

**Pentecost Sunday, Service of Ordination and Installation
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

WELCOME

We're delighted that you're here! Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubts, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that includes you.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Jesus, meine Zuversicht BWV 728* J. S. Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit
to be used for the common good.**
In gratitude for the gifts of the Spirit, let us worship God.

*HYMN 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* EBENEZER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of power, your Spirit created a church of great diversity and enabled believers to speak and understand every language. We confess that we avoid the challenge of diversity. We seek out those who look like us, and insist that others adjust to our language, customs, and viewpoint. Forgive our small-mindedness, and open our hearts, we pray. Train our ears to hear voices long silenced, and tune our tongues to learn the languages of others, so that, in listening and in speaking, we may be witnesses to your vision of beloved community.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA

*Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.*

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Genesis 11:1-9

ANTHEM *On Eagle's Wings* arr Benjamin Harlan

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21

Speaker One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

Choir: Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Speaker Three: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—

Choir: in our own languages we hear them speaking of God's deeds of power.

Speaker One: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

Congregation: **"What does this mean?"**

Speaker One: But others sneered and said,

Choir: "They are filled with new wine."

Speaker One: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

Speaker Two: "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.'"

Congregation: **Our sons and our daughters shall prophesy!**

Speaker Two: "Your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams."

Congregation: **We shall see visions! We shall dream dreams!**

Speaker Two: "Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

ALL: **Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved!"**

SERMON *Many Voices, One Message of Welcome* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
Logan Knight

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 301 *Let Us Build a House* vv.1-3 TWO OAKS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 8:14-17

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.
For we did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear,
but we have received a spirit of adoption.
When we cry, "Abba! Father!"
it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit
that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs,
heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—
if, in fact, we suffer with him
so that we may also be glorified with him.

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
PRESENTATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

Elders: Brandy Nix, Blake Westbrook, Scott Pierce, Matthew Parrish
Deacons: Shannon White, Casey Lee, Patt Woolverton

HYMN 301 *Let Us Build a House* vv. 4-5 TWO OAKS

FOCUS ON MISSION *Pentecost Offering*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS***

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. To be directed to our online giving site, scan here:



OFFERTORY *Fughetta in C* Buxtehude

***THE DOXOLOGY 609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise....
...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing
to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS 597 **Sanna, sannanina (Holy, Most Holy Lord)**
*Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna.
Sanna, sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna.
Sanna, sanna, sanna, sannanina, sanna
Sanna, sanna. Sanna, sanna, sanna,
Sannanina, sanna, sanna, sanna.*

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

To receive, please come forward to the station nearest you, take a piece of bread, dip it in the juice, and eat. The second station on each side contains Udi's gluten-free, dairy free bread.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* G. Torelli

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The LITURGIST for today is Scott Pierce.

Have you remembered the church in your will?

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

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