



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

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MAY 24, 2015
DAY OF PENTECOST

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.

Gathering

PRELUDE *Rejoice Greatly* Susan E. Geschke
Come, O Come, O Quickening Spirit German Chorale

LIFE IN THE CHURCH Rev. Sanderford (8:00)
Rev. Rogers (9:30/11:00)

FAITH IN ACTION Mission Co-Workers Virginia Bell (8:00)
Linda Speck (9:30/11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep. A wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

All: Then God formed humanity from the dust of the ground, and breathed into their nostrils the breath of life; and the humans became living beings.

One: God's Spirit will be poured out on all flesh; sons and daughters shall prophesy, old men shall dream dreams, and young men shall see visions.

All: All will be filled with the Holy Spirit, which pours God's love into our hearts.

One: Let us worship God.

* **HYMN** *On Pentecost They Gathered* AURELIA

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**

**The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.**

**God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and re-forming, responds in every hour.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of life, you give us breath and hope and reason for living.
You surround us with beauty and challenge and opportunity.
In return for all your great gifts, we are timid in our testimony
and lifeless in our obedience. We look away from those in need,
squander our talents, and fail to live in the transforming power
of your Spirit. We speak words of derision and act in ways that
are divisive. In your mercy, open us once again to the life-giving
power of your Spirit. Replace fear with unbounded trust in you.
Unite us with one another, that all may glorify you and live life
abundantly.**

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.

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Proclaiming

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Michele Derr (8:00)

Judy Slade (9:30)

Mary McKeever (11:00)

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-8, 11b-13

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

ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine

arr. John Leavitt

Come down, O Love divine;
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with your own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
Within my heart appear
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Oh, let it freely burn,
Till worldly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
No soul can guess his grace
Till it become the place
Where in the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

A CONVERSATION WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children through grade five are invited forward.

SECOND READING Ezekiel 37:1-10

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

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Fair

 **Responding** 

* **HYMN 126**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Monnett (9:30/11:00)

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

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offertory

Dry Bones

arr. Mark Hayes

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:00)

See Communion Card

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 315** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* PENTECOST
Please stand to sing. The congregation will sing only the refrain and the soloist will sing the verses.

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**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.**

* **POSTLUDE** *Come, Holy Spirit* J. S. Bach

* Please rise in body or spirit.

Those parts of the service of worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in **bold type**. Hearing-assistance devices and large-print bulletins 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 may be found online at www.firstpresbyterian.org. If you have questions, please visit the **Welcome Center**, just outside the Social Hall. Greeting you there today are Michele Derr and Jim Peggs.

Church Office volunteer is Martha Petroski. **Greeters** are Dale Leslie and Barbara Mueller at 9:30 a.m.; and Gale and Don Redding and Carole and George Hendrickson at 11:00 a.m.

The **prayer team** is available for those desiring prayer in Hillegonds Chapel, to the right of the piano, after the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Prayer team members are Catherine Kendall, Malcolm Powers, and Judy Slade at 9:30; and Carole Hendrickson at 11:00. After the 8:00 a.m. service a minister is available at the Communion Table for prayer. "You can do more than pray after you have prayed but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed." – John Bunyon

Ushers are Bill Austin (head) and Marty Reineman at 8:00 a.m.; Bill Austin (head), Len Rezmierski (captain), Joe Schmidt, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Wilson, Karla Bellfi, Marolin Bellefleur, Dean Gilchrist, and Omer Bellfi at 9:30 a.m.; and Bill Austin (head), Carter Hodgson (captain), Beth Meda, Peggy Hodgson, Joe Cox, Karen Cox, and Cindy Andress at 11:00 a.m.

The chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Ruth and Paul McCracken by their children.

Musical leadership is provided today by Carlos Simon, piano, and Ronald Perkins, bass, for the 8:00 a.m. service. At the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services, musical leadership includes Sanctus Ringers; Linda Speck, violin; Laura Stahl, violin; Kelly McDermott, flute; Lorna Young Hildebrandt, soprano; Ronald Perkins, bass; Steve Lorenz, guest conductor; and Chancel Choir.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Worship is at 8:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There are no Sunday evening services during the summer. The 7:07 p.m. service will resume in September. **Radio Worship service is broadcast at 11:00 a.m.**, on WAAM (1600 AM), and on WAAM's website, www.waamannarbor.com.

Pentecost, a great festival Sunday of the Christian church, is 50 days after Easter. It commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit, descending upon the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. Red is the color of Pentecost, pointing to the "flames, as of fire," described in the second chapter of Acts. The dove also is a symbol of Pentecost. Empowered by the Spirit, the disciples take the gospel from Jerusalem into all the world, so Pentecost sometimes is referred to as the birthday of the church.



The Pentecost Offering is received today. This annual PCUSA offering supports children at risk, youth, and young adult programs. Forty percent of this offering stays locally to support the work of the Cass Community Center program for homeless youth. Checks may be made payable to First Pres with a "Pentecost Offering" notation in the memo line. Special envelopes are available for your use.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the Social Hall immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Cookie bakers are Betsy DiMaggio, Kim Byers, and Linda Tubbs. Child-friendly, peanut-free purchased snacks are available for children. We are proud to serve Fair Trade coffee at First Pres in support of fair wages for coffee farmers. Coffee may be purchased in the Church Office during regular business hours.

Coffee Hour today is sponsored by the First Pres Veterans' Group who have prepared a commemorative slide presentation. Chocolate chip cookies are provided in honor of the late John Laird, who served as a fighter pilot in WW2. John, who died May 7, 2015, was our longest active member. He was a member of First Presbyterian his whole life. Chocolate chip cookies were his favorite.

A brief service of remembrance will take place in the Memorial Garden immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service today. Names of those interred in the garden will be read with note of those who were veterans. All are invited to attend.



Children's Ministry Opportunities:

Childcare is available at 9:30 a.m. for crib through kindergarteners. At 11:00 a.m., childcare is available for crib through young five-year-olds.

Adult Education Opportunities:

The Bible @ 9:30 class does not meet today but will meet next Sunday, May 31.

"40 Chances: Finding Hope in a Hungry World" does not meet today. The class will meet next Sunday, May 31.

"The Stories of Creation" meets at 11:00 a.m. in Monteith Hall. Creation stories from various ancient sources are the focus of a series offered by Wally Schmeichel in the "Exploring the Faith" class.

Conversation concerning same-sex marriage continues today in the Lewis Room at 11:00 a.m. for a discussion of this issue using *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage*, a book by Presbyterian evangelical theologian Mark Achtemeier.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for the All Church Picnic on June 7, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Enjoy Satchel's BBQ, Chief Officers' Blues Band, inflatables, and games for kids of all ages. Cost is \$7 per person if you pay ahead of time or \$8 per person if you pay at the event. Children under five are free. There is no family maximum for this event. Make your reservation for the church picnic by calling the Church Office, or on the church website. There is no 11:00 a.m. worship service on June 7.

Are you ready to join First Pres? Please do! Regular attenders and prospective members, know that we want you to become a part of our church family. The next new member class is next Sunday, May 31, 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., in the Curtis Room. Contact the Church Office or email Rev. Rogers to sign up. Lunch is provided and childcare will be provided by reservation. New members will join June 14.

Mature Singles will meet twice this week and all are welcome. A Memorial Day picnic is tomorrow, Monday, May 25, at 1:00 p.m. Call Marcy at 995-2519 if you can attend. The group meets for dinner this Friday, May 29, at 5:30 p.m., at Knight's Restaurant, 2324 Dexter-Ann Arbor Road.

The Spring Photo Show continues today in the Social Hall and runs through May 31. This event, sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, features the work of church members and friends. If you are interested in participating in future shows, contact Marion Powers (761-9859 or mmpowrs@umich.edu). All levels of experience are welcome.

Are you are interested in playing bridge? First Pres hosts a bridge group that meets every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The group plays at an intermediate level. Contact Don Deatruck at ddeatruck@live.com for more information.

Learn about the status and experiences of children in Israel and Palestine at "Hope Amidst Adversity: The Plight and Perseverance of Children in Israel and Palestine," a study retreat hosted by the Israel Palestine Mission Team on June 6, 9:30–3:30 p.m., in Monteith Hall. To learn more or to register for the retreat, visit <http://firstpresbyterian.org/event/israel-palestine-study-retreat>.

Enroll now for our week at Camp Westminster July 26–August 1.

First Pres kids go to camp together each summer at Camp Westminster, a Presbyterian camp, up north on beautiful Higgins Lake. Children currently in second through eighth grades are eligible. Friends are always welcome. Here's what past campers have said about our week at camp last year.

“Camp Westminster means many things to me. It means one whole week of fun and new friends. It means a new lot of responsibility. But, most of all camp means a chance to connect with God.....I love camp!”

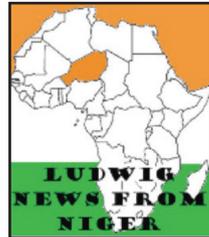
And from another camper: “Camp was fun!”

Register on our church website. For additional information contact Debbie MacVey, or Rev. Dr. Jim Monnett. Once registered with First Pres, families will be given further details to complete their registration with Camp Westminster.

Register now for Summer Vacation Bible School. Our Summer Vacation Bible School ---Marketplace 27-28 A.D. -- is June 16, 17, and 18, 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. All children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome. The children visit marketplace shops and make crafts, travel to the storyteller’s tent, and witness events in Jesus’ life re-enacted by our drama team. Snack time is included as they experience Bible times family life. The Kelsey Museum will bring an exhibit one day and there will be live animals another. Register on the church website.

The Mission Committee invites you to a special evening with Michael and Rachel Ludwig on Monday, June 1.

The Ludwigs are PC(USA) mission co-workers in Niger, Africa, sponsored in part by First Pres. Please join us for a 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner in the Social Hall. The main dish will be provided. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. After dinner, stay for a 7:00 p.m. presentation by the Ludwigs about their experiences serving our brothers and sisters in Christ in Africa.



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