



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 10:30 A.M.

PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Today we celebrate Pentecost, often known as the church's "birthday." The name Pentecost comes from the Greek for "fiftieth day." Its origins relate to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God's giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter.

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

The congregation reads or sings parts in bold.

**Please stand if able*

In the presence of a holy God, we become aware of the ways we fall short of God's best hopes for us, and the ways we have hurt others. We turn to God in prayer, asking for forgiveness.

We express gratitude that through God's grace and Christ's giving of himself on the cross we are forgiven and restored to God and one

The Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. Having received Christ's peace, we pass it on.

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

PRELUDE

Veni Creator Spiritus settings by Wilbur Held and Bruce Neswick

WORDS OF WELCOME

(Please circulate the friendship forms found in the aisle seats.)

Rev. Robert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wendy Toadvine

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

P: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

P: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, moving us from complacency.

L: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

P: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and love in everything we say and do. Let us worship!

*HYMN 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

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. Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news.

P. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Gloria Patri - 579

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen and Amen.*

*Passing the Peace and Greetings

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Puppet Ministry

(Children are encouraged to go downstairs for music time after the Children's Moment. Younger children thru K may remain in the nursery and older children will return to the worship service.)

THE PUBLIC RECEPTION OF OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS

Samuel Goldsberry, William Goldsberry, Alexandra Jordan and Nicholas Jordan

PRESENTATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

CLOSING PRAYER (In Unison)

Ever-living God, guard these your servants with your protecting hand, and let your Holy Spirit be with them forever. Lead them to know and obey your Word, that they may serve you in this life and dwell with you forever in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Simple Gifts

Traditional Shaker Tune/arr. Mark Hayes

Ali Taliani, soprano

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free; 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight, till be turning, turning we come 'round right.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison)

**Holy Spirit, sent by the God, open your words to us and ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURES Acts 2:1-21 (page 119 in pew Bible)

Wendy Toadvine

I Corinthians 12:3b-13 (page 174 in pew Bible)

Rev. Martin

L. This is the Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

For the Common Good

Rev. Robert Martin

*HYMN 127

Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION (My Sister's Place)

Kelly Cooke

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORDS PRAYER

Rev. Martin

COMMISSIONING OF OUR MISSION TEAM

OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Come Down, O Love Divine

Wilbur Held

***Doxology - 592 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise **Him, all creatures here below,
Praise **Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

**O God, may our gifts join your dance of healing and hope to those living in despair.
May our voices join the multitude of languages crying out for justice. May our hearts
embrace those you are bringing into our community on this great day of Pentecost and
in all the days to come. By the Spirit's grace, we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Built on the Rock

Robert Hobby

Confirmation Class 2018

Samuel (Sam) Goldsberry is in the eighth grade at Athens Middle School. He is the son of Stuart and Kim Goldsberry and the grandson of Alan and Stephanie Goldsberry and Ron & Neva Kemplin

William (Jake) Goldsberry is the son of Stuart and Kim Goldsberry and the grandson of Alan and Stephanie Goldsberry and Ron & Neva Kemplin. He is in the eighth grade at Athens Middle School.

Alexandra (Xan) Jordan is in the eighth grade at Athens Middle School. She is the daughter of Ben and Kim Jordan and the granddaughter of Don Jordan and Lloyd and Jeanette Richard.

Nicholas (Nicky) Jordan is the son of Ben and Kim Jordan and the grandson of Don Jordan and Lloyd and Jeanette Richard. He is in the seventh grade at Athens Middle School.

On behalf of the congregation, the Pastor expresses the corporate prayers of the congregation. These prayers are for world, local and personal concerns.

Doxology literally means "words of glory." Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God "from whom all blessings flow."

**REVISED COMMON
LECTIONARY**

This lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sunday starting with the season of Advent, four weeks before Christmas Day.

The three year cycle is split into years – A,B, and C. For each Sunday and festival, three readings and a psalm are suggested and include: a Gospel reading, an Old Testament reading, and a New Testament reading.

The lectionary is a work of The Consultation on Common Texts, an ecumenical consultation

of liturgical scholars and denominational representatives from the United States and Canada, who produce liturgical texts for use in common by North American Christian Churches.

Each year of the Revised Common Lectionary centers on one of the synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read periodically in all three years and is especially frequent in Year B.

You can watch a broadcast of FPC Worship service on Athens Community Television.

Schedule
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Monday through Friday
and
5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday.

Revised Common Lectionary Readings for Sunday, May 20, 2018, the Day of Pentecost (Year B)

First Reading Acts 2:1-21 **Second Reading** I Corinthians 12: 3b-13
Psalm Psalm 104:24-34, 35b **Gospel** John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.
26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.
31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works –
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.
35b Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Gospel John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

26"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. 27You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. 16:4b"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; 11about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Worshipping With Children

- * AFPC welcomes children in the worship service, whether in the pews or in the Children’s Corner.
- * Nursery is available for infant thru age 6 downstairs.
- * Please tell childcare staff about any allergies.
- * Bathrooms are located at the top of the stairs to the overflow area and in Fellowship Hall.
- * Changing tables are located in the nursery and upstairs restroom.
- * All children are welcome to attend the church service with their families or the childcare staff until after the Children’s Moment.

**Read the Bible in a Year Study continues
“Going Deeper”**

This Tuesday Evening

May 22, 2018 in Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:30 p.m. / Program from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

See May newsletter for details

Minister: Rev. Robert E. Martin
CE Coordinator and Handbell Director: Kirsten Trachsel
Administrative Assistant: Jane Baker

Clerk of Session: Andrew Stuart
Organist: Janice Robison
Choir Director: David Tadlock

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Deacon of the Month – Wanada Baxter-Potter

A friend to call in time of need

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Chancel Prep - Harvey Ballard Ushers - Harvey Ballard and Martha Johnson Liturgist - Wendy Toadvine
Acolytes - Noah Heinrich and Brandon James Puppeteers - Neal Nesbitt and Becky Pankratz
Confirmation mentors - John Hauser, Benji Martin, Keith Morrow, and Katie Tadlock

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**Church Activities for the Week**

**SUNDAY, May 20th - Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation Sunday**

10:30 A.M. - Minute for Mission, Puppets and Confirmands Recognized during Worship, Sanctuary / Children’s Church, classrooms

Following Children’s Moment - Children’s Church, classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children’s crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

1:00-1:30 P.M. - Lindley Inn hymn sing, The Plains

**MON., 21st - Noon - June newsletter deadline**

Noon - Al-Anon, library

**TUES., 22nd - 9:30 A.M. - Presbyterian Women’s Circle meeting, home of Dawn Stout, 15 Joneswood Drive**

Noon - Bible study, library

5:30 P.M. - Dinner and “Going Deeper” Bible Study, fellowship hall

**WED., 23rd - 7:00 A.M. - AA, library**

9:30 P.M. - Presbyterian Women’s Circle meeting, home of Martha Johnson, The Plains

6:00 P.M. - Bell Choir rehearsal, bell choir room

**FRI., 25th - 4:30-7:30 P.M. - Cooking and meal for Habitat volunteers, kitchen and fellowship hall**

**SAT., 26th - Mission trip volunteers leave for Webster Springs, West Virginia**

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SUNDAY, May 27th - Trinity Sunday / Memorial Day Weekend Sunday / Food Pantry Sunday

10:00 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

10:30 A.M. - Worship, Sanctuary / Children’s Church, classrooms

Following Children’s Moment - Children’s Church, classrooms

11:30 A.M. - Children’s crafts, classroom 3

11:30 A.M. - Coffee and fellowship, fellowship hall

11:30 A.M. - Trail mix assembly, fellowship hall

11:45 A.M. - Organ recital by Janice Robison, Sanctuary

MON., 28th – Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day

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**After Church Organ Recital** - Janice Robison will play a recital immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 27th. The program will be music in commemoration of Memorial Day. All are invited to stay for this thirty minute recital.

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Fourth Sunday Food Pantry Sunday - Fourth Sunday of each month. Canned goods, non-perishables and monetary donations are always needed and welcomed. Use the brown envelopes on the back of the pew (check Food Pantry) for monetary donations. Food donations can be dropped off at the church or church office. Contact Dan Neason (592-2823), FPC representative, for more info.

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**Trail Mix Ministry Assembly** - Snack bags are assembled the fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00-10:20 a.m. and 11:35 a.m.- Noon in Fellowship Hall. Monetary (use the brown giving envelopes and mark Trail Mix on it). In kind donations are appreciated. May’s date is May 27th.

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Summer Ice Cream Socials - The Concert Under the Elms schedule has changed from beginning June 6th, ending on the Fourth of July. Ice cream socials follow the concerts and are held on the front porch of Putnam House (church office)

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**Overnight Camping** - On Saturday, June 9th join FPC family and friends for overnight camping at Stroud’s Run Campgrounds beginning at 3:00 p.m. Don’t want to camp overnight? Come for fellowship around the campfire on Saturday evening. For overnight camping, please **RSVP the church office BY JUNE 2nd.**

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Outdoor Worship/Annual Potluck Picnic - On Sunday, June 9th meet other FPC family and friends (and over-night campers!) at the Bulldog Shelter at Stroud’s Run. The service will be followed by a potluck picnic. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share, their own table service and lawn chairs. Drinks, cold cuts, cheeses, bread and buns will be provided.