

Pentecost Sunday



MAY 23, 2021

9:00 AM

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SARASOTA, FL**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

CHURCH LIFE UPDATE

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Unseen as the Wind Scottish Folk Melody
(Carrie Mills and Matt Jarvis, handbells, with Music Team)

Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
Gentle as is a dove,
Lead us in truth and shape us to be
Strong in the ways of love.

* OPENING SENTENCES

Doug DeCelle
Genesis 1:1-3, 14

At the beginning of God's creating of the heavens and the earth,
when the earth was wild and waste,
darkness over the face of Ocean,
rushing-spirit of God hovering over the face of the waters—
God said: Let there be light! And there was light.

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.
The Word became flesh and blood,
and moved into the neighborhood.

John 1:1-4

* PROCESSIONAL

Come, O Holy Spirit, Come

Nigerian Song

Come, O Holy Spirit come,
Come almighty Spirit come,
Come, come, come!

Alleluia, Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Honduran Melody

Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, Holy Spirit, come to us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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God who is ever new, ever now,
God whose coming we often miss,
forgive the ways we cling to what we know
and imagine our choices as your own.

In mercy, do not leave us as you find us.
Tear the blinders from our eyes
and speak wonder to our hearts
until we see your Spirit blazing everywhere we turn.

silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

** Those who are able will please stand.*

SONG OF ASSURANCE *Holy Spirit, You Are Welcome Here* Torwalt
(Syreeta Banks, vocalist; Lauren Reasoner, liturgical dancer; Music Team)

Verse

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close,
No thing can compare, you're our living hope
Your presence, Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
In Your presence, Lord.

Chorus

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by your presence, Lord.

Bridge (4 times)

Let us become more aware of Your presence.
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Carrie Mills

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION 288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

SERMON

The Work of Interpretation

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

SONG OF RESPONSE

Fall Afresh

Riddle

(Ted Eastmoore and the Music Team)

Verse

Awaken, my soul, come awake,
To hunger, to seek, to thirst.
Awaken, first love, come awake,
And do as you did at first.

Chorus

Spirit of the living God, come fall afresh on me,
Come wake me from my sleep.
Blow through the caverns of my soul, pour in me
To overflow, to overflow. *(Repeat Verse & Chorus)*

Bridge

Spirit, come and fill this place,
Let Your glory now invade.
Spirit, come and fill this place,
Let Your glory now invade. *(Chorus)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Romans 8:22-27

Doug DeCelle

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;
and not only the creation, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.
For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?
But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

* SONG OF PREPARATION

Holy Spirit, Rain Down
(Syreeta Banks, vocalist, with Music Team)

Fragar

Chorus

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
O Comforter and Friend,
How we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
Let your power fall, let your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts as we stand on your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

Verse

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind can know what God has in store.
So open up heaven, open it wide
Over your church and over our lives. (Verse)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
O Comforter and Friend,
How we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down.
Let Your power, fall let your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts as we stand on your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF RESPONSE

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

Margaret LaMotte Torrence

The promise is for you, for your children,
and for all who are far away,
everyone whom the Lord our God calls.

Alleluia!

Go then, as witnesses, to the ends of the earth.

Amen!

* SENDING SONG 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

Donaldson

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
We will go out with God.

We will go out with joy in the Spirit;
We will go out with God.

Alleluia! We will go out with God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*There is no postlude today. After the Sending Song you are free to be dismissed
as the instruments continue to play, taking the love and healing power of God
into your world this week.*

Thanks to our Worship Leadership Team today:

Vocals - Ted Eastmoore, Kay Steinman, Syreeta Banks, Carrie Mills, Matt Jarvis

Drums and Percussion - Andrew Landers, Jess Ridgeway

Digital Keys - Devin Gulliver

Guitar - Quinn Gulliver, Ted Eastmoore

Piano - Steven Phillips

Handbells - Matt Jarvis, Carrie Mills

Banner Bearer - Sue Hargis Spigel

Dancer - Lauren Reasoner

Liturgist - Doug DeCelle



May 23, 2021 Announcements

*We're glad you joined us today!
We hope that you experience the love of God and of this congregation
as we worship, celebrate, and serve together.*

Our In-person Sunday Worship Service is at 9:00 a.m. The service is also available online today at 9:00 a.m. or after.

Beginning NEXT SUNDAY, May 30, and continuing through July 25, our in-person Sunday worship service will change to 10:00 a.m. The service will be accessible online at 10:00 a.m. or after.

Sunday School Class Locations for Children and Youth This Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Preschool – 1st Grade: Hallway outside of Fellowship Hall by the preschool playground

2nd–5th Grade: Fellowship Hall

Middle School: Fellowship Hall

High School: Labyrinth

TODAY is the last day of Sunday School before summer recess.



The Future Is Coming!

A Mission Study Team has formed and is working full-steam-ahead to meet with members of our congregation in small groups to prepare for First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota's next chapter.

A key part of the process involves church members meeting in small groups (Zoom or face-to-face) to talk about visions for the future of FPC. These meetings, lasting only 60 to 90 minutes, will take place in June and July and will lead to a report on where we stand, what we hope for, and how God is guiding us to be the Body of Christ here and now.

Watch for details and be ready to sign up for a convenient time for you to participate. We value your input and need as many members as possible to participate.

FPC Sarasota's Campus Clean-Up: Saturday, June 5, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Inside and outside tasks—something for everyone! Come and join the fun of working together to tidy up our campus. Projects will include gardening, window cleaning, and craft room organizing. Watch for more details.



Hurricane Season Begins June 1

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network – Hurricane Preparedness Tips are in *News@First*. Read these important recommendations, restock your supply kit, and be aware of our church's communication protocol.

The Cowden-Smith Library is open Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and on Sundays, 10:00-11:00 a.m. on the second floor of the administration building. **Look for the FPC Library Book Cart in the narthex!** There is a varied selection of our newer books from which you can choose, including some children's books. No due dates; simply return when you finish with them. A sign-out sheet is on the cart.



Invest in Children



New second and third grade teacher, Mr. Fortner, at Brentwood Elementary School, works with special needs students in one of the classrooms our church recently “adopted.” As a new teacher, he is especially grateful for our support. Thank you for your gifts to Invest in Children to “Adopt a Classroom” as we reach out to the hard-working teachers at our mission partner, Brentwood Elementary.

Pastoral Care

When you or a loved one is hospitalized, it is imperative that you contact the church to inform us directly **and** inform the hospital that you are a member of our congregation and would welcome a visit by a member of our pastoral care team. *Hospitals will not contact the church.* We have also discovered that some will no longer even list a patient as our church member on their internal records unless the patient is careful to note their relationship with our congregation. Thank you for your assistance.

FPC Sarasota Giving Options

Offering baskets will be available as you exit. Your gifts make a great difference during this challenging season.



Online: If you are interested in giving electronically through our secure e-giving process, please visit FirstPresSarasota.org and select the online giving button.

Texting: Are you interested in the convenience of contributing by text message? Text FPC2050 to 73256 to donate via text. Standard rates may apply.

Mail In: All mail, including contribution checks, securely arrives to our church office.

If you are not currently receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, *News@First*, and would like to, please call the church office at (941) 955-8119 or email info@firstpressarasota.org to sign up!



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