

Worship in the Park

May 19th, 2024

Day of Pentecost



First Presbyterian Church of Fort Thomas

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow, Interim Pastor

Dave Zeng, Music Director

Scott Bailey, Guest Pianist

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: All together in one place;

All: they heard the rush of a violent wind;

One: it filled the entire house.

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

One: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Opening Hymn

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
on women, men and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

*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 kin-dom to come. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness

Hymn #240, Chorus

**“Alleluia Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Praise to His name.”**

Greeting in Christ's Name

In this Easter Season we greet each other with the ancient call and response:
Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Time with our Children

Pastor Amy

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Altered by The Spirit”

Rev. Dr. Amy Snow

Hymn of Response

“Come O Spirit Dwell Among Us”

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Corner stone,
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yester years;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us fire by night and cloud by day.

Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One; what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the give of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Call for the offering

Offertory

Doxology

Hymn #608

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore.”

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People 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. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O Day of Joy and Wonder”

O day of joy and wonder! Christ’s promise now fulfilled;
The coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed.
Our Lord inhuman body to mortal eye is lost,
Yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost.

The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare;
That those who once were cowards are brave beyond compare;
And tongues, which could not utter their faith in Jesus’ name,
Defy all persecution God’s glory to proclaim!

We too may know your power; your courage makes us strong.
Your love, your joy, your patience can all to us belong.
Come now and dwell within us, O comforter divine.
Come to our hearts, and keep them; there let your brightness shine.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

“Siyahamba”

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of, the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

...We are dancing

...We are praying

...We are singing

Postlude

Scott Bailey

This liturgy was written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.

On the Prayer List This Week: Sally Reusch, Jane Reusch, Cindy Roth, Gary Shields, Jim Eckerle, Joe Murphy, The Dickman Family, Mollie Heister, Ken Alexander, Ann Deering, Family of Ruthanne Conley, Kris

Remember Our Members in Caring Facilities:

The Barrington: John Alexander, Barb Manyet, Gloria Gray

Carmel Manor: Jane Reusch

Hyde Park Health Center: Carol Warf

Highlandspring: Kathy Clixby, Ann Deering

Inspirations: Corinne White

Providence Pavillion: Betsy Evans

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Office Hours, 9-12

Wed. 5/22

Office Hours, 9-12

Thurs. 5/23

Office Hours, 9-12



If you would like to order flowers for Sunday morning, please contact Whitney Dolph at dolph.whit@gmail.com or 859-445-7369

The Manyet Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, May 29th at 7pm at Donna Baxter's house. We'll be discussing His Promised Land, an autobiography of John P. Parker, former slave and conductor on the underground railroad, edited by Stuart Seely Sprague. If you have any questions, please contact Donna.





Mark your calendars for these two events sponsored by the Mission & Outreach Team

Northern KY PRIDE Parade

Sunday, June 2nd, 11:30am, parade course is through Covington Mainstrasse

Cincinnati PRIDE Parade

We will be handing out water and FPC information. More details to follow...Contact anyone on Mission & Outreach if you're interested:

Julia Barr, Martha Goldbeck, Cathy Newman, Barb Deering, Lois Rogers



Sponsored by Mission & Outreach

We are participating in the Freestore Foodbank's 21st Annual Hunger Walk & 5K Run on Monday, May 27th. Please consider joining Team Brighton Center and making a donation to help fight hunger in our community. One community, one goal: end hunger! Sign up at freestorefoodbank.org and be sure to choose Brighton Center as your team. It is \$40 per person with a t-shirt, \$30 without.



Ruling Elder Training

June 14th, 2024 ~ 9am-1pm

Location: TBD



Interested in being able to serve Communion at your church? Curious about PC(USA) Polity?

Join us at our back-to-back training:

Sacraments

Rev. Erwin Goedicke

Polity

Rev. Sharon Carter

RSVP by June 1st to Bud Babcock, bud@cpresby.org



God Goes Green Camp

June 11th, 18th, 25th
July 9th, 16th
5:30-7:30

God Goes Green Camp is a program for ages PREK to ADULT. Everyone can explore what it means to have compassion for themselves, others, and the world. For information and registration, check out:

<https://bit.ly/godgoesgreen>



Alli Sower is graduating from Highlands High School and will be attending Western Kentucky in the fall.

Eldra Goode is graduating from Wyoming High School and will be attending Tufts University in the fall. They intend to study biochemistry and continue to pursue acting and music as extracurricular activities.

Shea Vogel is graduating from Campbell County High School. She will be working for Head Start and begin training to be a Health Tech.

Jenna Sower is graduating from Western Kentucky with a Bachelor's of Science in Elementary Education. She will be working on her Masters at WKU and student teaching.

