



First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul

PENTECOST

May 24, 2015

10:00 a.m.

**please stand in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE "Reflections on the Spirit" arr. Raney

WELCOME & GATHERING Katie Estes

CENTERING SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Mighty wind of God, blow through this place.

Stir us to praise, and lift us from despair.

Holy fire of God, enliven our spirits.

Heat up our compassion and burn away any fear.

Mighty wind and holy fire, revive us again!

Set loose joy in this celebration, and a chorus of praise!

*HYMN "Gather Us In" *Hymnal # 401*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) Tom Watson

Amazing God, there is so much more to life than we can see or fathom, yet how often we try to shrink the mystery, tame the dreams, and limit what is possible to what feels reasonable or easy. Forgive us for holding back, digging in our heels, and resting on our laurels. Forgive us for dull awareness and hesitant witness. Remind us that the Spirit is always blowing new life into our days, surprising us with wonder and blessing. Let us be made new again, and lead us to bold action and brave witness for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (responsive)

God turns us around, opens our eyes,
renews our faith and forgives our sin.

**The Spirit at work in us is filled with power,
bringing us back to God and sending us forward in faith.**

We are forgiven, loved and freed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE "Spirit of the Living God" *Hymnal # 288*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Andy Tourville

Beloved God, open our hearts to your healing word, our minds to your informing word, and our souls to your renewing word. Send your Spirit upon us this day, that we may be strengthened to live out your love in word and deed. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104: 24-34

O.T. p. 555

ANTHEM

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

arr. Dawson

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit,
Moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
Out of His mouth came fire and smoke;
Looked all around me, It looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Jordan river is chilly and cold,
It chills the body, but not the soul;
There ain't but one train upon this track,
It runs to heaven and right back.*

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2: 1-21

N.T. p. 119

SERMON

Pentecost: Re-Birthday?

Katie Estes

*HYMN

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Hymnal # 280

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

“Lord, Listen to Your Children”

arr. Schrader

*Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.
Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray;
A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbling down,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
You're gonna know it, when the Lord stretches out His hand,
And the people of the Lord get down to pray,
There's gonna be a brand new song of vict'ry in this land,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.*

***RESPONSE** "We Are an Offering" *Hymnal # 710*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Because we have seen the Lord, we offer these gifts. Because we have known love, we commit to love one another. Because we are aware of the Spirit moving in our lives, we dedicate ourselves to sharing our gifts and showing God's love. Amen.

***HYMN** "All Are Welcome" *Hymnal # 301*
(vs. 1-2)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE** "All Are Welcome" *Hymnal # 301*
(v. 3)

***POSTLUDE** "You Are Strong, You Are Holy" *arr. Tate*



SERVING US TODAY

Greeters: Rex Boutelle, Laura Doty

Ushers: Bill Hickok, Joelle Ista,
Dave Mahle, Matthew Marth

Lector: Andy Tourville

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul. We are delighted that you have joined us to worship the Living God. **If you are a first time worship guest**, we extend a special welcome to you. Know that as our guest, you are invited to participate in any of the programs offered and we do not expect you to contribute when the offering is received. Today, your presence with us is your offering to God.

If you have a prayer request, please use the yellow request cards in the pews. Give the card to an usher before worship or during the first hymn so it can be included in our prayers of the people today and passed on to the prayer chain as well.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship service. We also have professional childcare available for infants and children up to 5 years. The nursery is located at the top of the stairs in the upper level of the Education wing and is always available on those days your child may be restless. If you have an infant who begins to cry during the service, feel free to go into the library with your child and continue to hear the service on the speaker.

Please join us after the worship service for a time of fellowship in the Commons. Coffee, juice and treats are available for a minimal charge for members and at no cost for guests. Come and connect with old and new friends as we enjoy fellowship together.

On The Calendar

Today, Sunday, May 24

Pentecost

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. All-Church Birthday Luncheon

Monday, May 25

Church Office Closed

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday, May 26

- 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Wednesday, May 27

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, May 28

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Study Group
- 7:00 p.m. Session

Friday, May 29

- 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, May 30

- 11:00 a.m. Mary Olson Memorial

Sunday, May 31

Baptism

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Education
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

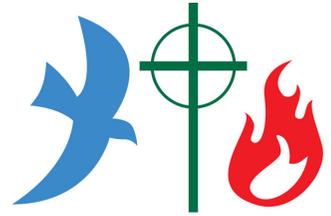
Next Sunday, May 31

Scripture: John 3: 1-17

Theme: Trinity Sunday/Baptism

Music: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit,” Festival Choir

Adult Ed: “Presbyterian History & Polity, Part 1” with Tom Watson



Announcements

Happy Birthday to the Church! The festival of Pentecost has come to be known as the birth of the Christian Church, and we are throwing a party! Join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship for a birthday lunch including cake, candles and balloons! This celebration provides a perfect time to reflect on our own church and consider what's next in our life and ministry together. After lunch we'll send kids upstairs to watch a movie while adults and youth enter into a conversation about our facility and our future.

There is no coffee hour this morning. Instead, we hope that you join us in Fellowship Hall for the Pentecost Lunch.

Need a gift for an upcoming celebration? Today is Scrip ordering day! A favorite gift for many is a gift card—do you know that we sell gift cards of almost any amount from almost any store (or restaurant or service) you might choose? And it doesn't end there—Scrip cards can be used for your everyday purchases too—like gas, groceries, appliances, etc. Your purchase of these cards at face-value help raise funds for our church's general budget because we receive an instant rebate. Cards not on hand will be delivered next Sunday. Stop by the table in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary after worship and make your Scrip purchase today.

Graduation Sunday, June 7: We invite everyone graduating (not just from high school), to join us for a celebration on this day. We will recognize our graduates during the service and with a reception afterwards.

The church office will be closed tomorrow, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

Don't forget to register for Camp in a Van! Summer is just around the corner and we are ramping up for Camp in A Van, the fun day camp experience that happens right here at church but comes to us from Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Camp in Deerwood. This week of games, worship, activities and fun will be Monday to Friday, July 6—10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Clearwater Forest counselors will bring us a taste of summer camp in our own church, including the songs, snacks, stories, a campfire and cookout, a day of water games, a mission project, and more. This experience is for kids of preschool age through those who have completed fifth grade, and is not limited to church members! Bring along a friend, a neighbor, or your cousin—all are welcome. Cost is \$40.00 for the whole week. Youth in our confirmation class and of high school age are encouraged to sign up as helpers. Registration forms are available at the display in the South Commons. We have room for 40 participants, we are about half way there and do expect to fill up, so register today!

“Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd...” We are planning a day at the ballpark to watch the St. Paul Saints on June 22. Watch for the announcement in the June Tower Views for more information!

Volunteers are always needed for various functions on Sunday mornings. The volunteer sign up sheets are located on the bulletin board outside of the Library. Stop by and sign up!