

First Presbyterian Church

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10:30 A.M

PRELUDE –

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

—based on Ephesians 1:3-18

All glorious God, we give you thanks that in your Son, Jesus Christ,

You have given us every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.

You chose us, before the world was made,

To be your holy people, without fault in your sight.

You adopted us as your children in Christ.

You have set us free because he sacrificed his life for ours; you have forgiven our sins.

You have made known to us your secret purpose,

To bring heaven and earth into unity in Christ.

You have given us your Holy Spirit,

The seal and pledge of our inheritance.

All praise and glory be yours, O God,

For the richness of your grace,

For the splendor of your gifts,

For the wonder of your love.

INVOCATION (*Opening Prayer*)

The God of the whirlwind and fire sweeps into our presence in this hour.

Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.

God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose we are claimed and empowered.

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love, confirms God's gifts in us as we gather here.

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Glory be to God, who created light in which we can confidently walk. Amen.¹

***HYMN**

“Be still for the presence of the Lord”

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1 Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here

Come bow before Him now, with reverence and fear

In Him no sin is found we stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here

2 Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around

He burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned

How awesome is the sight our radiant King of light

Be still for the glory of the Lord, is shining all around

3 Be still for the power of the Lord, is moving in this place

He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace

No work too hard for Him in faith receive from Him

Be still for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place

No work too hard for Him in faith receive from Him

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place

CALL TO CONFESSION, CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The proof of God's amazing love is this:

While we were sinners, Christ died for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God.²

(Time of silent personal confession)

² —based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.

You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.

You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.

Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:

Shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love:

Send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.

We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,

And we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen³

As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins from us. Through Christ we have been made free to a new life through the Spirit.

God loves us with a love that is everlasting and unceasing. Thanks be to God.

***HYMN “Speak, O Lord” INSERT**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of your holy word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us all Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;

Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.

Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow’r that can never fail— Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;

Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises,

And by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.

³ Ibid. p. 702

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

MESSAGE “The Power to Witness”

***HYMN “Spirit Song” #384 GREEN**

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,

Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

Oh, come and sing the song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy

Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name

Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,

And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “A Brief Statement of Faith – PC(USA)”

(Exert regarding the Holy Spirit)

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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE –

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

***HYMN “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” #326 BLUE**

1 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

2 Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

3 Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;

Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

4 Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

BENEDICTION --- Based on I Thess. 5

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, Col. 3:16-17

Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
Singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
With thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do,
In word or deed,
Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
Giving thanks to God the Father through him.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE –

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Upcoming Events:

Community Prayer Service (FPC) June 13 6:00 PM FPC

Worship Leaders: Hannah Mergen, Jay Stoneman, and Pastor Tim Dyck

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth."

Acts 2:1-11 *(abbreviated)*

Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting. And tongues spreading out like a fire appeared to them and came to rest on each one of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven residing in Jerusalem. When this sound occurred, a crowd gathered and was in confusion, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Completely baffled, they said, "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that each one of us hears them in our own native language? We hear them speaking in our own languages about the great deeds God has done!"

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul went through the inland regions and came to Ephesus. He found some disciples there and said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

So Paul said, "Into what then were you baptized?"

"Into John's baptism," they replied.

Paul said, "John baptized with a baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus."

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, and when Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they began to speak in tongues and to prophesy. (Now there were about twelve men in all.)

Acts 8:14-17

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. These two went down and prayed for them so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. (For the Spirit had not yet come upon

any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then Peter and John placed their hands on the Samaritans, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:24-48

The following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting anxiously for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. So when Peter came in, Cornelius met him, fell at his feet, and worshiped him. But Peter helped him up, saying, "Stand up. I too am a mere mortal."

Peter continued talking with him as he went in, and he found many people gathered together. He said to them, "You know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile, yet God has shown me that I should call no person defiled or ritually unclean. Therefore when you sent for me, I came without any objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?"

Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock in the afternoon, I was praying in my house, and suddenly a man in shining clothing stood before me and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your acts of charity have been remembered before God. Therefore send to Joppa and summon Simon, who is called Peter. This man is staying as a guest in the house of Simon the tanner, by the sea.' Therefore I sent for you at once, and you were kind enough to come. So now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to say to us."

Then Peter started speaking: "I now truly understand that God does not show favoritism in dealing with people, but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is welcomed before him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all)— you know what happened throughout Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John announced: with respect to Jesus from Nazareth, that God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with him.

We are witnesses of all the things he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him up on the third day and caused him to be seen, not by all the people, but by us, the witnesses God had already chosen, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to warn them that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. About him all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all those who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were greatly astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said, "No one can withhold the water for these people to be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we did, can he?"

So he gave orders to have them baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay for several days.