

**I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters  
shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.**

**Acts 2: 17**

**First Presbyterian Church of South St. Paul**  
**CONFIRMATION/PENTECOST/COMMUNION**

May 15, 2016

10:00 a.m.

*\*please stand in body or in spirit*

- GATHERING MUSIC** "Songs of the Spirit" *Tate*
- WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** Katie Estes
- CENTERING SILENCE**
- INTROIT** "The Lone, Wild Bird" *Traditional*  
Festival Choir
- CALL TO WORSHIP** (responsive) Benicio Mendiola-Johnson  
Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence,  
**for God has done wondrous things for us.**  
Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the rushing wind  
that we might faithfully serve you in all that we do,  
**for God has called each of us and blessed us.**  
Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.  
**Help us to boldly share the good news of God's love.**
- \*HYMN** "O Day of Joy and Wonder!" *Hymnal # 290*
- \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison) Sarah Brosi  
**Spirit of truth, you know all too well what lurks deep within us. We confess that we have not loved one another as God loves us. We are quick to find fault and spread gossip, sins that undermine the whole community of faith. We have left guests and seekers among us feeling excluded. We have not done our best to carry the good news of Jesus Christ beyond these walls. Forgive our disrespect and misuse of the powerful gifts of love and service you gave your church at Pentecost. Renew a right spirit within us this day, that we may carry Christ's love and mercy into all corners of our lives, for we ask it in his name. Amen.**
- \*WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (responsive) DeShawn Estes Collins  
God promises us an outpouring of the Spirit.  
We will see signs and experience wonders that we have not observed before.  
**When we call out to God, our healing, our salvation will come.**  
**God approaches us with open hands filled with blessings.**  
Just as we have been forgiven, we are free to forgive others.  
Thanks be to God for this greatest gift.

**\*RESPONSE**

“You Are My All in All”

Hymnal # 519

## A TIME WITH CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Madee Luhrs

**Send your Spirit among us, O God, that we may be restored by your breath of life, filled with your love, and sent out in your power. Help us to listen to your Word, to hear and know and understand your will for our lives. Amen.**

### NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2: 1-21

Teddy Rossow

### ANTHEM

“Rejoice and Be Glad”

Kachelmeier

### MESSAGE

#### **We Are The Church: The Story of Pentecost**

Sarah Brosi, DeShawn Estes Collins, Aaron Lee, Madee Luhrs,  
Benicio Mendiola-Johnson, Teddy Rossow



## CONFIRMATION

### INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS / LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Tom Watson

### QUESTIONS

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER (unison)

**Lord of life, we praise you for the faith and love of these young disciples. With your blessing they have grown strong and true. Today they have accepted for themselves the grace you offered them at their baptism. Today they have made a lifelong commitment to serve and honor you. Strengthen them to fulfill the vows they make this day in all their future decisions. Help them discover their true calling through the gifts you have given them. Show them the wonders of your Spirit at work, so that their faith continues to grow richer and deeper. Amen.**

### CONFIRMATION GIFTS & CERTIFICATES

### RECEPTION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

#### INVITATION TO SHARE

Aaron Lee

#### OFFERTORY

“Partners in Shalom”

Kachelmeier

*In this room, we remember whose we are. In this room, we consider who we'll be. We are centered in the grace of God and partners in shalom; In this room we will know that we are home. In this word, we will hear what God has done. In this word, we find hope for what will be. The unwinding of the story is the blueprint of our lives; In this word, God is opening our eyes.*

*In this moment our deepest cries are heard. In this moment our joy flows out as song: These harmonies of faith now join the everlasting hymn; In this moment, we sing God's praise again. In this room, truth and mercy come to meet. In this room, peace and righteousness may kiss. Though we're broken and imperfect we are partners in shalom; Sent to find the suffering places, making peace and bearing hope--healed and humble we'll go out from this room.*

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



Hymnal # 510

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMN "Come, Share the Lord"

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD & CUP

*(All are invited to move to one of the communion stations by way of the center aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the common cup, and return to your seats by the side aisles. If you prefer, signal an usher and the elements will be brought to you.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

**We thank you, O God, for this supper shared in the Spirit with your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Grant that it would fill each one of us with the hope and strength of your gracious Holy Spirit, that we may respond with our lives and give ourselves for others as you have given yourself to us. We ask it in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"  
(vs. 1-2)

Hymnal # 69

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE

"Here I Am, Lord"  
(v. 3)

Hymnal # 69

\*POSTLUDE

"Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

Limbaugh



## SERVING US TODAY

**Greeters:** Ruth Buller & Senior High Youth

**Ushers:** Gene Demko, Bill Hickok,  
Joe Rasmusson, Dian Rech

**Communion Servers:** Jan Mahoney &  
Confirmation Class

**Coffee Servers:** Youth Committee

**The flowers on the chancel this morning**  
are provided by Phyllis Hahn, in memory  
of her father, Orville Kuiken.

**Music Director:** Linda Kachelmeier

**Organist:** Jen Bierlein

**Pastors:** Katie Estes, Tom Watson

**Youth Coordinator:** Ruth Buller

**Church Administrator:** Eleta Pierce

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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.

**Photos and/or video may be taken during this worship service.** FPC-SSP reserves the right to use said photos or video in church publications, including, but not limited to, bulletins, newsletters, the church website, and social media sites. If you prefer not to appear in these photos or video, please talk to one of the ushers.

**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, May 15, Confirmation/Pentecost**

8:30 a.m. Education for All  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour  
1:15 p.m. Timber Hills

### **Monday, May 16**

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Tuesday, May 17**

7:00 p.m. Come As You Are

### **Wednesday, May 18**

9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
4:00 p.m. Mark Johnson Memorial @  
Whitetail Woods Regional Park  
6:30 p.m. Drumming Circle  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study  
7:15 p.m. Festival Choir

### **Thursday, May 19**

8:00 a.m. Men's Study  
6:30 p.m. Finance

### **Friday, May 20**

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

### **Saturday, May 21**

10:00 a.m. David Turnblom Visitation  
12:00 p.m. David Turnblom Memorial  
with lunch following

### **Sunday, May 22, Trinity Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Adult Education  
8:30 a.m. Sunday School Celebration  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Hour

## Next Sunday, May 22

**Scripture:** John 16:12-15

**Theme:** Trinity Sunday

**Music:** "Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord," Festival Choir & Drumming Circle

**Adult Education:** "In Our Own Voice," National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI MN)



### Announcements

**We extend a special welcome this morning to the families, friends and members here to support our 2016 Confirmands.** Everyone is invited to stay for a reception with cake in the North Commons.

**This morning we will receive the Pentecost Offering.** Through this offering, the church expresses a common commitment to provide hope for children at risk, opportunities for youth and young adults. A portion of this offering will stay in our church to help local ministries that work with children at risk, the remaining will go to our denomination for their efforts with these young people. You may place your donation in a marked envelope in the pews, or write "Pentecost Offering" in the memo line of your check. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Next Sunday, May 22: Celebrating Sunday School Kids & Teachers!** Bring your family that morning to an end of the year special celebration in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m.—we'll start with breakfast for all, then have a chance to thank our terrific teachers and spectacular students for such a great year together. The party will include music for dancing AND a chance to sing along with your favorite popular tunes...yes, karaoke is back! Please sign up on the kiosk in the Commons so we know to expect you and your family.

**We will start a Wednesday evening "June Jam" on June 8,** with the goal of coming up with pieces to play at our outdoor worship service on June 26. Interested in joining this group? Talk to Linda Kachelmeier.

**Our next trip to Feed My Starving Children is Monday, May 23,** from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Eagan. This is a very rewarding experience—knowing that you are helping the most impoverished children all around the world survive. Sign up on the kiosk to join us. If it's your first time, or if you need a ride, check the box on the sheet.

**We have just a few tickets left for the St. Paul Saints baseball game on Friday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m.** at CHS Field in downtown St. Paul. The seats are \$16 per person (all ages). Tickets can be purchased in the Commons after worship this morning or from the church office this week. Because of the limited availability, it is first come first served, and we are not able to hold unpaid tickets for anyone.

**Camp in a Van registrations are now available!** From June 27 to July 1, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., our church becomes a summer camp with help of counselors from Clearwater Forest. Songs, snacks, stories, a campfire, cookout, a mission project and more await kids entering Preschool through 6th grade. The cost is \$40 for the entire week. Junior and Senior High Youth are encouraged to sign up as helpers. Camp registration forms can be found at the kiosk in the Commons.

**Now is a good time to join in on a Bible Study class** on Wednesdays, 9 a.m. or 7 p.m. A new study begins June 1 and we'd love to have you join us!