



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MAY 31, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*Please sign the online Welcome Pad.
Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
At the feast of Pentecost,
You sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples,
Filling them with joy and boldness
To preach the gospel;
Empower us with that same Spirit
To witness to your redeeming love
And to draw all people to you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.

THE VISION OF GOD

VOLUNTARY: Adagio Et Chorale Varie Sue Le Veni Creator, Opus 4
Maurice Duruflé (1902-1987)
John Alexander, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Neil Dunnivant

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O Lord, our God, when the world tries to divide us,

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.**

One: When the world calls us orphaned,

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.**

One: When the world leads us astray

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.**

One: When the world denies your presence or your power,

All: **Send among us once again the wind and flame of your Spirit.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

All: **Enable us to worship you in Spirit and in truth.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 280 – Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples who at your instruction were sheltering in place in Jerusalem. Your Spirit then created bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that too often we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy upon us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will with and for Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE: *John 14:15-26*

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them." Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

”I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Donna Chase

ANTHEM: God Is a Spirit Randall Thompson (1899-1984)
Chancel Choir Ensemble

God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.
– John 4: 24

SECOND SCRIPTURE: *Acts 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, 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. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in

SECOND SCRIPTURE continues, over

those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON: "Wind and Flame".....Danny Massie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Pentecost Had Come.....ARGENTINA



1. Pen - te - cost had come and in that time of grace, Je - sus' friends were
 2. All a - round the ci - ty joy was in the air; Peo - ple gath - ered
 3. Pe - ter told the crowd to turn and be bap-tized; Thou - sands heard the



gath - ered in a meet - ing place Sud - den - ly the Spir - it came in
 in the streets from e - very - where. Soon they heard some prea - ching and the
 words he spoke and changed their lives. Dai - ly they sold what they owned to



wind and flame, Send - ing men and wo - men out in Je - sus' name.
 news was good! Then, in e - very lan - guage, they all un - der - stood.
 help the poor; Day by day the church was grow - ing more and more.



Spi - rit, come u - pon us, too! Give us gifts to share for you.
 Spi - rit, move through e - very land till all know and un - der - stand:
 Spi - rit, change the way we live. Teach us how to glad - ly give.



We live in a world in need; Send us where you dai - ly lead.
 Je - sus died and rose, it's true! Now we have new life in you.
 Guide us, as we seek to be Faith - ful in our min - is - try.

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

– The Apostles’ Creed, traditional

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *concluding with 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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Please participate in the offering by giving online at fpcgreensboro.org/give or by mailing your gift to the church at 617 N. Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27401.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION: Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit

arranged by William Dawson (1899-1990)

Chancel Choir Ensemble

Ev’ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain my Lord spoke, Out of His mouth came fire and smoke;
Looked all around me, It looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

Jordan river is chilly an’ cold, It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain’t but one train upon this track, It runs to heaven an’ right back.

Ev’ry time I feel the spirit, moving in my heart, I will pray.

CLOSING HYMN: No. 289 – On Pentecost They GatheredMUNICH

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Danny Massie

VOLUNTARY: Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

John Alexander, organ



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Neil Dunnivant, Executive Pastor

Danny Massie, Interim Pastor

Keith Dove, Sid & Cathy Batts Pastoral Resident

Donna Chase, Director of Christian Formation

John Alexander, Director of Music and Principal Organist

Robert Wells, Director of Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir Ensemble

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” Text: Janie Alford; Music: Thomas John Williams.

“Pentecost Had Come” Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette; Music: Argentine folk melody.

“On Pentecost They Gathered” Text: Jane Parker Huber; Music: *Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*.

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THE MINISTRY OF MEMBERS – Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ’s mission. A faithful member bears witness to God’s love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church. *Such involvement includes:* • proclaiming the good news in word and deed; • taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation; • lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support; • studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life; • supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time and talents; • demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church; • responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others; • living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life; • working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment; • participating in the governing responsibilities of the church; • and reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one’s membership, and considering ways in which one’s participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful. (*from the Book of Order*)

WE WELCOME YOU to the worship of God and to our community of faith. We are a church of growing disciples believing that worship is at the center of all we are and do as Christians.

WORSHIP AND STUDY DURING CAMPUS

CLOSING: All church-related events are canceled until further notice. Our Sunday Livestream service will be available on our home page, fpcgreensboro.org, and also on our live streaming page, fpcgreensboro.org/streaming-live. Also check our Facebook page (First Presbyterian Church of Greensboro, North Carolina) as we air the service there as well.

WHILE THE CAMPUS IS CLOSED, PLEASE JOIN US FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION ONLINE

- ▷ On our home page, FPCGREENSBORO.ORG, messages on our North Elm Notes blog from pastors and staff
- ▷ At FPCGREENSBORO.ORG/DIGITAL-FORMATION you will find the latest online classes, plus an archive of things you may have missed.

THE LITURGICAL COLOR *RED* seen through the parament on the lectern and the pastors' stoles signifies the work of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

SECUREGIVE MOBILE APP – In addition to giving online (fpcgreensboro.org/give), you can download the SecureGive mobile giving app for Apple  or Android  (*scroll over for clickable links*). You can use the app as a guest or create an account. It's quick, easy, secure, and allows you to make a donation using a bank card.

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- **SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-NEWS AND OUR THURSDAY MORNING SUNDAY PREVIEW** at fpcgreensboro.org/connect/our-media.
- **SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS:** Text FPCGSO to 41411 and follow the instructions to opt in. (*Standard text rates may be applicable based on your individual carrier.*)

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Funds are currently available to help pay for needs such as assisted living at home or in a facility, prescription drugs, and medical and dental care *for FPC members aged 55 and over*. Applicants must demonstrate a need for financial assistance, live within 50 miles of Greensboro, and complete an application. For more information, contact Maggie Turner at 336.478.4724.

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