

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison) The Apostles' Creed
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended
into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he
shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe
in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the
resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Pastoral Joys and Concerns of the Church

Prayer for the People and Lord's Prayer Choral Amen
**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.**

Call to Stewardship
All undesignated cash goes to the Compassion Fund.

Offertory *Morecambe*
"Spirit of God"
Sanctuary Choir

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, strength to me impart,
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
All your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek you and, O let me find!

Teach me to love you as your angels love,
one holy passion filling all my frame:
The baptism of the heaven-descended dove.
My heart and altar, and your love the flame! Amen!

*Congregational Response Hymn 606 *Old Hundredth*
Doxology
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*Hymn 295 *Sine Nomine*
"Go to the World!"

*Invitation to Discipleship

*Charge and Benediction

*Closing Choral Response *Jonathan's Tune*
"O Day of Joy and Wonder!"
Sanctuary Choir

O day of joy and wonder! Christ's promise now fulfilled:
The coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed.
Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost,
Yet come in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost.

*Peace of Christ
The peace of Christ be with you
And also with you

*Closing Voluntary Douglas E. Wagner
"You Shall Go Out with Joy!"

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

June 9, 2019

10:40 A.M.

Pentecost

**The congregation is invited to stand as music begins.
Additional worshipers may enter as the congregation sings.*

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome to worship at Grace First Presbyterian Church! As we light the Christ Candle, we are reminded that Jesus is the light of the world. As we pour the Baptismal Waters in the Font, we recall our baptism and newness of life. As we bring in the Bible, we remember the centrality of the Word. We worship our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. ***(Please sign the attendance register, pass it down the pew, and then back so everyone can greet those worshiping near you.)***

Gathering Around the Word

Opening Voluntary Healey Willan
“Holy Ghost, with Light Divine”

Entrance of Baptismal Water and The Christ Light
Chimes and the Entrance of the Bible

Call to Worship (Responsive)

How manifold are your works, O Lord!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth
is full of your creatures.**

You send forth your spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Ebenezer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Without your power, O God, we are lost. We have
done the things we would avoid, and what you desire,
we have not done. By your purifying fire transform our
lives; guide us into honesty and compassion so that
filled with your peace our dreams and visions may be
one with yours; through Jesus Christ, we pray...**

Silent Confession...

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Congregational Response Hymn 288 *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.

Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Music Ministry

John Purifoy

“Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
Sanctuary Choir

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
our light and comfort from above.

Be Thou our guardian, Thou our Guide
o’er every thought and step preside.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
nor let us from His precepts stray.

Lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.

The light of Truth to us display,
and make us know and choose the Way.

Plant holy fear in every heart,
that we from Thee may ne’er depart.

Lead us to heaven that we may share
fullness of joy forever there.

Lead us to God, our final rest,
to be with Him forever blest.

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
our light and comfort from above.

Children’s Time

The Rev. David A. Slyter

Children’s Worship

*Children up through 5th grade may leave the Sanctuary
at this time. Following worship, parents should
pick up their child in room 6.*

First Reading

Various Texts

The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Pew Bible Page 555

Cantor: Deb Kaiser

Refrain John Goss
Arr. Hal H. Hopson

God the Spir - it dwells a - mong us.
Al - le - lu - ia. A - men!

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Second Reading

Acts 2:1-21

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The Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

Spirit