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DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 20, 2018

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
9:30 a.m.



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🌿 Gathering 🌿

PRELUDE

A Pentecost Prelude

Charles Callahan

PROCESSION OF THE ELEMENTS OF WORSHIP

Please remain seated and sing many times:

Holy Spirit, come to us.

CALL TO WORSHIP Acts 2:21; 1 Corinthians 12:3, 12-13

Rev. Sanderford

One: We are gathered in one place to call on the name of the Lord:

All: Holy Spirit, come to us.

One: We are members of one body, calling out, in Jesus' name:

All: Holy Spirit, come to us.

* HYMN 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, you are so full of energy you are like fire. And like fire you came upon the disciples at Pentecost. But our lives this past week have not blazed with your Spirit. Forgive us, we pray, and fill us with your Spirit. Come down, O Spirit, fill us and set us on fire.
from Call to Worship

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to share signs with one another of the peace we experience as forgiven people. Greet one another saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and respond, "And also with you."

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**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.**

This response is Hymn 322.

Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ken Westfall

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 104:24, 30-34, 35b

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Koenig-Reinke

Children through grade five are invited forward.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-5, 12-21

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Journey Without Destination

Rev. McGowan

Responding

* HYMN 130

Let Every Christian Pray

LAUDES DOMINI

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

In keeping with the reverence of worship, photos may be taken after the service.

Presentation

Those being confirmed today are Schuyler Byrn, Mary Corey, James Dabrowski, Jake Day, Riley Day, Zachary Edwards, Cooper Fairman, Hana Kaehr, Sophie Licata, Will McKarns, Justin Rink, Josiah Schaafsma, Benjamin Schneider, Emmett Shaw, Veronica Sorter, and Jackson Willmer. The class was led by Charlotte Anderson, Reid Sawtell, and Rev. Evans McGowan.

Questions

Who is your Lord and Savior? **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**

Do you trust him? **I do.**

Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love? **I do.**

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be? **I will.**

Do we, members of this congregation, promise to support, nurture, and sustain these newest members on the Christian journey? **We do.**

* Profession of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*

Do you believe in God, the Creator?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer for Confirmation (*unison*)

Charlotte Anderson

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ you have brought us to yourself, and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation

While the congregation remains seated and sings, the confirmands and their parents will come forward for anointing and prayer by one of the ministers.

Hymn 525

Here I Am, Lord

HERE I AM, LORD

Hymn 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

NYLAND

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Fair

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others sitting nearby.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

With Songs of Rejoicing

J. S. Bach

arr. Hal H. Hopson

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord;
For He has done marvelous things!
Break forth into joy.
His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ.
The floods clap their hands and the hills sing for joy.
The seas with their roaring speak praise to His name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHORAL RESPONSE *A Prayer for Humility*

Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
how we long to know you, how we strive to serve you,
help us now to love you even more.

Give us humble hearts to praise you and listening ears to hear your voice,
willing hands to serve you, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore you, and we bring this prayer before you:
Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace you freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord find us, draw us close to you again.
Give us humble hearts. . . . Amen.

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.

Sending

* **HYMN 522** (Stanzas 1-3) *Lord, When I Came Into This Life*

LAND OF REST

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**So, help me in my unbelief and let my life be true:
Feet firmly planted on the earth, my sights set high on You.**

* **POSTLUDE** *A Festive Trumpet Tune* Douglas Wagner

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers.

Welcome to all! Please know that all, including visitors and newcomers, are invited to share in the life of the church. A full description of church events is online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Sheila Deskins and Mary Ann Pierce. **The Church Office** is staffed by Robin Agnew. **Greeters** are Deb and Mike Lisull and Ginny Horan (9:30) and Carol Fletcher and Marge Higley (11:00). **Sound system volunteers** are Dallas Dort (9:30) and Bryan Magnuson (11:00). **Ushers** are Bill Austin and Michele Derr at 8:00; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Beth Sanderford, Omer Bellfi, Karla Olson Bellfi, Dean Gilchrist, Marolin Bellefleur, Annette Fraser, Elsa and Dick Stuber, and Chris Queen (9:30); and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Peggy Hodgson, Karen Cox, Joe Cox, Jeanette Swartz, and Barry Swartz (11:00). **The prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the Chancel in the Sanctuary, after the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Prayer team members are Nancy Fox (9:30) and Pam Ehrhart (11:00). Following the 8:00 service a minister is available for prayer at the Communion Table. "The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'" - Billy Graham

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of John R. Dayton by his children; and in loving memory of C. Robert Ferris by his family.

The pink rosebuds celebrate the births of

Collins Marie Lynn Colligan, born May 10, 2018, daughter of Dallas Colligan and Nick Cooke, granddaughter of Merri Lynn and Kerry Colligan, and great-granddaughter of Diane and Bob Hockett; and

Avery Eileen Blue, born May 13, 2018, daughter of Brennan (Pearson) and Laura Blue. Grandparents are John Blue, Barb Blue, and Jim Kendzel. Brennan Pearson Blue was one of our Resident Ministers, 2011–2013, and is now Senior Pastor of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Minnetonka, Minnesota.

Pentecost, one of the nine stained glass windows in the Nave that tell the story of the life of Christ, was designed and made in England by J. Wippell & Co., Ltd. These windows were installed by Hungarian craftsman Bela Birtok between 1964 and 1969.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. **Radio Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.** on WAAM (1600 AM) and on the web (www.waamradio.com).

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. **Cookie bakers** are Diane Knibbs and Betty Anderson.

Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare and Sunday School classes are held for crib through fifth graders at 9:30 a.m. **Childcare** is available for preschoolers at 11:00 a.m. Worship activity totes and Busy Hands activity baskets are available at the entrances to the Sanctuary for children attending worship at 11:00 a.m.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 is studying *The Acts of the Apostles* and meets in the French Room/Library. Rev. Ed Koster is the facilitator. All are welcome.

First Friends meet in Monteith Hall at 9:30 a.m. to view and discuss the DVD *Acts: The Acts of the Apostles*. First Friends is a self-directed adult group providing a safe place for people to share concerns and receive Christian support.

Exploring the Faith meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall for "Choosing Our Religion: The Spiritual Lives of American's Nones, Part 2." Presenters are Rev. Sanderford and local experts.

"First Forum: Gospel Values and Gun Violence, Part 3" is at 12:15 p.m., in the Lewis Room. Join our discussion on how faith informs this issue and what we can do about it. Lunch is \$5. For those who cannot attend on Sunday, the session will also be offered on Thursday, May 24, at 6:00 p.m., in the Lewis Room.

T2A2 Small Group meets at Chris Wahl's house at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the book of James. Bring your questions and insights, wherever you are on your faith journey! For more information about social, spiritual, and service opportunities for people in their 20s and 30s, contact Rev. Parks-Piatt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newer members who joined 2015 – 2018 are encouraged to attend a special Mission and Vision Task Force Listening Session

on Sunday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m., in the Lewis Room. The task force is seeking to gain clarity on the mission and vision of who God is calling us to be at First Pres as we enter the third decade of the 21st Century. Your participation is important. We will provide a brief overview of the visioning effort and then listen to your ideas on the future direction of our church. Contact the Church Office if you are in need of childcare. For additional information or to submit comments, please visit the church website or contact Lucie Audette (laudette125@hotmail.com; 717-8062).

Sign up now for our annual All-Church Picnic. There will be fun for all ages! The beach-themed picnic is June 10, following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Enjoy Slow's BBQ from Detroit, the smooth jazz sounds of the Paul Keller Jazz Quintet on the Circle Terrace, and inflatables (including "The Cliffhanger" slide). Cost is \$8 per person if you pay by Friday, June 8 at noon or \$9 per person if you pay at the event (maximum \$40 per nuclear family). Children 5 and under are free. Sign up online or in the Church Office.

Mature Singles meet this Friday, May 25, at Panda House, 229 North Maple Road Road, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Our summer office and building hours schedule begins May 25.

The Church Office may be open at times that the building is locked. You may enter the building at those times by calling the Church Office (662-4466). If there are no scheduled activities, the building may be closed earlier than the times listed.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Building Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Join the Nicaragua Mission Team on Sunday, June 3, at 11:00 a.m., in Monteith Hall when we share our experiences and stories from our recent trip to Quebrada Honda. Learn what happens when graduate students and retirees travel together to provide lights and electrical outlets in three classrooms. Learn how partnership and relationships are the foundation of successful mission work in a developing country. Learn how lives can be transformed during and after a trip.

PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Reverend Dr. Fairfax F. Fair, Pastor/Head of Staff

Reverend Melissa Anne Rogers, Associate Pastor

Reverend Jay Sanderford, Associate Pastor

Deborah MacVey, Director of Children's Education and Family Ministries

Tom Granum, Director of Music Ministries

Reverend Blair Buckley, Resident Minister

Reverend Eric Koenig-Reinke, Resident Minister

Reverend Dorothy Parks-Piatt, Resident Minister

Reverend Evans McGowan, Campus Ministries Coordinator

Essie Koenig-Reinke, Youth Ministries Coordinator

Sandy Talbott, Wellness Coordinator/Parish Nurse

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