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**May 19 2024 • 10:00 AM
Pentecost Sunday**



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PENTECOST + 2024

First Presbyterian Church • Cedar Rapids • Iowa

Our Order of Service

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Hashivenu* Handbell Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *Sing and Rejoice This Sabbath Day*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All together in one place;

they heard the rush of a violent wind;

it filled the entire house.

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;

they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Come Holy Spirit, rest now upon us.

Bring us your energy. Help us see visions. Help us dream dreams.

*HYMN *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1,2,4)* #291

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

...moment of silent confession...

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

As Peter spoke to the crowd gathering in the streets "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

*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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning was the Word,

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1 John 4:4-21 (p 1067)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:1-21 (p 948)

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,

Thanks be to God!

SERMON To the church of God in...*Ephesus*
Encouraging Love Rev. Heather Hayes

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN *Loving Spirit* #293

CONFIRMATION AND WELCOME TO MEMBERSHIP

Words of Introduction

Presentation of the Candidates

Questions of Faith

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - 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.

Questions of Commitment

For the congregation...

Do you, the members of First Presbyterian, gathered both in this sanctuary and online, do you promise to continue your support and guidance of these young persons- recognizing their gifts, welcoming them into fellowship, learning with them in faith, working beside them in ministry, and encouraging them always to follow Christ and be faithful members of this church?

Will you allow yourself to be changed, shaped and transformed by these new members, living into our called identity as a beloved community of God?

Prayer & Blessing

Congregational Welcome

Worship begins as you enter the sanctuary. The prelude provides time for quiet, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Bold print indicates where the congregation speaks together.

*Please stand if able

Visiting Today?

We'd like to get to know you, so please fill out your name and contact information on the fellowship pads as they are passed among the pews during today's service. When the pad comes back to the end of the pew, you can remove the information sheet to be placed in the offering plate later.

During the passing of the peace, we share signs of peace and welcome others in our pews. Please turn to those around you as we celebrate God's peace among

Need a quiet spot for you and your child during the service? We have the nursery open for those littles who might need space for quiet or room to wiggle. Located on the second floor in the Sunday School wing.

We invite children to come to the front at this time for their own special message. At the conclusion of children's time, kids 5th grade and under are invited to join us upstairs for Sunday School. An adult will be at the back of the sanctuary to escort kids to their room.

In Presbyterian tradition, we often baptize infants as an acknowledgment that they are part of the covenant of faith. The parents profess faith on behalf of the child, and they promise to raise the child in the faith until the child can make his or her own profession of faith. The church also makes promises to help instruct the child in the faith.

By choosing to participate in confirmation, a young person receives specific instruction in the faith with the goal of helping them make their own decision to accept the faith in which they were raised as their own.

Confirmation then is a continuation of the faith journey that began at baptism and continues throughout their whole lives. It is an opportunity to celebrate the youth of our church, their decision to make a public profession of faith, and to recognize the gifts they bring to our community. It is also a time to remember our own baptismal covenant and the faith we profess in Jesus Christ, recommitting ourselves to greater spiritual growth and discipleship.

Congratulations Confirmands

Eli Davis

Elizabeth Shoemaker

Ben Snapp

Peyten Weldon

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday May 19

Confirmation Sunday

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am Nursery

9:00 Insight Adult Education

10:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

2:30 pm SEMP Prep

3:30-6:00 SEMP Set up, Serve Meals,
Clean up

Monday May 20

9:00 am Bridge

12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

6:30 pm Evening Book Group

Tuesday May 21

5:30 pm Administrative Commission

Wednesday May 22

12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

2:00 pm Mahjong

6:00 pm Middle School

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 Dinner for Youth

7:00 pm Confirmation

7:30 pm High School Youth

Friday May 24

12:30 pm Food Bank Hospitality

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Senior Recognition

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*The offertory for today was arranged by Scott Shoemaker
for the 2024 Confirmation Class*

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**You have blessed us, Holy God, with gifts from your Spirit,
gifts of service and for sharing. May the gifts we share today
be used in service of your kingdom and for the building of
beloved community. Amen.**

***HYMN** *Go To the World*

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BENEDICTION

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** *Let Us Go Forth Gladly*

POSTLUDE *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" - arr: M. Burkhardt*

Leading In Worship

Pastor - Heather Hayes

Organist - Ted Cronbaugh

Director of Music- Fred Kiser

Liturgist - Laura Behrens

Ushers & Greeters: Cheryl Stramel, Bob Latham, Sue Latham,
Roxi McCrane