

WELCOME

Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church
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“But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”

– John 14:26

* *Denotes please stand*

CHIMES

WELCOME

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Fresh Wind

Matt Crocker, Brooke Ligertwood,

Keelynn Lawson and John McClain, soloists

Ben Fielding, and David Ware

Ian Jones, Sheila Santa, Vince Huzicka, Darlene Barrett, string quartet

Arr. by Dan Galbraith

Shaun Schuetz, percussion

*Spirit sound, rushing wind,
Fire of God fall within.
Holy Ghost,
Breathe on us, we pray.*

*As we repent, turn from sin,
Revival embers smoldering.
Breath of God,
Fan us into flame.*

*We need a fresh wind,
The fragrance of Heaven,
Pour Your Spirit out.*

*For hearts that burn with holy fear,
Purified in faith and deed,
Refiner's fire,
Strengthen what remains.*

*So we the church who bear Your light,
Lamp aflame, city bright,
“King and kingdom come” is what we pray.*

*Yeah, we need a fresh wind,
The fragrance of Heaven,
Pour Your Spirit out.
A holy anointing,
The power of Your presence,
Pour Your Spirit out.*

*Let all the redeemed
Prophecy and sing.
We can hear the wind blowing.*

*Move upon our praise.
Sons and daughters sing.
We can hear the wind blowing,*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

As we gather on this Pentecost Sunday, let us open our hearts to the Spirit of the Living God.

The promise spoken by the Lord echoes through the ages:

"I will pour out my spirit on all flesh."

With anticipation, we cry out:

"Send down the fire of your justice!"

Your word declares that sons and daughters shall prophesy, inspired by the Spirit's flame.

Send down the rain of your love!

In this sacred space, we acknowledge that the Spirit knows no age, no boundary.

**Your old shall dream dreams,
and your young shall see visions.**

Send down your Spirit, breathe life into your people!

In these moments, in this gathering, let the ancient promise be fulfilled once more:

"I will pour out my spirit."

And as the Spirit descends, may we be transformed into a people of God,

united in love, filled with hope, and welcoming all who seek the presence of the Most High.

***OPENING HYMN 291**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

appears at the end of bulletin

*Large print hymnals are available
in the Narthex from a Greeter upon request.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord –

**our division when we allow barriers to hinder connection;
our apprehension of the rush of Your Spirit in our lives
and what it might call us to do or to be;
our tendency to seek comfort in sameness,
rather than embracing the beautiful diversity You have created,
fostering unity without demanding uniformity;**

On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord –

**help us to let down our barriers to Your Spirit;
guide us to live with unbounded joy and faithfulness;
and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You.**

Moment of silence for personal reflection

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Amen!

***DOXOLOGY**

HYMN 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

appears at the end of bulletin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Following the Children's Message, kids Pre-K thru 5th grade,
have Children's Church in the classroom across from the Nursery (Main Level),
leaving the Sanctuary with a Children's Ministry leader.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Arr. by Mary McDonald

Refrain:
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train that's on this track,
it runs to heaven and runs right back.

Upon the mountain when my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all was mine.



[Scripture Link](#)

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God *with* Gabriel's Oboe

Keith Getty

Maddie Wittman, oboe

and Stuart Townend

Ian Jones, Sheila Santa, Vince Huzicka,

Arr. by David Hamilton

Darlene Barrett, string quartet

Shaun Schuetz, percussion

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me,
give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth,
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise,
lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ
will be clear for all the world to see.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace,
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:14-32

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

MESSAGE

***CLOSING HYMN 838**

Standing on the Promises

appears at the end of bulletin

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

SENDING MUSIC

I'm Gonna Sing 'Til The Spirit Moves In My Heart

Moses Hogan

Beaux Baldwin, Colton Davis, and John McClain, soloists

I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart.
I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes.

I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart.
I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes.

It was grace that brought me,
It was grace that taught me,
It was grace that kept me,
And it's grace that will lead me home.

Can't you feel the spirit movin'?
I'm gonna shout 'til the spirit moves in my heart.
I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes.

Special Thank you to Jeff Brymer-Bashore for producing the video celebrating our Graduates!



FOLLOWING WORSHIP,
PLEASE JOIN US IN THE HERITAGE ROOM FOR
FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS



The flower arrangement is given to the glory of God by Nancy McAtee,
In honor of her children and grandchildren.

Pastor: Rev. Nathan Loudon
Liturgist: Cabot Rea
Director of Family & Children's Ministry: Stephanie Loudon
Youth Group Leader: Leyton Mathias
Nursery Caregivers: Courtney Boyer
Claire Loudon

Director of Worship & Music: John McClain
Pianist: Caryn Ginter
Head Usher: Ron Swain
Video Production: Carter Davis
Audio Production: Addyson Brown
Lead Production: Julie Turnbull



The church family expresses its sympathy to the family of Sandy Armstrong, upon her passing on April 23, 2024.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/lancaster-oh/sandra-armstrong-11782674>

OFFERING

Your offering, and any other type of donation to the church, can be placed in the plate located in the Narthex or scan this QR code to place it online.



[Offering Link](#)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Communion Sunday (usually the 1st Sunday of the month) –

Following the Children's Message, the older children will remain with their parents. There are special Worship Bags for them in the Narthex to pick up before Worship.

2nd 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday of the month –

Following the Children's Message, kids Pre-K thru 5th grade, have Children's Church in the classroom across from the Nursery (Main Level), leaving the Sanctuary with a Children's Ministry leader.

WORSHIP BAGS

There are special Worship Bags in the Narthex for the children to pick up before Worship.

NURSERY

The Nursery (Main Level) is open for infants through 5 years old.

IN OUR PRAYERS

(Homebound in *italics*)

Molly Bates

Penny Gallup

Sue Ingram

Paul Jablonka

Larry & Janet Neeley

Jim Russell

Andrew Smith

Tina & Pete Wittich

*We are a praying church at First Presbyterian Church, believing in the power of prayer and collective prayer. **First Pres Prayer Chain** sends email prayer requests to 80+ prayer warriors.*

If you have prayer needs, submit them and/ or requests to be included as a prayer warrior to:

fir.pres.prayer.request@gmail.com.

KEY WORDS OR THOUGHTS FROM TODAY'S SERMON

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INVITE A FRIEND!



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FIRELIGHT

VBS

June 10-14
5:30-8:00



FOR CHILDREN 3 YEARS OLD TO 5TH GRADE



Questions?:
Contact **Stephanie Loudon**,
Director of Family
and Children's Ministries

children@firstpbc.org



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



High School Graduates

Joe Brymer-Bashore – Homeschooled
Katie Callahan – Homeschooled
Coleman Leach – Logan High School

College Graduates

Emma Bosser – Belmont University
Sarah Craft – Bowling Green State University
Madelyn Davis – The Ohio State University
Andrew Hendrickson – Columbus State Community College
Evan Hendrickson – Ohio University
Karly Hendrickson – Capital University
Olivia Hubbard – University of Kentucky
Brandon Johnson – The Ohio State University
Elise Johnson – Bowling Green State University
Eric Johnson – The Ohio State University

*"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you
will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

–Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the
wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,
spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,
wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

TEXT: James K. Manley, 1975, alt.
MUSIC: James K. Manley, 1976
Text and Music © 1978 James K. Manley

SPIRIT
Irregular

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

SERVICE MUSIC

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures

here be-low; praise *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
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TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.