

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN



CHURCH IN GERMANTOWN

MAY 31, 2020

ALIVE,

CELEBRATING

& SERVING

THE LIVING LORD!

*The mission of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown
is to reflect the loving presence of Christ
as we serve others faithfully, worship God joyfully and share life together
in a diverse and generous community.*

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Faith @ 5:00p.m. Service

*"It certainly must help us if we recognize that it is the presence of the Holy Spirit which creates a unity
which we can never create." - Rev. Roland Allen, English missionary*

ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM
GATHERING AS GOD'S FAMILY

Prelude: *Toccata in F Major*

C.M. WIDOR

Welcome and Announcements

†*Call to Worship

Rev. Kevin Porter

One: There is no fear the Holy Spirit cannot overcome. There is no door the Spirit of grace cannot breach. This is good news indeed. With rushing wind and holy fire...

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: With tongues of flame and hopes rekindled...

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: With visions birthed and dreams restored...

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: With spacious grace and depth untold...

Many: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

One: With rushing wind and holy fire...

All: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

*Hymn 128: *On Pentecost They Gathered*

MUNICH

https://hymnary.org/text/on_pentecost_they_gathered

CONFESSING OUR SINS TO GOD

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, we have often failed to be receptive to the power of your Holy Spirit. Fearful of true unity, our words have often confused rather than clarified, hurt rather than healed, and divided rather than united your people. In your never failing grace, bestow the wondrous gift of your Spirit among us. Forgive us when we turn away from oneness and wholeness, and save us from the terrible toll of apathy and neglect. May we constantly sing your praises, honoring Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and in all circumstances.

Silent Meditation

Assurance of Pardon

†*Congregational Response 579: *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father

And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now,

And ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

†*Sharing the Peace of Christ

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Arlene Grace

The First Lesson: Numbers 11:24-30

Page 125 OT

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

People: Thanks be to God!

A Time for Children

Anthem: *For Everyone Born*

Shirley Erena Murray

Margaret Mezzacappa, mezzo soprano

The Second Lesson: Acts 1:1-21

Rev. Rebecca Segers

Pages 110-111 NT

Leader: God, we thank you for your Word.

People: The story of your grace.

Sermon: **SPIRIT FILLED!**

Rev. Rebecca Segers

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

A Time for Meditation on the Word

*Hymn 315: *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PENTECOST

https://hymnary.org/text/upon_the_mountain_when_my_lord_spoke

*Affirmation of Faith—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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*Hymn 398: *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

<https://genius.com/The-imperials-sweet-sweet-spirit-lyrics>

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Rebecca Segers

*Congregational Response: #587

Jester Hairston

Postlude: *Toccata on Great Day*

Adolphus Hailstork