

# **First Presbyterian Church**

Watertown, NY + www.watertownfirstpres.org

# Pentecost

June 5, 2022 + 10:00 a.m.



The Holy Spirit, Ed De Guzman, Quezon City, Philippines

# Welcome to First Presbyterian Church!

This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it! Whether you are visiting First Presbyterian Church for the first time, or are a longtime member or friend, your presence today is a blessing to our community!

Three very important commitments guide our lives together at First Presbyterian Church: *worship, mission* and *discipleship*. In worship we commune with God and with one another, sing and pray, and measure our lives according to God's Word. Through mission, both local and international, we live out Jesus' call to 'feed my sheep' and serve the least.' In study, prayer, and community, we develop as life-long disciples of Jesus, working for a more peaceful and just world.

Following worship, please stick around for fellowship time. Enjoy a cup of coffee. Spend time in the sanctuary in prayer. Introduce yourself to me and your fellow worshippers. We're glad you're here!

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If you are new here, please fill out the card in the pew and place it in the offering plate, so that we can get to know you better.

**Hearing help** is available during all worship services - please see an usher for assistance.

**Sunday School** is available for children through middle school during worship, except on the first Sunday of the month.

**Nursery Care** is available for children to age 4 during all worship Services. You can find the nursery in the education wing of the building. A restroom and quiet room can be found in the narthex.

**If you are in need of prayer,** please see our Pastor before or after worship, or write your prayer requests in the green book at the front of the sanctuary (by the flags).

## A Word About Today's Service

"Pentecost" comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church's seven-week celebration of Christ's resurrection. As the Lord's Day is sometimes called the "eighth day" of creation, Pentecost is a day of new creation - all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God.

On the Day of Pentecost we give particular thanks for the gift of God's Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ's mission throughout the world.



#### **Gathering Music**

Fantasia on *Materna Come Holy Spirit, Come Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*  Robert Hughes John Carter Jason Payne

#### Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

**\*The Story of Pentecost** Acts 2:1-12

#### **Opening Hymn #390**

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

#### Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Jesus says: Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that 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 a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on 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 for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

a time of silence is kept

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.**  **Response #813** Glory Be to the Father

#### **A Time With Young Disciples**

"Bless These Children, Lord, We Pray"

(to the tune of "Seek Ye First", words by Andrew Long)

Bless these children, Lord, we pray; And walk with them every day. Teach us to hear them and cherish what they say: Children will show us the way.



#### **Hymn For Illumination**

"Speak, O Lord" To receive the food of your holy word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail; Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,

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That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

#### The Story of Pentecost, continued Acts 2:14-21

#### Anthem

"As the Wind Song" Shirley Erena Murray & Swee Hong Lim As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God. Never seen, never known, where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power, to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,

as the hope that's born again, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God, making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God. **The Sermon** What Does It Mean?

\*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* Let us affirm what we believe:

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!"

# **We Respond To God**

#### **Community Connect**

At this time in worship we share information on how you can connect even better with the community at FPC Watertown. During this time we also share our joys and concerns, as well as any other relevant information to our life together.

### Offering



Donations can be made by either scanning the QR code from the Venmo app or by searching for @First\_Pres\_of\_Watertown.

## **The Offertory**

#### "Led by the Spirit" Cindy Berry The Holy Spirit breathes in me, empowers me, sets me free. Lord, let me live that I may be a reflection of Your love. Led by the Spirit, I will lift my praises. His presence fills me; I'm a child of God. I'll trust Him fully and share His word, Spirit of the Lord.

It is my prayer that through all my days, my heart will sing unending praise. Lord, let me walk in all Your ways as the Spirit takes control. Led by the Spirit, I will lift my praises. His presence fills me; I'm a child of God. I'll trust Him fully, and share His Word, Spirit of the Lord.

The Holy Spirit moves within me, makes my heart His home. His gentle voice I hear, calling me His own. Led by the Spirit, I can lift my praises. His presence fills me; I'm a child of God. I'll trust Him fully and share His word, Spirit of the Lord.

#### The Doxology

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. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper Invitation To The Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

> It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation.

You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord. God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Thank you for Jesus, our Savior and Lord. By your Spirit you named him beloved and empowered him to serve the poor, proclaim freedom from sin's bondage, and befriend the friendless and the outcast. When he breathed his last upon a cross, you raised him from the tomb, breaking the power of death and opening the way to eternal life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine. Unite us with Christ and with all who trust in him, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and the desire to do your will. Make our witness to Christ burn brightly and keep us faithful until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

And now as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray...

#### Words of Institution Prayer After Communion

#### \*Closing Hymn #429

They'll Know We Are Christians

#### \*Blessing and Benediction

\*Passing The Peace of Christ The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you. Please safely share some sign of Christ's peace with your neighbor.

Postlude Toccata in C minor

Léon Boëllmann

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