



Pentecost

Sunday, May 28, 2023
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.**

*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Maker of all things, in the beginning, you created heaven and earth. In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ. Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Life of the world, you breathed life into the flesh you created. Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth. Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and war into peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lover of concord, you desire the unity of all Christians. Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit. Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need. Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed. Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits. In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, strength; in our sadness, consolation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth bend our rigidity, and guide our wandering feet; through Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Matt Curry

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

God pours out the Spirit upon us, but we do not always welcome God's gifts. Let us confess our doubts and fears, that we might find forgiveness and newness of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in the way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love more fully.

Silence is kept.

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins. 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.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 288)

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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

Numbers 11:24-30 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Acts 2:1-21 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Holy (Dis)comforter”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Declaration 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

Online giving is available at fpcobky.com

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Come, Dove of Heaven

Mark Miller

Breath, Source, and Word, come, God of peace, make us new today.

(Adam M.L. Tice)

*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. Usbers will guide you forward to partake by taking a small 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

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Patrick Corkran*

Communion Servers: *Patti Price & Debbie McCoy*



The Life of the Church

Next Sunday, June 4, will be an exciting day in the life of our church!

Confirmation Sunday: Four of our youth will be confirmed during worship.

Sacrament of Baptism: We will celebrate the baptism of Bella Bravo.

New Members: We will welcome additional new members to our congregation!

Pentecost Offering: This annual special offering supports ministry with youth, young adults, and at-risk children. Our congregation will retain 40% of what is collected, which will go to the International Center's youth group, which builds community among young people who are part of newly arrived refugee families.

Reception: We will gather following worship in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our confirmands as well as high school and college graduates.

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Last call! FPC Pride T-Shirts are being sold as we look forward to participating in next month's Owensboro Pride Picnic. The shirts feature the simple message "God is Love" in rainbow colors with our church logo. Shirts are \$17 and may be ordered by emailing office@fpcobky.com or using the form posted in our Facebook community group. Please submit your order by May 31.

Joyful Noise, a fun music making time for kids and youth, is launching on Sunday, June 11. Nadia Wilkes will be leading this fun summer opportunity from 11:30am-12:00 noon each Sunday following worship.

VBS is coming up June 20, 21, and 22 from 9:00am-12:00pm. Volunteers are needed to help make this a good experience for our 4 year olds-5th graders. Contact Stephanie Dube or Jeff Moles if you are interesting in helping out.

Tuesday Night Bible Study is switching to a new time: 5:00pm. Please join us!

Hearing Assistance Devices are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.



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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