



SPIRIT OF  
**PENTECOST**

AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH  
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK  
IN DIFFERENT TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT  
ENABLED THEM TO PROCLAIM.

ACTS 2:4

*First  
Presbyterian  
Church*



# First Presbyterian Church

## Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

\* = You are invited to stand, if able  
Items in **bold** are congregational responses

### – ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME–

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Pentecost Offering

JOYS AND SORROWS

PRAYER OF PREPARATION AND PRELUDE (Silent Prayer)

*O God, we ask you to pour out your spirit on us. Help us serve you more cheerfully so we can serve our brothers and sisters. Cast out everything which breaks or hinders the growing bonds of love between us. Give us the determination to make progress so that all our lives we may seek after your holy and perfect will. Amen.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Liturgist

Leader: They were all together in one place. 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.

People: **Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.**

Leader: They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

People: **All around them were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”**

Leader: 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

**People: your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions, and your  
old men shall dream dreams.**

Leader: Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days,

**People: I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.**

### OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Almighty God, who gives life and power to your church through the gift of your Spirit: Inspire us to bear witness to our living Lord. Quicken us to a recognition of your presence. Create in us grateful hearts. Challenge our minds with your wisdom. Encourage us with a heightened vision and hope. This we pray in the name of your Son Jesus Christ

### \*HYMN:

**"Spirit"**

**Blue 319**

### \*INVITATION TO RECONCILIATION

Pastor

God's Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

### \*CHORUS:

**"Spirit of the Living God"**

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.**

### \*SILENT CONFESSION

**\*KYRIE: *Lord, have mercy upon us;  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God promises forgiveness and restoration to those who call upon the Lord. Receive God's mercy and grace and power, promised long ago, as you follow Christ.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen**

**\*GLORIA PATRI (Glory Be to the Father . . .)**

**\*SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**\*GREETING OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS**

**RE-GATHERING CHORUS "The Family of God"**

**Screen**

**– PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD –**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Led by Liturgist**

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"Come, Holy Spirit"**

**NEW TESTAMENT:**

**Romans 8:22-27**

**Liturgist**

**GOSPEL:**

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

**Pastor**

**SERMON:**

**"More Than Just 'Tongues'"**

**Pastor**

**\*HYMN:**

**"Fill Me Now"**

**Red 153**

**NICENE CREED (ecumenical)**

**Blue p. 15**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Liturgist

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

#### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY

#### \*DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

**You have blessed each of us with gifts to serve and share, Most Generous God. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" Blue 326**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION: Pastor**

**\*RESPONSE "Go Now in Peace"  
by Don Besig**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you every hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know he will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love**

**– GO OUT TO SHARE THE WORD OF GOD –**

## **THOSE SERVING AMONG US TODAY**

The Liturgist today is Kay Nelson.

Greeter today was Ray Helster.

**TODAY:** Sunday School 9 am; Worship at 9:55 am; Pentecost Sunday; Salad Luncheon following worship

**TUESDAY:** Food & Fellowship from 11 am – 1 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Worship at 9:55 am

**Last Sunday's Attendance: 37**

**Last Sunday's Offering: \$ 948**

**Thank you for your faithfulness in service and in giving.**



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## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 19- Hannah Pallotta

Janis Garofalo

May 22- Fred Aten

May 29- Beverly Belczyk

May 30- Aiden McWreath

May 31- Mary Lou Berish

Walter Nogy

May 24- Dave & Judy Burdis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join us Sunday mornings at 9 am for a time of study and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying the Engage Discipleship curriculum; this week we are on chapter 4.

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES** will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, during the worship service. Encourage your middle-school, high-school, and college graduates to be here. And if you haven't notified us of a graduate, call Susan Aten as soon as possible. Please plan to stay after worship for our monthly communion Sunday coffee hour.

**FLEA MARKET/GARAGE SALE:** The date for this year's sale is June 7-8. We will need help to set up tents, price and sort donations, and clean up. Donations of gently used, saleable items may be brought directly to the fellowship hall, and they will be placed behind the dividers until the 6th. Donations of large items will be accepted the week of the sale, once the tents are up.

**PASTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION:** Pastor Mary Kay will be out of the office Wednesday, 5/29 – Saturday, June 1, for professional development. She will be available in case of emergency, however.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Our annual Blessing of the Animals will be on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am on the church lawn. We are collecting pet food or monetary donations for a local rescue. Please feel free to bring it to the church office or bring it to the blessing. All pets must be on a leash or in a carrier. If you have any questions, you may reach out to Natalie Brewer.

**CHRISTMAS IN JULY CRAFT SHOW:** We are taking applications for our annual craft show, scheduled for July 27th. HOA will coordinate the food in the kitchen, and Pastor needs a few individuals to help with planning. Contact the office to volunteer or for more information.

**OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS** (not mentioned above):

June 18—June Kefover Memorial Service

June 22—Francis Garlits Memorial Service (after Blessing of Animals)

July 21, 3 pm—Hosting the closing service for First Presbyterian Church Fayette City, as they cannot use their sanctuary.



## PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following people in your thoughts and prayers.

Please call the office with prayer needs, updates, and questions  
or e-mail the church at office@fpresbv.org.

Anita † Melissa St. Angelo † Sue Balogh † Westley Beam †  
Dolores Beatty † Bill Behrens † Joann Bellora † Mary Lou Berish †  
Bob & Carol Berish † Frank Britton † Cameron Burnardza †  
Joe Burnsworth † Colin † Sally Callaway † Sally Campbell †  
Carol Carcella † Milana (Berish) Cerniga † Chloe Chachaula † †  
Glenn Crownover † Tena Crutcher † Dick & Sue Currie †  
Rich & Kathy Davies † Carol Driver † Sandy Elder † MaryAnn Falk †  
Norm Floyd † Howard Forsyth † Family & friends Roberta Franks †  
Janet Garlits † Janis Garofalo † Louise Gerber † Brittany Heckathorn  
† Wayne Helster † Frieda Hilman † Patti Huyck † Mike Jablonski †  
Diane Johnston † Janet † Donna Kearns † Lisa Korff †  
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† Laura Martin † Taylor McGee † Bruce Merritt † Dean Migliori †  
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David Plasman † Helen Pulgino † Lucille Rapchak † Dennis Raymer †  
Linda Shuler † Chris Sicora † Cory Sigler † Toi Smith † Walter Smith  
† Ginger Thorp † Jerry Tregembo † Fred Walker † Shirl Walsh †  
Sandy Walters † Edna Weaver

**Pray for the safety and protection of First Responders  
(police, fire, EMTs), Military Personnel, Medical Personnel,  
Caregivers who deplete themselves caring for others,  
those affected by senseless violence and war,  
and those affected by natural disasters.**

*(If you have a prayer concern or to update the list, please call the office at  
724-929-7616 or fill out a prayer card and place in the offering plate)*

Sermon Notes  
“More Than Just ‘Tongues’”

Only in the gospel of John is the Spirit called the \_\_\_\_\_, or the one called alongside you (14:16), which means the Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_.

The promises of the Holy Spirit are not only comfort and strength, but also identifies many areas of \_\_\_\_\_ that the disciples will face.

The first and second promises are found earlier in the Farewell discourse:

1. The Advocate will \_\_\_\_\_ forever and abide with you.
2. The Advocate will \_\_\_\_\_ you everything and \_\_\_\_\_ you what I've said.

The third promise (John 15:26-27): The Spirit's role is to \_\_\_\_\_.

With the Spirit's help, therefore, we will be able to testify to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' saving power.

The fourth promise (John 16:7b–11): the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

that we have been adopted and have become joint heirs with Christ.

Being joint heirs with Jesus, we can expect to share in his glory, but we must also realize that we will share in his \_\_\_\_\_  
(Romans 8:15-17).

“The sufferings of this present time are not \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_ about to be revealed to us”  
(Romans 8:18).

The fifth and final promise of the Paraclete (John 16:12-15) is a response to Jesus words “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now” (16:11).

The Spirit as \_\_\_\_\_ will make it possible to hear Jesus words and the \_\_\_\_\_ of his being the \_\_\_\_\_.

In glorifying Jesus, the Paraclete, or Spirit, confirms that in Jesus the very presence of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_.

We are called to speak to death, to destruction, to loss, and to pain to share the truth of God’s salvation and the power of God to revive and restore.



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## E L D E R S

### **Class of 2024**

Lori Lamberski  
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David Burdis  
Linda Aten

### **Class of 2025**

Fred Exley  
Doug Cole  
Jack Backo

### **Class of 2026**

John Conger  
Sharon Zunic

## D E A C O N S

### **Class of 2024**

Jessica Phillabaum  
Dave Neel  
Kay Conger  
Brenda Kennedy

### **Class of 2025**

Susan Aten  
June Exley  
Barb Moskala

### **Class of 2026**

Patty Gillon  
Eileen Kunca

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, service, and witness.

As a Christ-centered church empowered by the Holy Spirit, we seek God's plan for each of us and all of us. We welcome everyone to journey with us as we strive to grow in love, faith, trust, and discipleship.

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