

First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Presbyterian Church

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Pastors: Rev. Dr. Jimmy Reader
& Rev. Joy Bergfalk

Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023, 10am

**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us", arr. by Lani Smith

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Acts 2:1-21

Setting the Scene | The Story of Pentecost

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 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.'

***Opening Hymn** (*insert*)

“Come Fly”

***Invocation {Movement Prayer}**

*We come before you empty-handed
But we gather all the scattered pieces of ourselves
into our hearts
And offer them up to you.
We reach out to each other in love
And make them a part of ourselves.
We cover all with the Holy Spirit
Because only in the Spirit
Can we truly fly.*

Scripture Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent.

Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Dear God of Messiness, we confess how we long to have a God we can outline—and control—on graph paper, where everything you do makes sense and never baffles. But we recognize that you are a God that does not fit into our narrow cognitive constructs, and so often belie the order we prefer. We are afraid to open our lives to the winds of your Spirit, not sure where they might blow us. Grant us forgiveness for the limitations we impose on you and give us the grace to open our hearts to the grace and unpredictability of your Spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Time for Children in All of Us

Unison Prayer for Illumination

God of Spirit, Wind, and Fire, give us the grace of open hearts to hear your voice speaking to us, freeing us, and inviting us to fly with you. Amen.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Sermon

“Is the Holy Spirit Spooky?”

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-22

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Hymn No. 316

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

Offering

Unison prayer of dedication

Loving God, We offer you these offerings that represent our devotion to you and our desire to do you will. We pray for your Spirit to direct us into the world to do your will. Amen.

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

“Taps”, arr. by Melody Bober | *In memory of Veterans & loved ones*

The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn (insert) “Spirit Song”

Benediction

Postlude “Holy Spirit, Rain Down”, arr. by Carol Tornquist

Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-

AV: Brenda Dean

Liturgist: Sue Delmonico

Fellowship: Amy Reinhardt



**Upcoming Church & Community events to add to your calendars:
*details on each event in your eNews***

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 28, Day of Pentecost

10 am Sunday Worship
11:15 am Fellowship & After Church Discussion Group
7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings

**Monday, May 29, Memorial Day
*Office Closed***

Tuesday, May 30

9:30 am Free Panera
7 pm Bridge Class

**Thursday, June 1
*Pride Month begins***

Saturday, June 3

9am-4pm Girl Scouts

Sunday, June 4, Ordination & Installation Sunday

10 am Sunday Worship w/Youth Group
11:15 am Fellowship Hour & After Church Discussion Group
7:30 pm AA & Al-Anon meetings



We would like to recognize the graduating class of 2023! Do you have a 2023 graduate (High School or College) that you want to celebrate? Please email Courtney in the office (office@victorpres.org) with this information:

- Name of graduate
- Proud Parents, Grand-parents, or guardians names
- Where they are graduating from
- Degree if applicable
- What they are doing post-graduation: College or work, etc.
- Any other pertinent information about the graduate.
- A **picture** to share in the announcements!



The Deacons Fund is alive and well at the First Presbyterian Church. We provide gas cards and emergency help to people who come to our church for emergency needs. There are Deacon Fund envelopes in the sanctuary pews. We greatly appreciate all donations. Please use the envelopes provided in the pews and the donations can be put in the offering plates during worship or mailed to the church office.

Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you for the gift of your presence here this morning. We are so glad you have chosen to spend this time in this space. Please know you are invited to participate in any way that is most helpful for you. You are not expected to announce your presence, but you are most welcome to reach out to anyone here. You are invited to fellowship following worship downstairs in Corey Hall and we would love to share a coffee and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate or use the QR code below.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Sunday School is offered during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Children's Time. Youth Group Sunday School is also offered for children in 6th grade and up every other Sunday. See our calendar for the schedule. You are welcome to join your child in the class, have your child remain with you during the service, or send them off to class. The Infant Care Room, equipped so users can hear and watch the service, is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.

**Interested in becoming a member?
Please call or email one of our pastors.
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