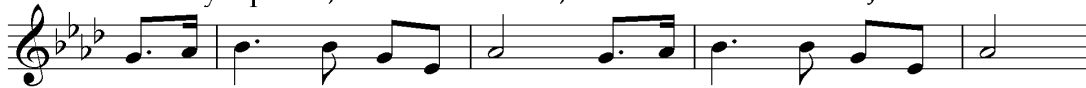
*THE HYMN

Toplady; Thomas Hastings
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

“God, Our Nation Feels the Loss”



God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil - dren pay the cost
Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a - way!"
Ho - ly Spir - it, wind and flame, send us out in Je - sus' name.



for the vio - lence we ac - cept, for the si - lence we have kept.
May we build a kind er land where our chil - dren un - der - stand:
May we shout and say, "E-nough!" May we build a world of love -



Ra - chel weeps for chil - dren gone; God of love, this can't go on!
Ev - ery child here mat - ters more than the guns we clam - or for.
till the sounds of weap - ons cease, till our young can grow in peace.

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THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Presentation

*The Profession of Faith (*in unison*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

- The Apostles' Creed

The Prayer
The Welcome

THE MORNING OFFERING

The Invitation to the Offering
The Offertory

You may send a check to the church office, or give online at <http://firstpreseovansville.com/giving/>
"Scherzo on Ebenezer"

*The Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings . . . no. 606
"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Benjamin M. Culli
Old Hundredth
Thomas Ken

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
The Words of Invitation to the Table
The Prayer of Thanksgiving

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

One Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

the prayer continues...

One ...with your whole church on earth and with all the company of heaven
we worship and adore your glorious name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

the prayer continues...

The Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

**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 the Institution of the Supper of our Lord
The Communion of the People of God
The Prayer After Communion

WE DISPERSE TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

***THE CLOSING HYMN . . . no. 280**

*Ebenezer; Thomas John Williams
Janie Alford*

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

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***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

(In English, French, German, Spanish, Hebrew, and Italian)

THE RESPONSE

"Come, Holy Spirit"

Veni Sancte Spiritus

*Come, Holy Spirit, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire,
Thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight:
Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son and thee of both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along this may be our endless song:
Praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

THE POSTLUDE

"Toccata on Ebenezer"

Benjamin M. Culli

Leading worship this morning:

Bridge Co-Pastors Wendy and John VanderZee
Liturgist Becky Sparks-Thissen
Director of Music Robert Nicholls
The Gathering Choir of First Presbyterian Church

The flowers today are given by Michael Erwin to the glory of God, in memory of his brother Bobby, and in honor of their mother, Nancy.

Thank you to Carrie Aiken, Paul Blaylock, May Hubbard, and Jerusha Van Camp for sharing the benediction in non-English languages.

We welcome Steve Gibson, Steve Wylie, and Gary and Marilyn Moore into membership today.

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Happening at First Presbyterian Church

The First Pres Session continues to monitor local pandemic conditions and modify our **COVID safety protocols** as conditions warrant. In our building, mask wearing is strongly recommended, and we encourage the use of sanitizer and social distancing as we practice good public health.

Join our **One God, One Community** partners next **Sunday, June 12, 6:30 p.m.** at St. Benedict Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue as we begin a summer series of educational gatherings. June's topic is Social Justice.

As overall pandemic conditions have improved, Session invites you to enjoy a brief **time of fellowship after each Sunday worship service**. Beverages and conversation are welcome as we remember to practice good public health. If you are interested in joining the fellowship team responsible for providing, preparing, and cleaning up this offering, please contact the [church office](#).

Weekly Calendar

Elder of the Week: Mark Fox

Sunday, June 5 *Pentecost*

Daily Reading: Psalm 108

7:30 a.m. Band Rehearsal

8:30 a.m. Wide Awake Worship

9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

1:30 p.m. Bible Bunch (online)

6:30 p.m. First Light

Monday, June 6

Daily Reading Luke 18:31-43

Tuesday, June 7

Daily Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, June 8

Daily Reading: Luke 19:11-27

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting (online)

Thursday, June 9

Daily Reading: Luke 19:28-40

Friday, June 10

Daily Reading: Luke 19:41-48

Saturday, June 11

Daily Reading: Luke 20:1-8