

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

*Pentecost*  
*May 19, 2024*

*10:30 a.m. In-person & Livestream Service*

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## GATHER

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.*

Words in **bold** are read by the congregation.

\*please stand if you are able.

Please remember to turn your cell phones to silent.

*This worship service is being livestreamed to the internet,  
and you may appear on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.*

*For our online congregation - Let us know you are here! Post a greeting!  
And remember that you can place a request in the Prayer Journal  
in the comments on both You Tube and Facebook Live.*

**Prelude**

Arioso

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

**Introit**

This is the Day  
*The Ark and L.I.F.E. Choir*

*Cindy Berry*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:

**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.**

### Call to Worship

Sacred breath,  
**move through this room.**

Unlock a song within your people.

**Breathe into us**  
**your hopes and dreams**  
**for a world filled with justice, love, and peace.**

\* **Hymn 290**

O Day of Joy and Wonder!

*Jonathan's Tune*

*(see next page for hymn)*

## O Day of Joy and Wonder! 290

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (Em7) Gm7 (A) C



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

(A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (Em7) Gm7



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

(A) C (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A7) C7



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 -

(D) F (Em7) Gm7 (D) F (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (D) F



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

(G) B<sup>b</sup> (Em7) Gm7 (A) C (Em) Gm (A) C (D) F



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.

In a pattern common to many hymns, the first two stanzas here declare how the coming of the Holy Spirit gave strength and courage to the early church, and the final stanza becomes a corporate prayer for a sense of the presence of the Spirit, addressed as "Comforter divine."

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, Maker of all:

**Have mercy on us.**

Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:

**Have mercy on us.**

Holy Spirit, Breath of life:

**Have mercy on us.**

**You call us to be your voices in this world  
and we stay silent.**

**You call us to be your hands in this world  
and we keep them hidden.**

**You call us to be your feet in this world  
and we go our own way.**

**When we meet those who are doubting  
and say nothing, forgive us.**

**When we meet those who need your touch  
and do nothing, forgive us.**

**When we are called to take up your cross  
and carry nothing, forgive us.**

**Breathe life into these bones**

**bring freedom to these lives**

**that we might declare**

**with heart and soul and voice**

**that you are our Lord and our God.**

**Amen.**

*(A time of silence is kept during which individual confessions may be offered.)*

### **Assurance of Grace**

\* **Response of Praise 581** (singing together)

Glory Be to the Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

\* **Sharing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(We share peace with a nod or a bow, perhaps with hand on heart or folded hands, or with the ASL sign for peace. If worshipping from home, greet each other by sending a text, a wave or comment on Facebook or YouTube.)*

\* **Response of Praise 286, v. 1** (singing together)

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "I Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

**Words of Welcome**

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.  
Newcomers please leave us your address and contact information!  
Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.*

## ENCOUNTER

### Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson:** Acts 2:1-13

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."

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.*

*Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.*

*Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Ms. Virginia Callegary to The Worship Bridge.*

*They will return to the sanctuary later in the worship service.*

*(It is the church's policy to not put images of children on the livestream.)*

**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.**

**Second Lesson:** Acts 2:14-21

<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.’”

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us:

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

Powerhouse!

Kenneth Page

## RESPOND AND SERVE

\* **Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

*from the Brief Statement of Faith*

**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.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

\* **Hymn 292**

As the Wind Song  
*(see next page for hymn)*

*Wairua Tapu*



## As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the  
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of  
hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of



God, as the heart made strange - ly warm, as the  
God, as the green in the spring, as a



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of  
kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring - ing life, bring - ing power to the world,  
true, bring - ing gifts, bring - ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

**Concerns and Remembrances**

**Prayers of Gratitude and Concern**

**Concluding Prayer** *(together)*

**We pray for the healing of your creation,  
and the renewal of the face of the land.  
We pray for those who are thirsty,  
that they would drink from your fountain of living waters  
and never thirst again.  
Amen.**

**The Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit  
The Chancel Choir

*Traditional Spiritual, arr. William Dawson*

**\* Doxology 607** *(singing together)*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all peo - ple  
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;  
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

TEXT: Neil Weatherhogg, 1988  
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Text © 1990 Neil Weatherhogg

OLD HUNDREDTH  
LM

**\* Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

# SEND AND BLESS

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

\* Hymn 301

Let Us Build a House  
All Are Welcome

Two Oaks

THE CHURCH

## 301 Let Us Build a House All Are Welcome

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)  
C7 F C F B<sup>b</sup> C Dm

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)  
F C F Dm7 Gm C

safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)  
Gm C7 B<sup>b</sup> F Am Dm

how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

*(hymn continues on next page)*

(Em) (A) (D) (G)  
 Gm C F Bb

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) *Refrain* (Em) (Bm)  
 F Bb A7 Dm Gm Dm

love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D)  
 Am Gm F Gm C7 F Bb F

all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

Although it was written for a church dedication, this text is not about a physical structure but a spiritual one. The building is at best only a vessel for the essential love and hope, life and faith, peace and justice, hospitality and nurture that form the worshipping community.

TEXT: Marty Haugen, 1994  
 MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1994  
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TWO OAKS  
 9.6.8.6.B.7.10 with refrain

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response 539, v. 1** *(singing together)*

*We Will Go Out with Joy*

The musical score is written in 3/2 time and consists of four staves. The first staff is for the 'Leader' and the second for 'All'. The lyrics are: '1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.' The third staff is the 'Refrain' with lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.' The fourth staff continues the 'Refrain' with lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!' Chord symbols are provided above the notes: C, F/C, C, G7, C, C, F/C, C, C/G, G7, C, Fsus2, C, F, G, C, Fsus2, C, Ebsus2 Dm7, Gsus G.

**Postlude**

A Westminster Carillon  
The Handbell Choir

*Michael Bedford*



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.*

### During Today's Worship

**If your infant or child needs care** during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system to alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

Flash photography during worship is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

### If you are new to First Church

**Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month.

**Disabled persons entrance** is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

**We invite you to become a member** of First Church. Please speak with Pastor Ken or call the church office to set a time to meet.

### Interested in the mission and activities of First Presbyterian Church?

Visit the church's website, [www.firstpreshc.org](http://www.firstpreshc.org) for more info.



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