



First Presbyterian Church

For Christ in the Heart of Charlotte

Founded in 1821

Order of Worship

*Day of Pentecost
June 5, 2022
11 a.m.*

Preparation

Prelude

Fantasia on "Come, Holy Spirit"

J. S. Bach

Words of Welcome

The Reverend Anna Dickson

Chiming of the Trinity

Adoration

Choral Call to Worship

Charles Callahan

The spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:
might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.
wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;
Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,
Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Confession

Call to Confession

The Reverend Chuck Williamson

Prayer of Confession

One: Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**All: Huddled in fear of what others will think,
of what others will do,
of what God will do.**

One: Sometimes we are like passive bystanders:

**All: Making fun of what we do not understand,
tearing down what is sacred to another,
waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

One: Always, God is with us:

**All: Nudging us like a gentle breeze,
stirring us with flames of hope,
speaking to us with words engraved on our hearts.
Forgive us, Lord. By your Spirit, make us courageous, and open to your
presence and your call.**

Assurance of Pardon

One: Friends, believe the good news.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*Response to Pardon (Hymn No. 581)

GLORIA PATRI

**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, amen.**

Time with Children

*First Church is on hiatus for the summer. Children will return to their seats to worship
with their families.*

Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

The 11 a.m. service is televised over WAXN-TV, Channel 64 this morning and streamed live at www.firstpres-charlotte.org and on Facebook Live.

The Prayer of Confession is adapted from a prayer by Rev. Beth Merrill Neel.

The rosebud celebrates the birth of Margaret Aurelia Kemp, daughter of Stephen and Erin Kemp.

The offertory anthem, "Achieved is the Glorious Work," is from Haydn's oratorio, *The Creation*. In the work, this chorus celebrates the completion of the sixth day of creation, making it a fitting musical offering as we observe this day of Sabbath worship.

Proclamation

Scripture

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."

Anthem

"Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. William Dawson

Bill Manci, soloist

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Upon the mountain my Lord spoke; out of his mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me; looked so fine till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan river is chilly and cold; it chills the body, but not the soul. There ain't but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and right back. Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Sermon

"Understanding"

The Reverend Anna Dickson

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

Response

*Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

The Reverend Robert Galloway

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!"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Stewardship of Life

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Achieved Is the Glorious Work" from *The Creation*

Franz Joseph Haydn

Achieved is the glorious work; our song let be the praise of God. Glory to his name forever. Our God on high exalted reigns. Hallelujah.

*Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

Sending Forth

*Hymn No. 289

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

MUNICH

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 u - ni - 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.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

RANDOLPH

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you. May the Shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude

"The Rejoicing" from *The Royal Fireworks*

G. F. Handel

First Presbyterian Church Announcements

We are glad you are worshipping with us today!

We welcome all to First Presbyterian Church as we worship together, knowing that each of us is a beloved part of the body of Christ.

Our Pastors

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Rev. Peery is on sabbatical through August 31, 2022.

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Are you interested in joining our church?

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Pastor on call

If you have a pastoral emergency outside of regular church hours, dial 704.927.0256 for the on-call voicemail. Your call will be returned promptly.

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Officer Nominations Now Open, through June 15

We need your help to elect the next class of officers to serve on the Session, Diaconate, and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. | Access the nomination form at fpc.tiny.us/onc2022 | To request a printed form, email tgaspar@firstpres-charlotte.org

Summer Sunday School, June 5 - August 28, 10 a.m., Frances Browne Dining Room

All ages will join to review the week's scripture, pray, and catch up with one another over coffee and a light breakfast.

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