June 9, 2019
Gathering Around the Word

Music for Meditation

Welcome

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, with your language of wonder.

People: Let us mingle our words together
to scatter the gospel of grace to all around us.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, with the music of your heart.

People: Let us sing the old songs filled with memories
and let the new ones open our hearts in joy.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, and rattle the windows of our souls.

People: Burst through the closed doors of our hearts,
and dance with us in the fire of renewal.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, we pray!

People: Come, Holy Spirit, to us this day!

*Hymn 408 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit” Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Call to Reconciliation

We still don’t get it – this gift called grace, this mercy called forgiveness. We demand more: more signs, more proof, more evidence that God loves us. Yet all we have to do is what Jesus did – trust in God. Trust completely, foolishly, daringly. Let us pray, telling God how hard such trust is for us, praying for God’s gracious Spirit to dance in our hearts.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

God of Pentecost, we look for tongues of fire to dance upon us, but it seems we hold only the ashes of our broken promises. We long to speak simply and clearly so that everyone, everywhere, might understand your love for them, but we scatter our words to the wind with our inability to care for others. We want you to show us the secrets of the kingdom, never noticing they are revealed in the songs of children, the memories of older folks, the dreams of people all around us. Have mercy on us, O God, and pour out your Spirit upon us. When we close the shutters of our souls, fling them open with the breath of wonder.

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When we turn out all the lights and huddle in the shadows of fear, illumine our hearts with the dancing flames of the Spirit's joy. When we find it impossible to come up with the language of love, pour your Word, Jesus Christ, into our emptiness so we may fill others.

Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news for us: God pours the Spirit upon us in these moments. It is the Spirit which comforts us, which encourages us, which transforms us through God’s grace. Thanks be to God!
The Spirit brings us peace, assures our hearts, and fills us with hope. We are forgiven and made new. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
Greet each other in the love & forgiveness of Christ; saying “Peace be with you!” and responding “and also with you!”

*RESPONSE (GTG 314, refrain) "Christ, Be Our Light!”
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Hearing the Word

CHILDREN’S MOMENT (GTG 288) “Spirit of the Living God”
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM “You Sent Your Holy Spirit” Mary Jensen

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:14-17
New Testament Reading
Liturgist: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21
New Testament Reading
Preacher: The word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God

SERMON “On Fire!” Rev. Kathleen Crighton
**Hymn 688 (vss 1,2 & 5)**
“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”
Morecambe

## Sharing the Word with the World

### Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory

*Doxology*  
Old Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**
_A-men_

### Communion Liturgy

### Invitation to the Lord’s Table

The communion bread is gluten free, grape juice is served on the left and wine on the right.

### Great Thanksgiving

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.  
**Leader:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** We lift them to the Lord.  
**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.  

**Leader:** God of wonder and joy, at the beginning of time you scattered chaos. You created everything imaginable...
...With those who dare to imagine your wonder, with those who wonder what is going on, we sing of the thanksgivings filling our hearts:

**All sing:** _Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord._  
_Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord._  
_Holy is the Father, Holy is the Son._  
_Holy is the Spirit, Blessed Three in One._

**Leader:** God of every moment, you alone are holy...
...and so we share that mystery we call faith:

**People:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

**Leader:** Once again, as you did so long ago, pour out your Spirit upon those gathered in this place...
...Let us say what we believe, using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

### The Apostles’ Creed *(pg. 35 Glory to God hymnal)*

### The Lord’s Prayer
Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

God of fire and wind, you have gathered us at your Table to be fed at your hand. May we be filled with your Spirit this day to bring fresh air to stagnant places, to offer hope where there has been despair, to be the new wine that splits the old wineskins of complacency. May we go out to sing songs of strength to the weak, to whisper words of love to those who know only hate, to shout for the renewal of all people everywhere. Amen.

Hymn 192 “Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining” Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Benediction

*Portions of today’s liturgy are based on writings of Rev. Thom L. Shuman, a Presbyterian pastor living in Ohio.*

Leadership in Today’s Service:

Preaching: Rev. Kathleen Crighton
Liturgist: Elder Tracy Rene’ Helms/Capasso
Piano: Amanda Wadsworth
Offertory: Sydney McMath
Children’s moment: Elder Tracy Rene’ Helms/Capasso

Pentecost and Communion Sunday, on this day the national church recognizes a special offering to help support young people. The funds are used, by them, to help support the YAV’s (Young Adult Volunteers), many of whom we have welcomed at First Pres. The money also goes to help children at risk and youth ministries. However, they don't leave out need in the local church, so 40% of the special offering can be kept in the local church to help their youth program. This comes at a time when many of our young people are heading to church camps, and the extra funds will be used well to help with those expenses.

Please think prayerfully about participating in this offering.

July 1, 2019 we will welcome Rev. Kathleen Crighton as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church. Her first Sunday will be July 7, 2019. Come and join us to meet our new pastor.
Thanks to those for volunteering to help with the children on Sundays. There is a Biblical story book in the room, please read one story to the children then they can have free time inside or outside.

**Monthly Schedule:**
1st Sunday Lydia and Gabe
2nd Sunday Carolyn and Chris/ Ken
3rd Sunday Lydia and Gabe
4th Sunday Mary Frances/Diane K. and David Capasso/ Tracy
5th Sunday Lydia and Tracy/ Angela

If you can’t do your Sunday no worries we will all fill in for each other. Just mark your calendar for your Sunday. If there is a back slash/with your name and someone else you alternate that Sunday with them doing every other month.

**REFRESHMENT FOR AFTER WORSHIP SIGN-UP.**
If you would like to provide refreshments for after worship on any Sunday, please use the sign-up sheet that is on the refreshment table.

*Many thanks to Larry and May Ball for the refreshments for this Sunday, June 9.*

Sign up for the available dates, the list is located on the refreshment table. Those who have signed up are listed below.
- June 16 (Father’s Day) – Henry and Diane Kleinfeldt
- June 23
- June 30

### FPCNO THIS WEEK

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**Children’s and Youth Sunday School** has ended for the summer months. It will resume in the beginning of September. **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**
WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are a visitor or guest we invite you to sign the visitor/guest register which is located in the Narthex and sign the guest/visitors card located in your bulletin and put in the offering plate. We care about you and want to know who you are.

We welcome you to historic, progressive First Presbyterian Church this morning! Here are a few things to get you up to speed.

- **A bathroom is available (with a changing table) at the back of the church in the left hand alcove as you face the entrance doors.**
- **We take the passing of the peace seriously, so don’t be surprised if you get offered hugs!**
- **Please plan to stay after worship for a few minutes to share refreshments at the back of the church; it’s an extension of our understanding of communion and a chance to share God’s hospitality.**
- **We are the only “More Light Congregation” in New Orleans which means we welcome not only the membership, but the leadership and talents of all genders, abilities, races, and sexual orientations.**
- **We appreciate the spiritual and financial support your attendance brings. You may put cash or a check in the offering plate that will be passed towards the end of the service, or give using your smartphone to scan this code.**
- **Even if you are just visiting the city, we want you to feel welcome in our community and to involve yourself in the life of this place. Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule before you go and like us on Facebook at facebook.com/fpcno and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/fpcno!**
- **We also have a Yahoo Group (go to www.fpcno.org and click on the Yahoo Group connection) that will keep you up to date on all the fun activities and service opportunities with the church.**
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