

Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10:30 A.M.



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Breath of God, breath of life, breath of deepest yearning:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Inspirer:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of Truth, Midwife of Change:

Come, Holy Spirit!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Praise and glory to you, creator Spirit of God; you make our bread the communion of Christ's body to heal and reconcile and to make us the body of Christ. You make our wine the communion of Christ's saving blood to redeem the world. You are truth. You come like the wind of heaven, unseen, unbidden. Like the dawn you illuminate the world around us; you grant us a new beginning every day. You warm and comfort us. You give us courage and fire and strength beyond our everyday resources. Be with us, Holy Spirit, in all we say or think, in all we do, this and every day. **Amen.**

*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES

Harley Bravo, *Apollo High School*

Josie Hagan, *Owensboro High School*

Arlo Johnson, *Owensboro High School*

Anna Robinson, *Daviess County High School*

Dakota DeGraw, *Kentucky Wesleyan College*

Tucker Hagan, *Lincoln Memorial University*

Jack Lashbrook, *University of Kentucky*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rom. 8:26

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with signs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people. *A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.*

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Acts 2:17, 21

Hear the good news of God's promise: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

GREATOREX

**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.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Refrain:

**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.**

- 1. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain***
- 2. Jordan River, chilly and cold,
It chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back. *Refrain***

THE WORD

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 all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 104:24-34, 35a (OT p.555)

A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

Acts 2:1-21 (NT p.119)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Covington

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a 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!"

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Spirit, Open My Heart

Alfred Fedak

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart. (Ruth Duck)

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by 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. Hosanna in the highest!** *The prayer continues.*

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, by the gift of your Spirit you have nourished and filled us. Now send us out to share the vision of new creation you have begun; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matthew Covington* | Liturgist: *Debbie McCoy*

Communion Servers: *Creda Heffelfinger & Patti Price* | Worship & Wonder: *Linda Morris*

We welcome **Rev. Matthew Covington** back to our pulpit today. Matthew recently retired after 21 years of serving as pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The Life of the Church

Our Church Potluck Picnic is this afternoon! Please bring a dish to share and join us at Yellow Creek Park. From 2-4pm, we will have kite making and flying to celebrate the wind of the Holy Spirit. At 4pm, we will celebrate our graduates and enjoy a meal together.

The Pentecost Offering will be collected today. This annual offering of our denomination supports ministries with children at risk, youth, and young adults. 40% of what is given today will benefit our FPC youth and their participation in summer conferences next year, including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium which will be held in Louisville. More information is available on the insert in today's bulletin.



Scan to give to the
Pentecost Offering

PrimeTimers, our fellowship group for those 50+, meets this Tuesday, May 21, at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall. This month's speaker is Chris Cunningham of Daviess County Emergency Management who will talk about how to prepare for emergencies.



Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

| Year (through April) | Month of May (to date) | Week Ending May 17 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income: \$159,372.71 | Income: \$25,150.40 | Income: \$ 9,213.73 |
| <u>Expense: \$180,135.71</u> | <u>Expense: \$33,183.08</u> | <u>Expense: \$14,032.42</u> |
| Balance: -\$20,763.00 | Balance: -\$8,032.68 | Balance: -\$4,818.69 |

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals





First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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