



First Presbyterian Church

Pentecost

May 28, 2023 at 10:00

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Handbell Chimes – *The ringing of the chimes invites you to a time of Rest...Renewal...Hope*

Prelude Veni Creator Spiritus – Lucas Brown Lucas Brown, piano

Opening Words

One: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

All: Alleluia!

One: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

All: Alleluia!

One: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

* Hymn #128 (*below*) “On Pentecost They Gathered”

* An Invitation to Experience God's Grace

One: God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Therefore, let us call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

* Laying Down Our Burdens

All: God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet we hoard the earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen.

* Silent Prayer

* Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Sisters and brothers, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Hymn of Response

Glory to God

Lucas Brown

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Glory to God in the Highest'. The first staff is a vocal line in treble clef, 6/8 time, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the High - est , and peace to his peo-ple on Earth.' are written below. The second staff is a piano accompaniment in treble clef, 6/8 time, with the same key signature. It begins with a '5' above the staff. The accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note bass line (G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4, D4) and a treble line that provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The lyrics 'Glo-ry to God in the High - est , and peace to his peo-ple on Earth!' are written below.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Children's Message

Celebrating the Life of the Congregation

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers and note those sitting around you)

GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

All: Almighty God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us in the language of our hearts, that we may hear your Word with understanding and answer your call with confidence. Amen.

Gospel Reading

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 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.'

One: Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Believe in me."

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Different Languages"

Rev. Nikki Passante

- * **Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed** (traditional) p. 14, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*
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.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer, p. 16, *The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Practicing Abundant Generosity

Offertory

"Hallelujah" – Leonard Cohen

Kathryn Dark, viola

* Doxology #592 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Recommitting Our Lives to Service

- * **Hymn #131** (*below*) "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

LEAVE TO SERVE

* **Charge and Benediction**

Sending Music

Sweet Spirit – Doris Akers

Lucas Brown, piano

Please use the Postlude time and music to reflect on today's worship experience and how it will support you in the week to come.

* *Please stand in body or spirit*

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH! It is good to have you here in person or online. Please be in touch if you have news to share or would like more information or to talk to a pastor. Staff contact information is below. Read full announcements in our weekly [email newsletter](#), available on the church website. Subscribe on the [Contact Us](#) tab.

THE NURSERY moves to the Hospitality Center – across from Fellowship Hall – in the summer.

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING are given in memory of Kathryn and Russell Glaesser by their daughter, Kathi Bell.

TODAY WE RECEIVE THE PENTECOST OFFERING – The Pentecost offering is dedicated to nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth, and young adults – both close to home and around the world. Use the special envelopes or the giving QR. Select Pentecost as your fund.

GIVE FROM YOUR PHONE – Use this QR code to go to the online giving page on your phone. You can still use this link: <https://onrealm.org/FirstPresbyteria11244/give/now>. Cash and checks are also gladly accepted. Include your name so your giving can be recorded.



AFTER-WORSHIP HOSPITALITY IS BACK! Linger a moment or two after the service to greet fellow worshippers. And please sign up with a friend or a group to host one Sunday by providing simple refreshments. There is a sign-up on the snack table or contact someone on the Hospitality Committee: jmfiorella@gmail.com, shoemakerjanet68@gmail.com, qlerch2@comcast.net, or phurd75@gmail.com.

COOKING FOR JOSEPH'S HOUSE – We will cook this **Tuesday, May 30, from 1-3.**

PASTOR NIKKI'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY meets next on June 15. See Adult Ed page of the website for more information.

PORCH BIBLE STUDY – The Porchers will study Daniel and Esther beginning **Tuesday, May 30**, on Zoom at 7 p.m. We will follow a Pastor Max Lucado study guide. Our group also prays for many joys and concerns and is happy to hear prayer needs. All are welcome.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY is Friday June 2 – Honor victims of gun violence by wearing orange that day and all weekend. What would you do to prevent the #1 cause of death for children in America? You can learn more about our denomination's stance on gun violence and ways you can help keep people safe under Ministries/Social Justice on our church's website.



THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IS FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Come for dessert and sweet music provided by Peter and members of the Chancel Choir. Tickets available at the door.

YOUTH SERVICE NIGHT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4 – The next monthly service night for Middle School and High School youth will be Sunday, June 4. Middle schoolers will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and high schoolers will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Details will follow on service projects for the evening.

PW SPRING GATHERING – The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey and the PW Coordinating Team of First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown invite all women to a **Joint Spring Gathering on Thursday, June 8 at 6:00 pm** at First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown (101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, Miller Commons). FPC's PW will be attending. A panel presentation, "What is a Christian Woman to Do?" will feature Rev. Dr. Debby Brincivalli, Dr. Leslie Spencer, and Jennifer Allen. Learn about the PWPFSNJ, its purpose and missions. For more information and registration: <https://fpcmoorestown.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1720338>.

WORKSHOP ON URBANPROMISE WELLNESS CENTER IN JUNE – Please join us on **Sunday, June 11**, immediately following worship, for an interactive hour-long workshop with Siomara Wedderburn, vice president, programs, and past director of Wellness at UrbanPromise. The Wellness Center at UrbanPromise receives financial support from this congregation by way of an annual donation from the Mission Committee. Ms. Wedderburn will talk about how UrbanPromise has adapted wellness and experiential learning as key strategic initiatives and integrated these across all programs at the school. Join us for conversation and fellowship as we learn more about this wonderful program.

WOMEN’S WALKING GROUP – Join Linda Hess on **Tuesday, June 13 at 10 a.m.** under the church portico for a walk through the neighborhood. The walk will be approximately 2 mi. and will last about one hour. Bring a little pocket change if you would like to continue in fellowship at Saxby’s after the walk.

PASTOR NIKKI LEADS SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES – This summer Pastor Nikki is reprising the *Summer Workshop Series*, offering topics and subjects relevant to our faith life together. All workshops take place after Sunday worship in the Hospitality Center and will go for approximately one hour. Light snacks will be provided as well as ample time for questions and discussion!

First Up: Sunday June 25: ‘Prayer’

Together we’ll look at numerous resources on prayer. A variety of prayer books will be provided to peruse, along with resource lists of noteworthy authors, and famous (and not-so-famous) prayers. Along with suggestions for leading and sustaining prayer groups, we’ll explore what scholars, pastors, and Jesus say about prayer. And finally, we’ll learn more about creating our own prayers (and praying them aloud)!

Sunday July 16: ‘The Art and Skill of Connecting’

This workshop will provide the tools to connect with visitors and members of our church and will also equip any person to reach out to someone who is in need or struggling.

Sunday August 13: Gun Violence

The Presbyterian Outlook is dedicating its June issue to the topic of gun violence. The Christian Education and Justice and Advocacy committees invite you to join a discussion on August 13. Copies of the issue will be available.

VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN! This year’s VBS: Operation Restoration! invites kids to be Menders in God’s world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they’ll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life by exploring the daily themes of Feed, Heal, Forgive, Pray, and Rest. Dates are **July 24-28, 2023**. The cost of the camp is \$25 per Mender, payable via Check (First Presbyterian of Haddonfield memo line: VBS), Venmo (@FPCHaddonfield), or through Realm (QR code links directly to Realm payment). **Register Menders** at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19Sy90YduYRl4CUBhARYBaO1dh-DDxjibM-mhEPWi6Do/edit?usp=drive_web or on the church website. We look forward to seeing you in July!



YOUTH SHEPHERDS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VBS! Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13Rj1ERU30w8WHCCeUaoWuZPqxoTbv7HqA5fMcTZB0lk/edit?usp=drive_web.

THE MARKETING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR FOLKS to help with new members classes, resurrecting rally day, and the fall festival in October. You don’t need to help with all – just one will be appreciated. Please contact Margot Dark at margotdark@msn.com, or by text @ 609-238-0694.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 5/21/23: 119 in person and 42 online

SCRIPTURE FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 4: Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority

in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



Acts 2:1-11

DAY OF PENTECOST

On Pentecost They Gathered

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Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

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 un - i - 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.

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Thomas H. Troeger, 1983

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow— Gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
 2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn— Suns a-round which plan-ets turn,
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, Move with-in our mor-tal frame.

Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—
 Bea-cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, Shin-ing truth to guide our souls—
 Make our hearts an al-tar pyre, Kin-dle them with Your own fire.

Aim Your breath with stead-y power On Your church this day, this hour.
 Come to us as once You came: Burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
 Breathe and blow up - on that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
 Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, Fill Your church, its breadth and length.
 Speak that tongue which ev - ery land By Your grace shall un - der - stand.

This tune in a lower key, 20

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the following individuals and situations throughout the week. If you would like to add a personal prayer request, please contact one of the pastors or Anne Vial. In making requests on behalf of others, please obtain the permission of the person needing prayer. The requestor's name will be printed as the originator of the request. Requests will be revisited every 30 days.

- Pray for the **people, government, and country of Ukraine as war continues.**
- Lift up prayers for **Susan**, who has just been diagnosed with brain cancer and a mass in lungs. Help her to feel God's presence and strength (5/23-C. Carty)
- Pray for **Isabel Pross** in your prayers as she undergoes cancer treatment (5/23-pastors)
- Pray for the **family and friends of Helen Brotzman** who are grieving her death and celebrating her life (5/21-pastors)
- Pray for **Hepsiba** that she would receive God's protection and guidance, and for spiritual growth and good health (5/19-pastors)
- Prayers for the **family and friends of Dan Schwartz** who died Tuesday, May 16. Dan was an accomplished musician and longtime friend of Pete Devine and Lorraine Gormley-Devine (5/17-L. Gormley-Devine)
- Please pray for healing for **Caroline Yount**, whose broken foot requires an extended period of no weight bearing (5/15-pastors)
- Pray for **Armando**. God knows the needs (5/15-pastors)
- Pray for **Karla** as she mourns her mother (5/11-T. Adkins)
- Continue to pray for **Cole** as he continues cancer treatment (5/10-N. Adkins)
- Please pray for a treasured co-worker, **Leah M.**, who is overcoming a recent sudden hospitalization. Pray that she experiences healing and comfort, and continued recovery (5/10-K. Hyslop)
- Pray for all the **Cancer Warriors' kids and moms** who are fighting and in treatment (5/10-N. Adkins)
- Pray for **Trish's friend Robin** as she celebrates what would have been her daughter Campbell's 14th birthday (5/10-T. Adkins)
- Please pray for **Betsy and her entire family** on the unexpected death of her husband, David, while they were hiking the Camino de Santiago. Betsy is Carol Carty's cousin. (5/1-C. Carty)
- Please pray for the **Baggs family, wife Kay and son William**, on the death of Jon (4/24-M. Dark)
- Prayers for **Tom Lutz**, a former co-worker of Dr. Lindsay in Missouri who's been battling pancreatic cancer for three years and has recently entered hospice care (4/24- M. Lindsay)
- Prayers for **Tim Ross**, a friend of the Lindsays in Columbia, Missouri diagnosed with AL (primary) amyloidosis a bone marrow disease similar to multiple myeloma (4/24 - M. Lindsay)



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