

# First Presbyterian Church

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*Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee  
*A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*  
May 28, 2023 • Pentecost Sunday

*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 104)*

O God, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.  
***These all look to you to give them their food in due season.***  
When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.  
***Send forth your Spirit now and renew the hearts of your people.***

**\*Hymn 291**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

***Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples to create a bold, new community of faith. We confess that we work to hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, especially if it comes from people with whom we disagree. We pull back from living as those who are called to embody the good news of the gospel. Forgive us, we pray. Transform our timid lives and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, so that we will be both hearers and doers of your will; in Jesus' name. Amen.***

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*The Peace of Christ**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
***And also with you.***  
Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

**\*Sung Response** *(sing twice)*

***Jesus, be with us. Help us each day to follow the gospel and live as we pray.  
Send us your Spirit and show us your way. Jesus, be with us today.***

*Children are invited to go to the fellowship hall for an activity.*

**Anthem**

*Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

Purifoy

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 2:1-17

Narrator: When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were sitting together in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven that rushed through the entire house. Something appeared to them like tongues of fire that came to rest on each of the apostles. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

There were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this point they all assembled. They were bewildered to hear the apostles speaking and to be able to understand it in their own language. With amazement and disbelief, some said:

Reader #1: Surely all these speaking are Galileans.

**All: How does it happen that all of us hear them in our own language?**

Reader #2: Parthians, Medes, and Elamites,

Reader #1: people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

Reader #2: Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene,

Reader #1: as well as visitors from Rome—Jews and proselytes alike—Cretans and Arabs,

**All: we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.**

Narrator: Everyone was amazed and unable to explain it. They asked one another what it all meant. Some, however, laughed it off. “They have been drinking too much new wine,” they said. Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed them in a loud voice:

Peter: People of Judea and all of you who live in Jerusalem, do not misunderstand what is happening here, and listen carefully to what I say. The apostles are not drunk, as you might imagine; why, it is only nine o’clock in the morning. The prophet Joel spoke of this very event in these words: “In the days to come—it is the Lord who speaks—I will pour out my spirit on all humankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old ones shall dream dreams, and your young ones shall see visions.”

Sermon

*Can We Talk?*

Sharon Youngs

Musical Reflection

The Eucharist

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy ... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

You are holy, O God of majesty ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit ... with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. Help us to in our speaking and in our hearing. Amen.**

## A Mission Moment

\*Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

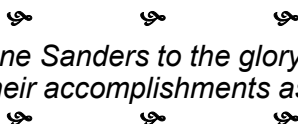
\*Charge and Blessing

\*Sung Response

*Irish Blessing*

*(inside back cover of hymnal)*

Postlude



*The flowers today are given by Darlene Sanders to the glory of God and in honor of all teachers, administrators, and students for their accomplishments as they conclude their school year.*

## Announcements

—A word of thanks to Don Spong (liturgist) and to all of our readers in this morning's service. Special appreciation to Teresa Gross, our guest accompanist, for sharing her musical gifts with us.

—The background image on today's slides is a stained-glass panel by Sevier County, (Tenn.) resident Charles Ottolini. Entitled "Flames," the panel contains over 180 minuscule pieces of cut mouthblown German glass laminated onto a heavily swirled background glass. (ottolinistudios.com)

—Our monthly Conversation on Loss gathers in the parlor today at 11:50 a.m. for a potluck lunch and discussion of the "Growth Around Grief" concept. You are invited, whether or not you have a dish to share. There's always plenty!

—Because of the Memorial Day holiday tomorrow, the church office will be closed and Coffee Chat will not meet.

—Today we receive the Pentecost Offering, a special offering of the PC(USA) which unites us in a church-wide effort to encourage, develop, and support young people and address the needs of at-risk children. Make checks payable to FPCOR with "Pentecost" on the memo line, or use the QR code below to contribute online. Thank you!

### Looking Ahead:

—June 4 (next Sunday): Trinity Sunday hymn sing during morning worship

—June 11: Baptism of Eleanor Billings

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