

Numbers 11:24-30
Acts 2:1-8, 12-14, 37-42
1 Corinthians 12:4-13
Responding to The Spirit



May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday
First Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Holy Spirit, fill your Church with enthusiasm and energy to work for good in the world.
Amen.*

Welcome on this day of Pentecost! May we be open to the **Holy Spirit's** movement among us. With voices full of excitement, attitudes full of enthusiasm, and spirits full of joy let us actively give our worship to God.

Last week, how well did you live God's message from Acts 1:6-14? When did you share the message of God's love and forgiveness through Christ Jesus?

Be sure to check-in through **Social Media** or text message to let your family members, friends and followers know you are here to praise God. And like us on Facebook.

Please use the time before worship begins to prepare yourself for your **offering of worship** to God. Feel free to listen to music; read and meditate on the Scripture reading for today; or silently meditate on God's grace, emptying your mind of all distractions.

Those who helped to prepare and lead worship this morning are Butch Steele, April Hansen, Kari Rosenleaf, Joan Schmidt, Tom Hazen, Alex Rosenleaf, Johnny Ritchie, and John Ritchie.

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* Please stand as able

*We are the Body of Christ
Joyfully Worshiping God
Compassionately Caring for One Another
Humbly Serving God
Continually Growing in God's Word
Actively Sharing the Good News of Christ*

May our worship be pleasing to God!

OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude

Breathe, O Breathe, Thy Loving Spirit, Healey Willan

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Leader **People**) 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, adapted

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life—

sweep through these spaces and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the Church—

sweep through these spaces and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service—

sweep through these spaces and empower our witness.

*Hymn of Praise #279

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

Scripture & Message

Numbers 11:24-25

Acts 2:1-4

*Hymn #291

Spirit

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT THE SERVICES OF THE LORD AND THE ACTIVITIES OF GOD

Scripture & Message

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*Hymn #693

Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)

RESPONDING TO THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Scripture & Message

Numbers 11:25-29

Acts 2:4-8, 12-14, 37-42

*Call to Confession (Leader **People**)

God has promised that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Therefore, we call upon the Lord, confessing our sins.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Amazing God,

life sometimes confuses us.

We pray for your Spirit to be upon us,

yet when some start speaking in your name,

we quickly try to silence them.

At other times we stand in amazement disbelieving the words coming from people who, we think, shouldn't know much about you.

In our disbelief of the power of your Spirit,

we justify our feelings by accusing these people of being high, drunk, or just plain crazy.

You have given us gifts by your Spirit

and many times, we strive to become experts in all of them,

instead of the particular ones you have given to us as individuals.

The cry to repent has been heard.

Forgive us of these and all of our sins.

May your Spirit fill us, purify us, and give us life...

(Silent Personal Prayers for Forgiveness)

*Assurance of Forgiveness (Leader People)

Jesus was crucified.

But God raised Jesus up from the dead.

Jesus was crucified.

God made Jesus both Lord and Messiah.

Let the entire world know of God's amazing love and grace.

By the power of the risen Christ, we are forgiven!

Offering

Alles ist an Gottes Segen (All depends on God's free grace...),

Arr. Dale Wood

Message in Music

The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27), Oley Speaks

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13, NRSV) (**Unison**)

*Every time I feel the **Spirit** moving in my heart I will pray.*

*Every time I feel the **Spirit** moving in my heart I will pray.*

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one.

Amen.

PREPARING FOR SERVICE

*Sending Hymn #280

*Come, O **Spirit**, Dwell Among Us*

*Charge

*Blessing

*Blessing Response

*Every time I feel the **Spirit** moving in my heart I'll respond.*

*Every time I feel the **Spirit** moving in my heart I'll respond.*

*Postlude

*Come, O **Spirit**, Dwell Among Us, Arr. Richard Ellsasser*

May our service be pleasing to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't forget to check our Facebook page and your email for the **latest information** regarding the mission and ministry of First Presbyterian Church during this time of social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are not receiving emails, please send your current email address to the office, secretary@firstpresgfmt.org. If there is anything the elders, deacons, or staff can do for you during this time, please let us know.

Tithes and Offerings may be mailed to the church office (we are receiving mail) or made online through our website.

Souler Energy, our weekly Sunday Worship broadcast, can be viewed every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on KFBB TV Channel 5 (cable channel 9).

Even though School is remote learning, we are still helping the **Longfellow School** families. There have been several opportunities to help families as their circumstances have worsened. The Mission Committee is trying to make sure we have funds to help in these needs as well as help fund their food pantry which is distributing 15 boxes of food per week with another 15 available for pickup. We are praying you will help us in this mission. Please make any contributions to the church and mark them Longfellow Mission Fund. Thank you so much for your generous support!

Beth Moore's **Bible Study for women** entitled "Chasing Vines" continues on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. through June 17. To sign up, or for more information, contact Alissa at 406-231-2348 or cedirector@firstpresgfmt.org.

Our times of worship are now **live-streamed** on our YouTube channel; search for "First Presbyterian Church Great Falls MT" on the YouTube website. Recordings of previous live-streams will remain on our YouTube channel. Links to both live-streams and recordings will be posted to our Facebook page.

Reformation Overview Class John Ritchie leads this six-week video-based class which is an introduction on a movement that decisively influenced the shape of our modern world and the Christian churches. This "Overview" will introduce some key moments, people, and issues of the Protestant Reformation. We meet every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday at 8:15 a.m. (a repeat of the Thursday class).

In our next lesson: For ten years **William Tyndale** eluded capture, though the English king and his ministers had repeatedly sent spies to Europe to track him down. What was his crime? Murder? Insurrection? Embezzlement? Plotting to overthrow the government? No. William Tyndale's life was a model of holy living. Tyndale's crime was his passion to translate the Scriptures into English. He wanted an English Bible so that even the common plowman could read it! However, at the time, to have the Bible in English was illegal.

COMING WORSHIP THEMES

Next Sunday, June 7, 2020

Trinity Sunday
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
The Trinity: Grace, Love, and Communion
Communion

June 14, 2020

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:1-15
Promises, Promises

June 21, 2020

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 21:8-21
What's A Father to Do?

June 28, 2020

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 22:1-14
Now What's A Father to Do?

MAY GOD BLESS THIS WEEK

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom

Today, May 31	8:15 a.m.	Reformation Overview Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Monday, June 1	8:45 a.m.	Volunteering at FISH
Tuesday, June 2	8:45 a.m.	Volunteering at FISH
Wednesday, June 3	7:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	8:45 a.m.	Volunteering at FISH
	2:00 p.m.	Chasing Vines Bible Study
Thursday, June 4	8:45 a.m.	Volunteering at FISH
	10:00 a.m.	Reformation Overview Class
	5:00 p.m.	Worship Committee
Friday, June 5	8:45 a.m.	Volunteering at FISH
Next Sunday, June 7	8:15 a.m.	Reformation Overview Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship (Limited seating in the Sanctuary)
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	11:30 a.m.	Children & Youth Ministries Committee

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

All Events Live-Streamed or via Zoom

Tuesday, June 9.....	Finance Committee, 4:00 p.m. Property Committee, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 11	Spiritual Life Committee, 12:00 noon
Saturday, June 12	Presbytery of Glacier Meeting PW, 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, June 16.....	Session Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 23.....	Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

The Officers and Staff of First Presbyterian Church welcome you
to this time of worship and invite you to join us in ministry!

Head of the Church

Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior

Session

	John Ritchie (Moderator)	
Ginger Blevins	Rees Davies	Randy Houtz (Clerk)
Alissa Brown	Dave Dobbs	Scott Royce
Jan Brown	Mary Fagenstrom	Dean Schamp
Sara Buley	Kathy Herman	

Deacons

Stuart Brown	Tom Hazen	Deb Skinner
Bruce Buer (Moderator)	Dave Herman	Robb Sparks
Kitty Cornwell	Chris Pfof	Marla Wilckens
Shirley Davis		

Staff

Rev. John E Ritchie, Pastor (906-322-9490)	Kristen McGuire, Peace Place Director
Alissa Brown, CE Director	Butch Steele, Worship Video Coordinator
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Craig Anton, Facilities Manager	Kari Rosenleaf, Bell Choir Director
Faith Janes, Secretary	Laura Jerome, Praise Band Director
Carrie Bowman, Treasurer	Brittany Collins, Nursery

The Wine Of The Spirit “No one puts new wine into old wineskins,” said Jesus (Luke 5:37). Drawing on this statement, a preacher in sixth-century Africa proclaimed in a Pentecost homily: “It was with good reason, then, that some people, when they heard the apostles speaking in every tongue, said, ‘They are filled with the new wine.’ For they had become fresh wineskins, they had been renewed by the grace of holiness, so that when they were filled with the new wine, that is, with the **Holy Spirit**, they spoke with fervor in every tongue. ... Celebrate, then, this day as members of the one body of Christ. Your celebration will not be in vain if you are what you celebrate, if you hold fast to the church which the Lord filled with his **Holy Spirit**.” Fifteen centuries later, may that call still resonate with us. May we be so renewed by God’s grace as to be worthy vessels of the new wine of the **Holy Spirit** — and to share it with the world.