

**EVEN ON MY
SERVANTS,
BOTH MEN AND
WOMEN,
I WILL POUR
OUT MY
SPIRIT
IN THOSE DAYS.**

ACTS 2:18



Sharing the Life of the Church

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLED THE CHURCH INTO BEING AND CONTINUES TO CALL US TOGETHER. WELCOME TO WORSHIP AS WE CELEBRATE THE DAY OF PENTECOST.

Worship With Us - Today we gather for worship in the Chapel at 8:30 a.m., and in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. If you are unable to attend, you can join us in one of the following ways:

† 10:30 a.m. Sundays on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/fpcpborg/>

† Later on our website's Worship tab
<https://www.fpcpborgwv.org>

† Tune in to **1710 AM** on your radio dial, each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., and listen from your vehicle in the church's front parking lot.

Church Workday - Volunteers are needed to help with painting on **May 28 and 29**, beginning at 10 a.m. If you can help please contact **Mike Beckett, 304-588-6203**, or mikebeckettparkersburg@gmail.com.

Pentecost Offering - Today we will receive the special PC(USA) Pentecost Offering, which aids children at risk, youth and young adults. Special offering envelopes for your contributions are included in today's bulletin.

Promoting FPC - On Thursday, at 2 p.m. we will be recording segments for a new advertisement to air on WTAP in June. Our building and grounds are beautiful, but seeing the faces of FPC means even more! Come by anytime between 2 & 3

p.m. to be part of this project to let the community know about First Presbyterian of Parkersburg.

Presbyterian Women Dinner - All ladies are invited to a light dinner in Stevenson Hall on **Wednesday, June 9, 6:00 p.m.** They will share in some much-needed fellowship and discuss plans for their Fall schedule. They hope you will join them.

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Tuesday, May 25

12:30 p.m. PW Board meeting
6:00 p.m. Session meets

Thursday, May 27

2:00 p.m. WTAP Advertisement Filming
7:15 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3 meeting

Friday, May 28

10:00 a.m. Workday (painting)

Saturday, May 29

10:00 a.m. Workday (painting)

Sunday, May 30 **Memorial Day Service**

8:30 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer; Chapel
10:30 a.m. Service for the Lord's Day; Sanct.



Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things.

—A.J. Gordon

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

Preparation for Worship

Sharing the Life of the Church

Prelude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

arr. Pepper Choplin

*Call to Worship

by Thom Shuman

We gather in this place, some empty, some filled,
some whole, some broken:

Yearning for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

We come, with these ordinary people, who have shown us the way:

Trusting that God will continue to illumine our hearts.

We surround the Table of grace so we might be fed by the Bread of life:

That graced, we may serve others;

that healed, we may bring hope to the world.

The Spirit has come! The church is born!

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray:

*Holy One, ignite within us a fiery passion
for your mission in the world today.*

*Warm us by the Spirit's dancing tongues of flame,
that we may feel your kindling blaze within,
urging us to do your greater good.*

*Make us wholly present to experience a new birth,
and awaken possibilities within us to share your love in the world.*

*In this love and abundance, we come to celebrate your harvest—
a harvest bearing the first fruits of the Spirit within us.*

*Show us how to use these gifts,
as we listen for your truth in the gentle breeze of your Spirit.*

*Hymn 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

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Confession and Pardon

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

*O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day,
so fill this house of worship with your presence,
and fill us with your passion.*

You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world.

Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written.

You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other.

Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke English.

Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire.

Send us out to follow your Spirit

and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.

SILENCE for personal confession ...

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

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

GROWING

Special Music

If You Search With All Your Heart

Craig Courtney

Becky Deem McGinnis, soloist

Prayer for Illumination

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your Word
and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church:
a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture

John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

p. 764

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

Acts 2:1-21

p. 771

Sermon

The Rev. Annie McMillan

Confession of Faith

from A Brief Statement of Faith

*In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.*

*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.*

*With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that
nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Offering

*The Doxology

Hymn 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

CARING

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty...

joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

*Those who are able, please stand.



*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior...

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ...

in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you,

God of glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

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.

Breaking of the Bread and the Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

GOING

*Hymn 315

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*Benediction and Sending Forth

The Postlude

Majesty

arr. Douglas Wagner

*Those who are able, please stand.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Cross Bearer - *Kelly Beckett*

Beadle - *Connor Buchanan*

Liturgist - *Mikki Bosley*

Sound Technician - *Matt Buchanan*

Prayer List – Remember the following in your prayers:

Stacey Wright

Carolyn Rings

Nancy Pillichody

The Key Family

Dode Thornburg

Charlotte Johnson

Missy Hickman

& Jude

Harriet Litteral

Becky Brooks Smith

Scott Gordon & Family

The Valentine Family

Abby K. Hilerman

Jim & Liz Sterrick

Homebound Members

Troops – World Peace

Revival in our nation

Bill Niday

John B. White

Pat Douglass

Doug Baty

Dave Bell

Debra Burns

Allen Rodger

Kate Winter

Harry Ayre

THE COVENANT OF PRAYER
The Willows <i>Mary Anne Danser</i>



*Lectionary Texts for next week: May 30
Trinity Sunday*

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17