

# First Presbyterian Church

870 West College, Jacksonville, IL

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 2020

- **Look for the livestream video on our Facebook page** ([www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/](http://www.facebook.com/firstpresjax/)) The livestream will begin at 9:45am, and worship will begin at 10:00am.
- **Go to this link on our website** <http://firstpresjax.org/live/>

## ~ WE APPROACH GOD IN PRAISE AND CONFESSION ~

RINGING OF THE HOUR

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING

“Shine Jesus Shine”

Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 2, Psalm 104, Romans 8

Leader: Call upon God’s holy name.

**People: For in calling, we are saved.**

Leader: Listen for the wind of the Spirit.

**People: For in listening, we find new life.**

Leader: Respond to the promises of Christ.

**People: For in responding, we bring hope to our world.**

\*HYMN #744 (Purple)

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Festal Song

1 Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

2 Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

3 Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

4 Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Spirit of wind and flame, blow open the doors we erect to keep ourselves sealed off from your world. We long to be set free from the fears that jail us and to be released from chains that bind us. We yearn to draw near to your source of living water, and to drink deeply from its well. We want to be cleansed in your holy fire, and to be driven into the streets by your winds of grace. Come to us, and heal us once more, Mighty Spirit, that we may embrace your gifts in service to a world in need. Amen.**

\*SILENCE

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

Greatorex

**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.**

**~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-6, 12

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Michael Hassell

Soloist: Stephanie Soltermann

SCRIPTURE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O

my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

A TIME WITH CHILDREN

Donna and Allen Stare

SERMON

"Can These Bones Live?"

Rev. Jonathan Warren

\*THE APOSTLE'S 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN #286 (Purple)

"Breath on Me, Breath of God"

Trentham

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

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**~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE ~**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Spirit of the Living God"

Lani Smith

\*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For opening your hand, and blessing us with your manifold blessings, we give you thanks, O God. On this day of Pentecost, may our gifts bring dreams and visions to world in need of hope and direction. And may our hearts overflow with rivers of living water. Amen.**

~ THE SENDING ~

\*HYMN #772 (Purple)

"Live into Hope"

Truro

1 Live into hope of captives freed,  
of sight regained, the end of greed.  
The oppressed shall be the first to see  
the year of God's own jubilee!

3 Live into hope of liberty,  
the right to speak, the right to be,  
the right to have one's daily bread,  
to hear God's word and thus be fed.

2 Live into hope! The blind shall see  
with insight and with clarity,  
removing shades of pride and fear,  
a vision of our God brought near.

4 Live into hope of captives freed  
from chains of fear or want or greed.  
God now proclaims our full release  
to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #288 (Purple)

"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.**

POSTLUDE VOLUNTARY

"Nicaea"

Rick Deasley

~ TODAY'S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS ~

Pastoral Assistant: John Nelson

Director of Music & Organist: Christine Smith

Sound Technician: Steve Holt

Choir Director: Stephanie Soltermann

I am so very grateful for the leadership and discernment of our Session, and the understanding of our church family, as we continue to exercise the spiritual gifts of patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control. Our Elders have decided to continue with the suspension of the in-person worship at the church and any group meetings and will re-evaluate on or before June 16. The Session recognizes that in-person worship will need to be very different than it has before; and so, they are tasking the Worship and Music Committee this month to propose a measured and mindful plan. *Coming soon to a mailbox near you: a brief two-page June Newsletter with a pastor note, session highlights, and more!*

*Blessings, Rev. Jonathan Warren*

## ~ PRAYER REQUESTS ~

**Megan Clemmons**, great-niece of Mable Simmons; **Heather Cole**, sister of Helen Cole Kuhn; **Lila Feary**, aunt of Alexa Crumley; **Karen & Larry Ladd**; **Tim Olson**; **Richard Mansell**; **Shirley Husa**; **Lee Spencer**, Clayton's father; **LaNise Kirk**; **Bertha Bucy**, Mike's mother; **Sue Linde**; **Linda Noble**, Barb Bucy's sister; **Ted and Linda Birdsell**; **Sam and Sue Scheets**; **Mona Cody**; **Mari and Cornell Kane**; **Billy Hollendonner**; **Jennifer Bible**; **Bob Sibert**; **Sharon Belokas**; **Herb Hedstrom**, friends of Lynne Sheaff; **John Roegge**; **Dorothy Taylor**, Diane Hollendonner's mother; **Michael Ladd**; **Ernie Bucy**, Mike's uncle; **Joy and Mike Tiffany** at the death of her father, Earl Innes; **Mary Sies**; **Marci Wemhoener and family** at the death of her grandmother, Mildred Krigbaum; **Guy Crumley**; **Judy Vieira and Mary Read** at the death of their sister, Wilma Walker; **Martin Family** at the death of Benjamin Martin, Mike Bucy's nephew. Special prayer requests from the congregation: For the leaders of our country and the scientists, medical personnel & researchers working toward finding a solution to this pandemic. Comfort for the sick, those with coronavirus and those staying safe from COVID19; those grieving lost loved ones and friends; those feeling lonely and depressed.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

### TODAY

9:45 am – Live-Stream begins

10:00 am – Worship – Pentecost with special guests Valerie & Jay for Children's Time - recorded live from our church sanctuary (live feed begins at 9:45 am) See details below on ways to worship

11:00 am – Virtual Coffee hour (Immediately following worship)

### TUESDAY

7:00 pm – Youth Committee Zoom Meeting

7:30 pm – Zoom Youth Group

### WEDNESDAY

5:30 pm – Building & Grounds Zoom Meeting

### THURSDAY

7:00 pm - Children's Ministry Zoom Meeting

### NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 am – Live-Stream begins

10:00 am – Worship – Communion - recorded live from our church sanctuary

11:00 am – Virtual Coffee hour (Immediately following worship)

### MORE WAYS TO WORSHIP

- **Listen to the sermons:** [Google Podcast](#) | [Apple Podcast](#) | [Spotify](#) (recorded and available later. Click the links or go to our website to listen [www.firstpresjax.org](http://www.firstpresjax.org))
- If you are still unable to worship with us with any of these options, please call the office at (217-245-4189) and we will send you a printed bulletin, sermon and/or CD.

*Note: we will email the bulletins on Fridays and post a pdf link on our website and Facebook.*

**PREPARING COMMUNION FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7** - We will share together virtual Communion in our online worship service on June 7. Before the time of the service you should prepare bread or a substitute like crackers and a cup or small cups of juice or a substitute like wine or water. Before worship on Sunday morning, set these elements where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. Additionally, you may want to put them on a special cloth or fabric, light a candle, and/or place a flower beside the bread and the cup. Thank you for your preparation.

**ANNOUNCING DIY VBS:** Even though we're apart, God is with us just as God has always been. Let's celebrate the nearness of God in an upcoming unique Do-It-Yourself Vacation Bible School, honoring the "Pioneers of Faith." This intergenerational, blended (half on site, half virtual) experience is sure to delight our entire congregation when it begins toward the end of June. God is with us; we are never alone!

**SUNDAY VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR** – Immediately following worship on Sunday, we invite everyone to share virtual coffee and donuts via zoom video conference. Join by clicking the link below and follow instructions to open meeting, or by calling the telephone number. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/288470660?pwd=TFFzM2ErakVBSEdMamQ2aVM5aHZYUT09>  
Call 312-626-6799, enter meeting ID and Password below:  
Meeting ID: 288 470 660 Password: 017724

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