

First Presbyterian Church



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**Service for the Lord's Day
May 19, 2024**

11:00 A.M.

Day of Pentecost – Confirmation & Celebration Sunday

Welcome to worship

* * * *As a courtesy to others, please silence cell phones.* * * *

Gathering

Prelude

Theme from Beethoven's Ninth Symphony ("Ode to Joy") arr. Faber & Faber
"God is So Good"
"The Spirit Moves, Unseen"
"Spirit Wind"
Arioso J.S. Bach, arr. Eugene Rousseau

Daniel Stender, Cecelia Lenn, Noah Boswell, Savannah Boswell; piano
Yannick Oglesbee (student of Dwight Jennings), alto saxophone

Greeting and Welcome

Please sign the *Opportunity for Friendship* register and pass it to the person next to you.

Opening Prayer

Daniel Stender

*Gracious God, you are the true and only light,
from whom comes every good gift:*

**Send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind.**

Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.

**Loosen our tongues to show your praise,
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace
and proclaim Jesus as Lord. Amen.**

Call to Worship

Joy Clements & friends

*Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From
your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.*

Come, Holy Spirit!

*Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted
in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.*

Come, Holy Spirit!

*Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them
voice before rulers of this world.*

Come, Holy Spirit!

◆ Please rise as you are able, in body or in spirit.

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Let us worship the life-giving Lord.

♦ **Hymn 279**

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

ST. AGNES

Call to Confession

Gayle Curtiss

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."

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gayle Curtiss

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.

Silent Confession

Words of Life

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. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

(see Hymn 287)

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

the congregation is invited to sing the third (final) verse

Guide our thinking and our speaking done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking, freeing from guilt and shame.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

(Njo-o, njo-o, njo-o, Roho mwema. Njo-o, njo-o, njo-o, Roho mwema.)

Calvin and Cherub Choirs

Time for Mature Worshipers

Gus Erickson

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
wor-ship-ing throug. Wa-ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be-long.

◆ Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of the peace of Christ with one another!

The Word

Prayer for Illumination Come, Holy Spirit

Betty Ann Ramseth

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of the faithful,
and set them on fire with your love. Alleluia!

Text: verse for Pentecost from Contemporary Worship 2 (1970)

Reading from the Prophets Ezekiel 37:1-14

Alyssa Carroll

Anthem

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;
even the Spirit of Truth.

And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Text: John 14:15-18

Chancel & Calvin Choirs

Reading from the New Testament Acts 2:1-21

Savannah Boswell

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“Accodrning to rscheearechrs at Cmabrgide Uinervtisy, it deosn’t mtttaer in what order the ltteers in a word are, the olny iprmoatnt tihing is that the frist and lsat ltteer are in the rghit pelae. The rset can be a total mses and you can still raed it wouthit porbemls. This is bcuseae the human mind deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the word as a wlhoe.”

“Bblaeesl pryleas pnmrrioefg srillaimy aeoulltsby dvrsee clbrpmaaoe capnmeooistn”

“C” – *Charis*

“H” – Healing, Hopeful or Healthy

“U” – United

“R” – Radical

“C” – Compassionate

“H” – Hospitable, Honest or Helpful

Our Response

◆ **Hymn 289**

On Pentecost They Gathered

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Service of Confirmation

◆ **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles Creed (traditional)

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God ...

... Your mercy is great.

The Lord’s Prayer (*using ‘debts’ and ‘debtors’*)

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Lord of the Dance

19th c. Shaker Tune, adapt. Sydney Carter, arr. Don Hart

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;

They came to me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;
and they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;

they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,

but I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,

I am the life that'll never, never die;

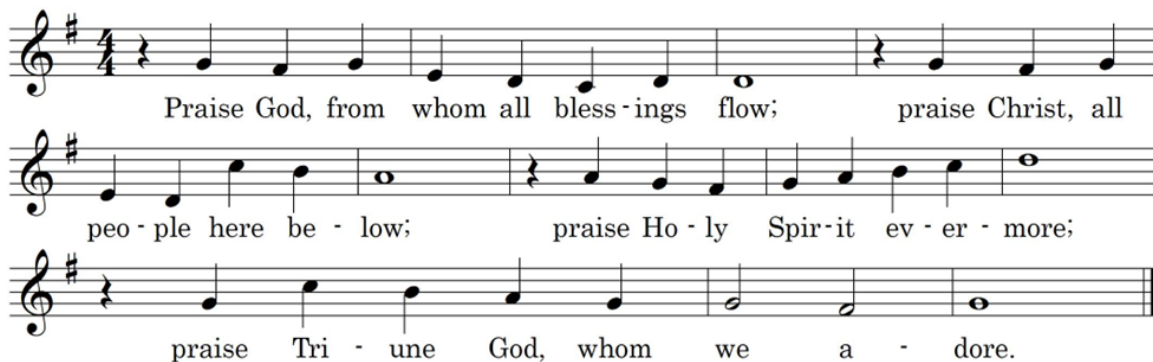
I'll live in you if you live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Text: Sydney Carter, ed. Hart

Edra Clements, Beth Herr; soloists

◆ Offertory Response (GTG 608)

PRAISE GOD (Hopson)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Christ, all
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

◆ Unison Prayer of Dedication

Roslyn Clements

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through our gifts; in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sending

◆ **Hymn 280** Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER

◆ **Benediction** *Cecelia Lenn*

The Holy Spirit has come to inhabit this world with freedom, truth and understanding.

We are not alone.

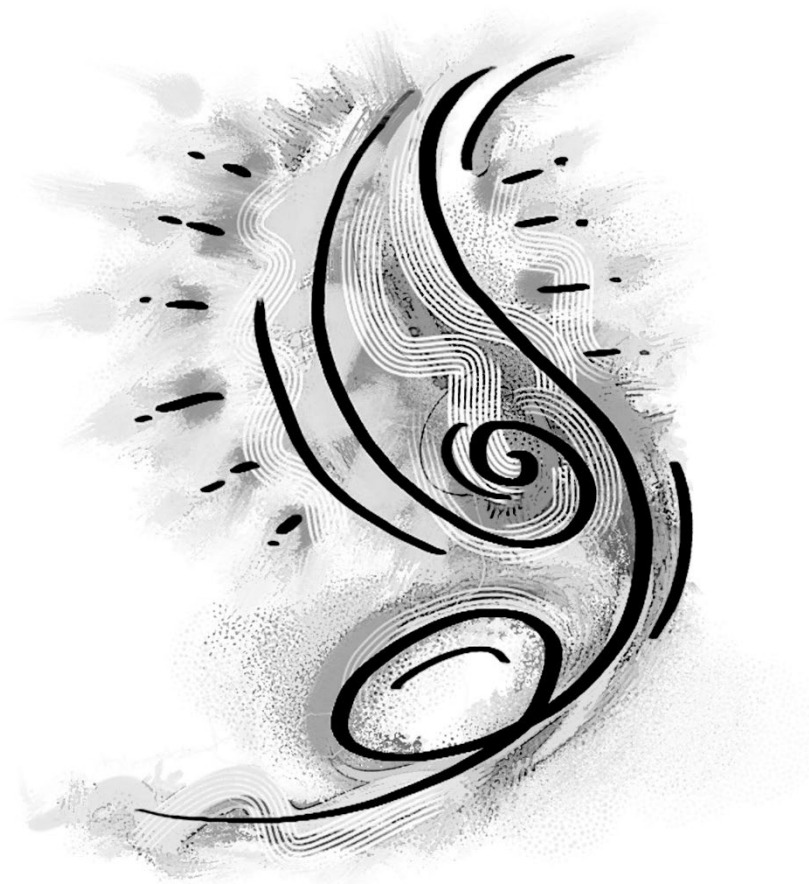
May God keep us and make our prayers bear fruit. Amen.

Postlude

A Festive Prelude on *Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott* Charles Ore

The flowers are given by Susanna Stone & Jake Wright
for the Glory of God in loving memory of Ronald E. Stone.

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Stained Glass Window

What is happening around FPC ...
Week of May 19, 2024

FPC This Week

† **Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**DAY OF PENTECOST
YOUTH SUNDAY**

Worship—8:30 & 11am
Message: *The Many Ways to Spell "Church"*
Celebration Sunday—9:40am
Kerygma Class—South Fireside Room
Worship livestreamed—11am
Recognition of Confirmands

† **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

Kitchen Guild—9:30am
Session—7pm

† **Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

FPC @ Friendship Place—4pm & 7pm
Adult Bible Study—5:15pm
Topic: *Moses* (Exodus 4, 5, 6)

This week, the **Adult Bible Study** led by Al Depman will be held at the home of **Tom & Lauri Drake** at **2440 Gates Dr SW** starting at 5:15pm.

† **Thursday, May 23, 2024**

Jubilate Deo—6pm
Chancel Choir—7pm

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS

† **Sunday, May 26, 2024**

Fellowship time—9am
Worship (livestreamed)—10am
Message: *A Vision in the Temple*
Reception honoring graduates—11am

DO YOU HAVE A GRADUATE?



If someone in your household is graduating at any level from high school through graduate school, please contact Cindy in the church office. We will be recognizing and honoring our graduates on Sunday, May 26, and would like to include yours!

PENTECOST OFFERING

April 1—May 19, 2024



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

Today is the final day to make your donation to the Pentecost Offering. Please drop your contributions in the offering plate using the designated envelopes, turn into the office, or mail a check to FPC. Please designate *Pentecost* on the memo line of your check. Thank you for supporting this special offering.

CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2024

Today we recognize this year's class consisting of:

Alyssa Carroll
Roslyn Clements
Gayle Curtiss
Danial Lozano
Jay Van Buren

This class will be **confirmed in the faith** and **commissioned for full participation in the mission and government** of the church.

*Go forth into the world as witnesses
of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
Keep alert, stand firm in your faith,
be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love. Amen.*

1st Corinthians 16:13-14

Church



Family

We Offer our Condolences . . .

Please keep the family and friends of **Melvin Hicks**, who died on May 16, in your prayers. The memorial service will be on May 29 at 11am at Ranfranz & Vine Funeral Home.

Please keep the family and friends of **Caroline Ruth Huizenga**, who died on May 16, in your prayers. A private service of inurnment will be held at a later date.

Celebrating this week . . .

Anniversaries . .

♥ John & Judy Kruesel

Birthdays . . .

◆ Ariel Boswell; Jane Hallman; Delaney Harrer; Carolyn Beck; and Sharon Nichols.

LUNCH BUNCH



The next **Lunch Bunch Gathering** will be on Sunday, May 26, at **Charlie's Eatery & Pub** beginning at 11:30am. Please sign up in the atrium to help Dee plan. We hope you will join us!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Thomas J. (T.J.) Parlette, Senior Pastor
John E. Stender, Director of Music and Organist
Lee J. Afdahl, Director of Music Emeritus
Harry E. Coleman, Facility Manager
Emmanuel Bogani, Custodian
Paul Herr, Security

Cindy Kunzman, Office Manager
Sarah A. Stender, Assistant Director of Music
Janine M. Yanisch, First Players Bands
Juliet Parlette, Communications Associate
Than Boutelle, Custodian/Sunday Host
Beth Herr, Sunday Host

Sunday worship in-person at 8:30am; and in-person and livestreamed on YouTube at 11am;
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am – 4pm

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First Players at the
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BASEBALL

June 2^{3rd}

HONKERS VS **MINOT HOT TOTS**

MAYO FIELD
403 E Center St., Rochester, MN 55904
GATE OPENS AT 4:05 P.M.
GAME TIME 5:05 P.M.

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Registration Form Available Online:
tinyurl.com/fpcMADform

“HAPPY, FREE, ART TRANSFORMS ME”

JULY 8-12, 2024

9:00AM-NOON | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH