



WELCOME

GREAT TO SEE YOU.

*First Presbyterian Church*

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 24, 2026



Welcome to this sanctuary.  
Welcome to this time of worship and wonder.  
Welcome to this family of faith.

We're glad you're here today and pray that your experience with us in worship is both challenging and uplifting!

*Our ushers are available to assist you as needed.*

For more information about First Presbyterian Church, we invite you to visit our website. There you will find out the ways to keep in touch, how we live our faith, our different partnerships and so much more.

Our website address is: [www.firstpresracine.org](http://www.firstpresracine.org)

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## *Today's Service*

PASTOR—*Rev. Catherine Neal*

LITURGIST—*Ko Kryger*

MUSICIANS—*Alejandro Alumbrosos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus*

MEDIA TECH SPECIALIST—*Steve Comeau*

\*Please stand as you are able.

**[Bold type]** indicates text to be spoken by the congregation.

***[Bold italic type]*** indicates song to be sung by the congregation.

# We Gather to Worship

*As a courtesy to everyone, please mute your mobile device.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Ko Kryger*

*Welcome! May you find God's love, peace, grace, and joy as we worship today.*

## PRELUDE

**Spark** | *Gordon Badgett*

## REFLECTION POEM

**The Holy Spirit** | *Edda Dr*

The Holy Spirit, a force unseen.  
A presence felt, yet not yet gleaned.  
A guiding light, a source of hope.  
In darkest hours, it helps us cope.  
It moves within us, like a gentle breeze.  
A whisper soft, that puts our hearts at ease.  
And though we cannot see it's face,  
It's touch is felt in every place.  
It's the voice that speaks within our heart.  
A wisdom deep, that never departs.  
A counsel wise that guides us well.  
A light that shines, in darkest hell.  
It fills us up, with love divine.  
A force so strong, it's hard to define.  
And though it's something  
we can't explain.

It's power move, like a mighty train.  
It's the fire that burns within our soul.  
A passion strong, that makes us whole.  
And though we may be battered and torn.  
It's love will heat, and make us reborn.  
So let us open up our hearts.  
And let the Holy Spirit do it's part.  
For it is a force so pure and bright.  
That fills our lives with love and light.

## \*OPENING HYMN

**Spirit of the Living God**

[GtG Hymn #288]

*Alejandro Alumbremos, Mark Paffrath, Pat Badger, Dave Titus*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome this Sunday morning, this Pentecost Sunday, a special event in the life of the church. We have come together to worship God.

**We have made a conscious decision to gather and sing in the name of the Lord**

It is a tremendous day in our church history for on this day in the scripture of Acts, God demonstrated God's Grace that preceded human decision.

**We have made a conscious decision to gather in prayer asking for God's help**

It is the time when God's grace prepares our hearts and enables us to respond to God and be God's people in the kingdom.

**We make a conscious decision to come to know God better through God's Word**

**We do all this by worshiping this morning in love, hope, and peace. Shall we begin.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We are called to be in the image of our Triune God, but we are humans and easily fall away from God's image and as God's people that God called us into being. We have forsaken God's love, invested our time and talents that work against God's call for us as God's community, as God's kingdom We tend to be exclusive rather than inclusive. We tend to be self seeking leaning toward righteousness rather than a people of compassion. We tend to hoard rather than share the resources God has provided rather than share with all. Turn us back into your image God. Turn us back into your community, promoting your kingdom as intended. Turn our eyes, ears, and heart into the people you know we can be, Amen.**

\*ACT OF PRAISE

**Dona nobis pacem**  
[GtG Hymn #752 x3]

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem.*  
*Dona nobis pacem.*

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem.*  
*Dona nobis pacem.*

*Dona nobis pacem, pacem.*  
*Dona nobis pacem.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

As Christ welcomed everyone,  
no matter what their background or social standing;  
as Christ welcomed enemies & friends,  
outcasts & leaders, foreigners & neighbors,  
let us open our hearts and homes and lives.

Let us be like Christ to everyone we meet.

Peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

# Proclaiming the Word

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21  
[NT 119]

SERMON

**GA 227 is coming, will it be a Pentecostal Moment?**  
*Rev. Catherine Neal*

# Responding to the Word

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

**Holy Spirit** | *Francesca Battistelli, arr. Phillip Keveren*

\*SONG OF RESPONSE

**God of the Sparrow**  
[GtG Hymn #22]

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Taken from a portion of "A Proposed New Confession  
for the PC(USA) February 20, 2026"*

Before us, beneath us, beyond us ever creating  
God breathes life into all that is,  
Rejoicing in its abundant goodness,  
All of creation sings praise to God  
**As members of this wondrous creation,  
Who have also come to know God through or Lord Jesus Christ  
We know we are blessed in God's Grace and Love, Amen!**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

**Le Onde** | *Ludovico Einaudi*

\*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!***

# Going Forth to Minister

\*CLOSING HYMN

**Every Time I Feel the Spirit**  
[GtG Hymn #66]

\*BENEDICTION

\*SUNG BLESSING / POSTLUDE

**We Will Go Out with Joy**  
[GtG Hymn #539]

*We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
We will go out with God.  
We will go out with joy in the Spirit,  
We will go out with God.  
Alleluia! We will go out with joy.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,  
Sing a new song of joy.  
Now anyone who's born of the Spirit,  
Sing a new song of joy.  
Alleluia! We will go out with joy.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*We will go out with joy in the Spirit;  
We will go out with God.  
We will go out with joy in the Spirit,  
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### *Mission Initiative*

This year the Hand of Hope/One Great Hour of Sharing campaign will benefit four worthy organizations. Your donation will help to answer God's call to us: "To act justly...to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

The organizations are Royal Family KIDS Camp, Women's Resource Center, Cuba Partners Network and One Great Hour of Sharing. Visit our webpage: [firstpresracine.org/donate](http://firstpresracine.org/donate), to give online. Then click on SECURE GIVING THRU PAYPAL and select *OGHS/Hand of Hope* from the dropdown list. Checks can also be added to the offering collection on Sundays (payable to First Presbyterian Church with a note in the memo area *OGHS/Hand of Hope*). Donations will be accepted through June 21<sup>st</sup>. At the conclusion of the campaign, checks will be distributed to these worthy organizations.

*Thank you!*

Please review the prayer list to see if there is anyone who can be removed from the list or should someone be added. If there are changes to be made, please reach out to Theresa or Shelley.

Thank you!

## *Prayer Matters*

Heartfelt thoughts & prayers for all who have recently lost a friend or family member. May they know peace and comfort during these difficult times.

Prayers of comfort & healing for Jennifer Humphreys, Sheila and Shelley Lawrence, Don Tobias, Pam Simpson, Vi Shufelt, Peggy Taylor, Ed Lehmann, Austin Moulds, Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey, Sandra Hopkins, Barb Stevenson, Kay Mahl, Leah Fisher, Evelyn Vanderheyden; and an unspoken prayer for a church member.

As they deal with physical, emotional and/or spiritual issues, please pray for Mark—son of Sharon Campbell and Susan—sister of Sharon Campbell; the brother of Carol Lee Saffioti-Hughes; Baby Hazel—grandniece of Carrie & Kathi; Nancy—mother of Gloria Zember; John—husband of Sandy Hawley; Johan—brother of Cecilia Andersson; Chad—son of Sheila Lawrence; Mary Ann—mother of Cheryl Nitz; Amy—daughter of Jim & Bonnie Eastman; Elena & Ezequiel Romero—parents of Deb Utley; Masako—mother of Fumi Nakayama; John—son of Mac & Marilyn MacCaughey; friends and family of the Lehmanns; Meyer Schaal; Chuck—husband of Sue Pehlivanian; Jack Flynn and Mary—sister of Gretchen Hermann; Scott Mohn—friends of the Paffrath family; the paternal grandfather of Autumn Eifert; Ramona, Steve, Susan, Sandra, John, Liz and Gabby—friends & family of the Galles; air traffic controllers..

Prayers for those in the service — Evan Humphreys, Col. Jay Brooke, Jared Smith, Jordan Smith, Nicholas Hansen.

*Thank you for your continued prayers for everyone.  
They are powerful!*

# UPDATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun., May 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> 10:40 <sup>AM</sup>	Pentecost Sunday Worship Fellowship
Mon., May 25 <sup>th</sup>		Memorial Day
Tues., May 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 <sup>AM</sup> 7:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Delivery for Food Pantry Session Meeting
Wed., May 27 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 <sup>PM</sup>	Food Pantry
Sun., May 31 <sup>st</sup>	9:30 <sup>AM</sup> 10:15 <sup>AM</sup>	Sunday Worship FPC / OBUUC Fellowship

## **First Presbyterian / OBUUC Combined Fellowship Next Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Planned by the "sowers" from both congregations, this Sunday is a special chance to mingle and learn more about each other. The day will unfold in this way:

9:30-10:00<sup>AM</sup> — First Presbyterian Sunday Service

10:15-11:15<sup>AM</sup> — Combined Fellowship of All of US!

11:30-12:00<sup>PM</sup> — OBUUC Sunday Service

In addition to bringing yourself—snacks, salads, sundries, cookies, pies, vegetables, fruits, and treats are mightily anticipated and warmly welcome.