



In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

June 8, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Pentecost

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, please silence your cell phone.

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Feria Pentecostes

Camille Saint-Saëns

Words of Welcome

Song of Gathering

Hymn 320, stanza 1

**The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.**

And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Call to Worship

Come, let us live by the Spirit.

Let us bear fruit as we are called.

We will practice love, joy, peace,

Patience, kindness, generosity,

Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Let us be guided by the Spirit in unity.

*Hymn 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

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*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**God of new life, we live as though you are still in the grave.
We do not rejoice in the good news of liberation for all people
without exception. We continue to sin against you and our
neighbors by our actions and our failure to act. Shake us out
of our complacency, cleanse our hearts of selfishness, and
make us joyful participants in the work of bringing about
your reign in the world today.**

*Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

**Those who are able may stand.*

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, check in on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram (firstpresathensga).

On Pentecost They Gathered was written to fill what the author perceived as a gap in hymns concerning the Holy Spirit and Pentecost. It is set to a 17th-century German tune from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

At “The Peace,” worshipers are invited to greet each other by saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and responding, “And also with you.”

All children are invited to remain in worship on Sunday mornings with family during the summer months.

Lay Reader:
Dan Nadenicek

The anthem is a 19th-century text by Thomas T. Lynch, with an added stanza by the composer, set to a Gregorian chant tune in an arrangement by contemporary American composer K. Lee Scott.

Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song is set to a pre-existing tune. The text uses a series of images and a grounding refrain, all addressing how, to whom, and why the Spirit comes.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

David Ogden



***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

PROSPECT

**Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope,
lift up my eyes; eternal power, be my support;
eternal wisdom, make me wise.**

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-4, page 994

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I could gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now they try to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ’s sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Second Lesson

Galatians 5:16-26, page 1064

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

We’ve Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 314**

Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song

BRIDEGROOM

***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, (cont.)**

**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.**

**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.**

***Doxology** Hymn 592
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.

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

***Congregational Response** Hymn 535
 Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
 through this and every coming day,
 that in your Spirit strong and true
 our lives may be our gift to you.

Next to the Nicene Creed, The Apostles' Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. Although not written by apostles, it reflects the theological formulations of the first century church. Arising from an early baptismal creed, it underwent development, attaining its present form in the eighth century.



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Come Down, O Love Divine was originally an Italian sacred song from around the 14th century, translated into English in the 19th. It became known after being paired with the tune, named for the composer's (Ralph Vaughan Williams) birthplace.

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A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Whitney Booth Lockard, *Associate Pastor*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*

Lay Reader
Dan Nadenicek

USHERS

John Simpson (head),
Jimbo LaBoon, Randy Dudley

GREETER

Svea Bogue

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN

Bryan Owens

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Justin Winstanley

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God.

JUNE FLOWER TEAM

Tootsie Adams, Susan Banister, Page Pate

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium, on Facebook, and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

Pentecost Offering

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. By donating to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

This year, your Mission and Outreach Commission has selected the Clarke County Mentor Program (CCMP) to receive a portion of the Pentecost offering (40%). Their mission is “to recruit, train, and support community volunteers to mentor Clarke County School District children in order to help them reach their full potential.” Starting with a group of only 30 people in 1991, today CCMP serves hundreds of children in Athens-Clarke County with mentors from our local community and the University of Georgia. The remaining 60% is used to support children at risk, youth and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Please mail your check to the church office, or go to our website firstpresathens.org/giving, then select “Pentecost Offer” under “Select a Fund.” Thank you for your generosity!

“Everybody Hurts (Sometimes)”

For three Sundays in June, the Congregational Care Commission will be offering a 3-week series called “Everybody Hurts (Sometimes)”. This series is back-by-popular-demand and will focus on three unique areas of human experience that are painful and challenging – we will hear personal stories, professional perspectives, and offer resources for continued healing.

The topics this year are: Suicide Prevention (June 15), Caregiving (June 22), and Aging (June 29). We will meet in the Moses Waddel Room from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each of those weeks, and light breakfast items will be available. Please reach out to Whitney (whitney@firstpresathens.org) with any questions -- we hope you will plan to join us for these important conversations.

Nursery and Children’s + Youth Sunday school will be offered during that time.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 8 - Day of Pentecost

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Mission & Outreach Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 11:30 a.m. Generosity Team Meeting, Moses Waddel Room
- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Monday, June 9

- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Tuesday, June 10

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. Summer Fellowship Outing, Ted's Most Best
- 6:00 p.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen

Wednesday, June 11

- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Cooking Classes, Fellowship Hall Breakout Area

Thursday, June 12

- 9:30 a.m. Campus Kitchen, Main Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Administration Commission Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. FARMRx Cooking Classes, Fellowship Hall Breakout Area

Sunday, June 15

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Everybody Hurts Series: Suicide Prevention, Moses Waddel Room

Come to the Well: Exploring God's Love Through Stories of Water

Save the date for our intergenerational VBS! All ages are welcome – there will be activities for kids, youth, and adults! Dates are July 13-16, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner is provided. The cost is \$25 per person to help provide materials and resources for our mission projects throughout the week. Payment can be made via our website (firstpresathens.org/giving, please select “VBS Fund” under “select a fund”) or mailed to the church office. You are invited to come to the well – all are welcome!

Please register at tinyurl.com/2025cometothewell. Questions? Contact Hannah Knight, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, at hannah@firstpresathens.org.

We need volunteers! If you can help us with art, recreation, worship, dinner, check-in/out, leading our littlest ones, or other tasks as needed, we'd be so grateful! Please visit tinyurl.com/FPCVBS25 to sign up.

Summer Choir

If you've ever wondered what it's like to sing in the choir, but have never done so, this may be a chance to give choir a “test drive.” If you would like to sing but can't make the commitment to Wednesday night rehearsals during the regular season, this is the time to join the choir. **Through August 17**, we will meet in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Singers may join for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. There is no obligation, but we do hope some will decide they enjoy singing in the choir enough to continue in the fall. Although this choir is made up mostly of adults, youth and children are also welcome. For more information, contact John Coble at jcoble@firstpresathens.org.

Summer Fellowship Outings

Summer is here! We hope you'll plan to join us for some (or all!) of these fun fellowship outings. Each of these is open to anyone who would like to attend – all ages and stages of our church family! Please RSVP to Whitney (whitney@firstpresathens.org) so we can keep a headcount and feel free to reach out with questions.

Tuesday, June 10 at 5:30 p.m. Downtown Dinner, Ted's Most Best (254 W. Washington St.)

Bring the whole family and head downtown for food, drink, and fun!

Saturday June 21 at 9:00 a.m. Kayaking on the Broad River

\$35 per person. Please e-mail Whitney to sign up *by June 16*.

Saturday, June 28 at 8:30 a.m. Biking on the Greenway

Bikers (all ages and abilities welcome!) can meet at the Sandy Creek Nature Center parking lot (205 Old Commerce Road). Bring your own bike, helmet, and water bottle.

Please contact Karen Phillips if you plan to join at shutterstitch@gmail.com.

Saturday, July 19 at 6:05 p.m. Gwinnett Stripers v. Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp (Triple-A baseball), Coolray Field (Lawrenceville, GA)

\$15 per person. Please e-mail Whitney *by July 1* to claim your spot!

Thursday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. Downtown Dinner, Creature Comforts Brewing Company (271 W. Hancock Ave)

Food truck, beverages (including n/a), and fun for everyone!

Tuesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. Trivia at Mellow Mushroom (320 E. Clayton St)

Bring your knowledge and competitive spirit for team trivia!

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On Pentecost They Gathered

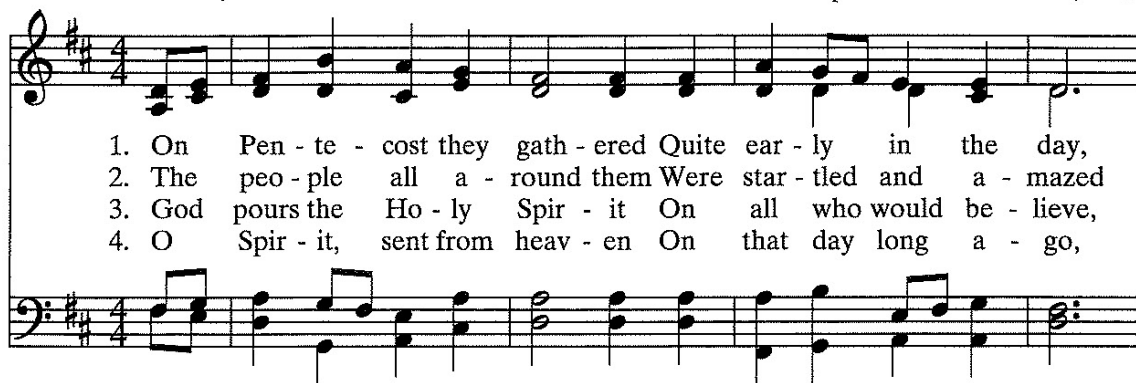
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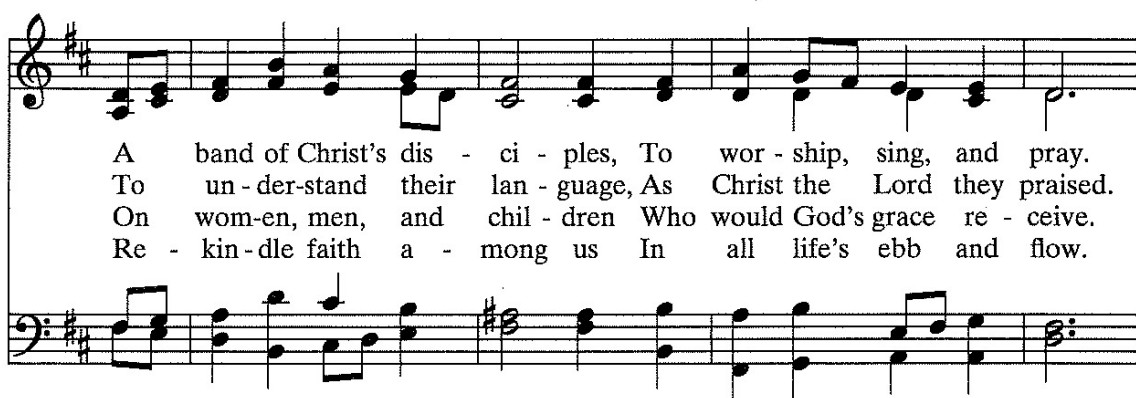
Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693

Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

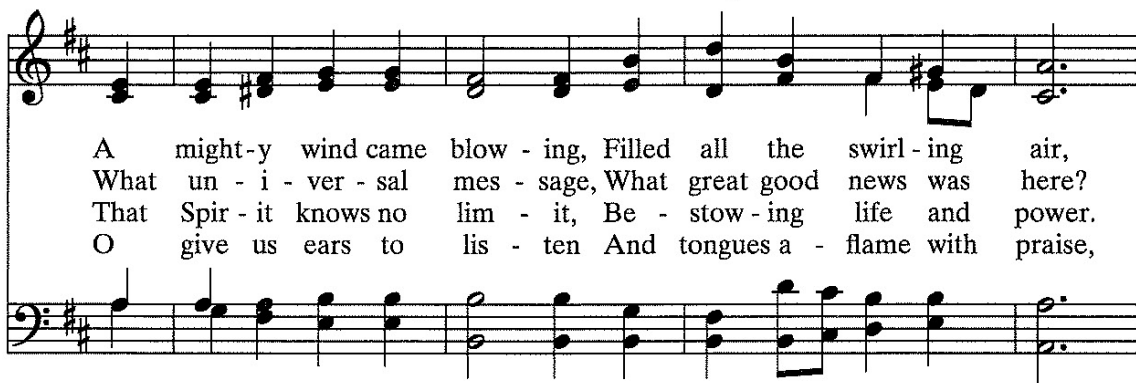
Jane Parker Huber, 1981



1. On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered Quite ear - ly in the day,
 2. The peo - ple all a - round them Were star - tled and a - mazed
 3. God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it On all who would be - lieve,
 4. O Spir - it, sent from heav - en On that day long a - go,



A band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, To wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 To un - der - stand their lan - guage, As Christ the Lord they praised.
 On wom - en, men, and chil - dren Who would God's grace re - ceive.
 Re - kin - dle faith a - mong us In all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, Filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, What great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, Be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten And tongues a - flame with praise,



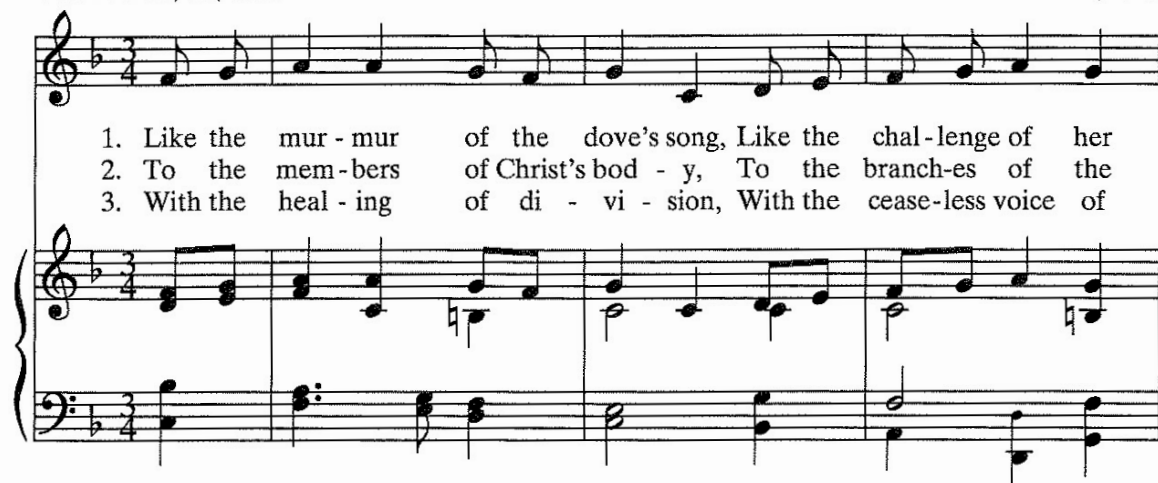
And tongues of fire a - glow - ing In - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en To van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, Re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 So folk of ev - ery na - tion Glad songs of joy shall raise.

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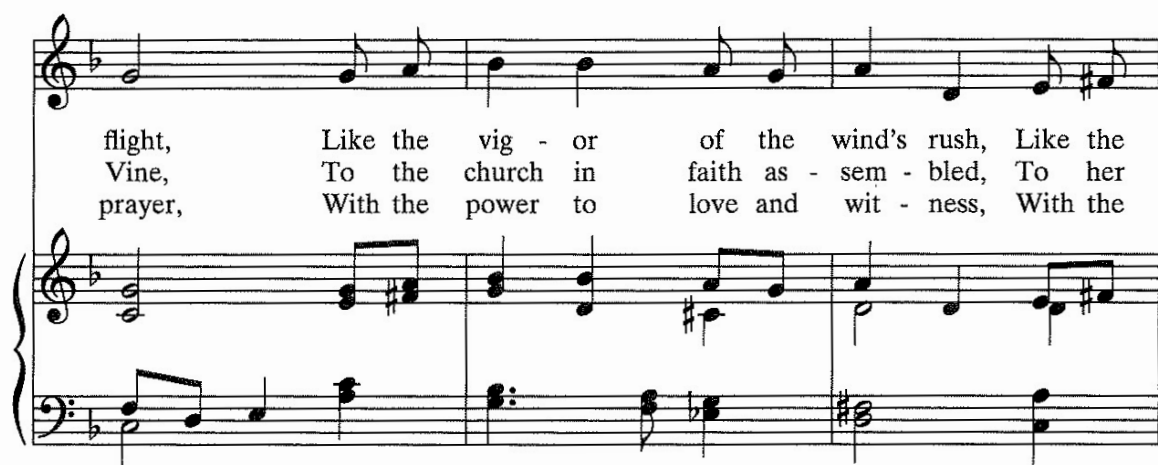
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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Peter Cutts, 1969



1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of



flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the



new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: peace be - yond com - pare:

Come Down, O Love Divine

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Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Trans. Richard Frederick Littledale, 1867; alt.

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1. Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek out this soul of mine
 2. O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3. And so the yearn - ing strong With which the soul will long

And vis - it it with Your own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 Shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Your glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, Till Love cre - ates a place

And kin - dle it, Your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.