

The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman, NJ

Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 23, 2021 • 10 AM • Rev. Drew Harrison

For Prayer and Contemplation

“There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things.” – *Niccolo Machiavelli*

Welcome & Sharing Information Please sign the Fellowship Pad.

Prelude “Festivo” – Wagner - *Tyler Bell Choir*

Call to Worship

One: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

All: **Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!**

One: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds

All: **Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.**

One: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

All: **Make us people who will proclaim God’s good news in all that we do. Amen.**

*Hymn No. 408 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Prayer of Confession (BCW)

Merciful God,

You poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues and ready ears.

We confess that we ignore your Spirit among us; we are silent about you when we should speak, and listen to almost any voice but your own.

We do not listen for your word of grace which invites us;

We do not speak the good news of your love which invites others.

Have mercy on us, O God.

(silence for individual prayers of confession)

Gracious God,

Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit.

Fill us with a flaming desire

to be a believing and witnessing people,

doing your will

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance

One: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Jesus has poured himself out for our forgiveness,
and made us right in the eyes of God.

Know this and be at peace.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Hymn No. 591 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

“Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!”

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Time with Children

Scripture Acts 2:1-21 (NT 119 • LP 144-5)

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “The Big Bang” - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and

neighbor, and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit-

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the

Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage...

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,

praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Thanksgiving for Service

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*Doxology No. 606

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.

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Eternal God, creator of the world, and giver of all good. We

thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life.

We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who brought us

healing and redemption. We give our gifts and ourselves to

you, in joyful thanks and praise. Amen.

The 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.

*Hymn No. 288 “Spirit of the Living God”

*Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 240** (v2) "Alleluia, Alleluia"

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name. Spread the good news o'er all the earth. Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.

Postlude "New Songs of Celebration Render" - Phillips

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

<i>Thank you to our Worship Servers</i>
Liturgist Suzanne Carson
Ushers Vicki Downing Jeff Downing



Music Notes

Today's prelude was composed by Douglas E. Wagner, an internationally recognized composer and arranger from Chicago, Illinois whose career in music education and administration spanned thirty years. The postlude is Craig Phillips' 2020 setting of a 16th century hymn tune, "Rendez a Dieu." We thank the members of the Tyler Bell Choir for their special music this morning!

<i>This</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Sunday</i> May 23	10 AM worship service 2 PM Deacons Meeting	
<i>Monday</i> May 24	7 PM Worship Committee 8 PM Compline	
<i>Tuesday</i> May 25	8 PM Compline	
<i>Wednesday</i> May 26	8 PM Compline	
<i>Thursday</i> May 27	8 AM Trustees Meeting 8 PM Compline	
<i>Friday</i> May 28	8 PM Compline	
<i>Saturday</i> May 29		
<i>Sunday</i> May 30	10 AM Worship Service 2 PM Deacons Meeting	

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