



THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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June 5, 2022

The Day of Pentecost

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come Down, O Love Divine

Wilbur Held

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Jordan Hesley

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Duncan Bryson, liturgist

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

And so you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*HYMN 17

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

Italian Hymn

Ten-Cents-A-Meal offering for hunger may be brought forward at this time.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Confession and Reflection

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given

stanza 5

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluia, Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluia, Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluia, Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

[Genesis 11:1-9](#)

Pew Bible, page 8

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

Pew Bible, page 111

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Living Beyond Babel

Reverend Cathy S. George

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers, in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.

*HYMN 756

O God of Every Nation

Llangloffan

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RECEIVING OF THE OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire

Raymond H. Haan

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, from your abundance you have freely given; now from our abundance we give you what is yours. Receive now what we offer so that your world of which you have not grown weary, and your glory in which the world abides, may know more of your abundance. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...who forever sing to the glory of your name.

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.

Thank you for Jesus...great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God...Now hear us as we are bold to pray together the prayer taught to us by our Lord, saying,

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.

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

Gracious God, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spirit

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

The Grace

Richard Shepard

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God

Johann Sebastian
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Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Frank Poolos, Stan Scheer, and Duncan Bryson for their leadership in worship today.

The acolyte today is Jordan Hesley.

Ushers for June: Jim Hesley, captain: Elizabeth Bryson, Ella Cumming, Jim Ivey, Myron Lowder and Lee Snuggs

Outside Ushers for June 5: Ronnie Michael, Steve Cumming

Elder Greeters: Bill Jolly; Chris Whitley

Sound: TBD **Film:** Jackson Palmer **Nursery:** Bailey Mitchell

Kids Care Crew: Gina Martin

There is no Children's Church during the summer. Children are encouraged to remain in worship.

We ask that you keep these people in your prayers: The family of James Best (uncle of Sandy Rogers), Gloria Bryson (broken leg-Atrium NorthEast), Ann Byrd (wife of Keith Byrd broken femer- Forrest Oaks-rehab), Cassie Lambert (tests; daughter-in-law of Kyle & Danny Lambert), Helen Carpenter Williams, cancer, Dr. Mike and Pam Dearstyne (Holly Norwood's brother and wife-serious medical conditions), Witt Snuggs, Doris Forte, Brayden Enzor (grandson of Gus & Pam Holbrook; 2 brain tumors, currently undergoing chemo and then radiation), Robin Howell, Carole Yost (home), Bill Cotton (brother of Andy Cotton), Don Abernathy, Jean Rabe, Anita Gower, Nancy Jolly, Claude Harwood, Jane Scheer, Don Joines, Jane Pickler. See newsletter for complete list.

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Lemonade on the Lawn Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers to sign-up for Lemonade on the Lawn. Lemonade on the Lawn hosts provide a nice refreshment following worship during the summer months. If you are interested in hosting with cookies and lemonade, contact Michelle Cumming (704-984-4035 or michellecumming85@yahoo.com) and sign-up in the Pit Stop on the Bulletin Board next to the Church Parlor.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGE BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Worship during the months of June, July, and August will take place at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no Sunday School during the summer months.

End-of-the-Year Boxed Brunch for Central Elementary School Staff

To Be Delivered on Thursday, June 9

Boxed brunches will be delivered to Central Elementary School teachers and staff on Thursday, June 9. Wednesday, June 8 is food preparation day at 10:00 a.m. in the kitchen.

Thursday, June 9 at 8:30 a.m., volunteers will bag the brunches to deliver to Central School by 10:00 a.m.

Please contact Ruth Cotton to say you can help (704-942-1381 cell; email: hugawolf@hotmail.com).

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Need Volunteers for the *Amazingly Created* Camp

If you have some time the week of June 20-24, come join us as we love and share how *Amazingly Created* these adorable group of children are! For more information, contact Melissa Eudy (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com) or Adrienne Averette (704-428-2866 or adrienne.earnhardt@gmail.com).

Child Protection Training on Wednesday, June 15 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Those in need of Child Protection Training (anyone involved with the leadership of Christian Education) will meet Wednesday, June 15 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Light dinner provided. Please let Melissa know if you plan to attend (704-439-6747 or the5eudys@gmail.com).



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Cooking Camp

Monday, June 13 through Thursday, June 16

2 slots open – Contact Jane know if you are interested (704-438-3358 or jsnyder @fpcalbemarle.org)

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Everyone is invited to join us on the first and last Wednesday of each month for a splashing good time in Christian Education this summer!

Water is such a powerful substance. It keeps us alive, helps grow foods we eat, and allows us times of enjoyment. What better theme for a summer of growth in Christian Education. As we enjoy the ability to come back together as a unified church family, please make note of the events in your Summer Newsletter.

June 8 Movie Night: Finding Nemo 7:00 p.m-9:00 p.m. Location: Church gym

Nemo isn't the only one around who could use some guidance and help from his friends and family to be "found". Come share in Nemo's story and enjoy movie-based snacks in our church gym. Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy the show.

FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS



On Father's Day, the flowers in the sanctuary will be in honor/memory of fathers. Each name is \$2.00. Please mail, deliver, or place in the offering plate your money with the form below **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 12.** Please make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and designate for *Father's Day Flowers*. The names of donors and those being honored/remembered will be listed on **Father's Day, June 19.**

Please print below the information exactly as it is to appear in the bulletin.

In memory
Of: _____

Given
by: _____

In honor
of: _____

Given
by: _____