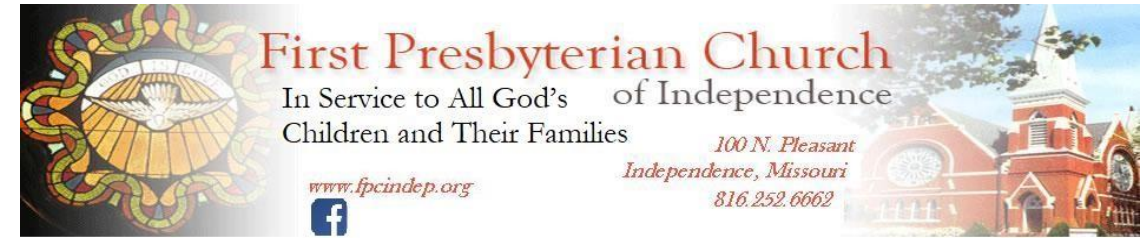


Volunteers are needed for the Independence School District's **Project Shine**, which will be on Saturday, June 17, 7:00 a.m.-noon. If you would like to volunteer to paint, repair, or clean at Sunshine Center, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parlour. If you have questions, please contact Emily Johnson, 816-392-1409.

Heartland Presbytery is sponsoring an outing to **Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun** on Tuesday, June 20. Meet at the church at 10:15 a.m. to arrive at the parks at 11:00 and stay until closing at 7:00. All ages are welcome. Children 5th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult. This is a free trip for both youth (with participation in fundraisers) and adults.

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dave Carlson
Director of Christian Education/Children, Youth & Adults	Melissa Roe-Wilson
Music Director/Praise Director	Nicole Murray
Organist	Glenna Hagelin
Sexton/Custodian	Merry Oliphant
Secretary	Brooke Roskop



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MAY 28, 2023

DAY OF PENTECOST

OUR PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*If you are curious, and have come to see
 If you are weary, and have come to rest
 If you are grateful, and have come to share
 If you are hurting, and have come for solace
 If you are listening, and have come to pray
 If you are seeking, and have come for answers
 WELCOME*

TO OUR VISITORS

We rejoice that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It would be our pleasure to further welcome you. Feel free to join us in any of our services or other church activities. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider becoming a member of First Presbyterian Church. The pastor offers prospective-member orientations periodically throughout the year, particularly as people express an interest. If you are interested in learning more about First Church, membership here and what it means to be Presbyterian, please contact the church office at 816-252-6662. Additionally, Pastor Carlson would be happy to visit with you following the service or any time at your convenience and is eager to help you with any questions or needs you may have. May the fellowship we share strengthen the ties that bind us together in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Back-support pillows, large print bulletins, Bibles and hymnals, and Children's Activity Packets are available from the ushers. Please turn off your cell phone.

THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

THE CALENDAR – TODAY, MAY 28, 2023

Sunday school	9:15 a.m.
Worship (Noisy Offering)	10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	11:30 a.m.

Today’s scripture readings: Psalm 51:10-12 (p. 510)
Acts 2:1-21 (p. 116)

THIS WEEK

Church Office Closed, Memorial Day	Monday
TOPS weight-loss program	(WH) Thursday, 7:00-11:00 a.m.
Divine Design Craft Group	(Craft Rm) Thursday, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Reader’s Club	(Cmte. Room) Friday, 10:00 a.m.
Harvester’s workday	(meet at WH lot) Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Summer Forum	9:15 a.m.
Worship (Communion)	10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship	11:30 a.m.

Phil Stringfield – Village of Jackson Creek
Ellie Royal – Sunterra, Independence
Pam Lewis - Home

Every year on **Pentecost Sunday**, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, we are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come children, youth, and the young adults. Collection envelopes will be available on May 28, Pentecost Sunday.

The Summer Forum will begin next Sunday, June 4, and conclude on August 27 offering 13 sessions about “Shaken” by Tim Tebow, “Anxious for Nothing” by Max Lucado and “The Parables of Jesus” by various writers. For more details and to sign up to be a facilitator, please see the poster in the Parlour and the presentation on the church website: <https://www.fpcindep.org/weekly-announcements.html>

Heartland Center will hold a **Family Youth Picnic Day** on Sunday, June 4, from 2:00 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. Participating families will be able to enjoy all the activities the camp has to offer. The entire day is free but reservations must be made with Melissa (816-726-5529) by June 1st.

There will be a **Youth Meeting** on Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary following the worship service.

Summer Youth Electives will be held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m. beginning June 4th and ending September 3rd. Participants can choose from activities including Sound Equipment, Choir, Greeter, Usher, and Bells. Contact Melissa with any questions.

Sing with the Adult Choir! Summer Choir Sundays are a time to sing with friends and assist with worship in a more relaxed way. We will meet at 9:50 in the sanctuary to rehearse an easy choir anthem prior to the 10:30 service. We will not wear robes. We would love to have you join us, whether it is one Sunday or several! The Summer Choir Sundays will be June 11th & 25th, July 9th & 23rd, and August 6th & 20th. Please talk with a choir member or contact Nicole Murray (816-519-0364 or queenofcoasters@gmail.com) for more information.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN & NOISY OFFERING
(see music sheet in pew) Melissa Roe-Wilson

***HYMN** *As the Wind Song* No. 292

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Spirit, our lives would be lost without your precious voice whispering to our hearts and minds. Yet we so often dismiss those nudgings as our conscience or our own human thoughts. Forgive us for dismissing you, for not recognizing your presence. We often miss you altogether because we are so distracted by our own comings and goings. How little time we take to stop and listen for your voice. Spirit, we know that you are alive and working, and we don't want to miss the messages you have for us. Thank you for truly knowing our hearts. (*Silent prayer and confession.*)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI** (*Glory to God*) (see music sheet in pew) No. 581

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 51:10-12 page 510

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21 page 116

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "From Divided Tongues to United People" Rev. Dave Carlson

**All who are able may stand*

WE RESPOND IN JOY AND GRATITUDE

ANTHEM *A Mighty Wind* Tallis Canon, arr. S. Andrews
Chancel Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, known as Creator, Son and ever-present Spirit. We believe God gave birth to the church with the gift of the Holy Spirit – stirring the disciples and us to tell the Good News, heal the sick, feed the hungry, take care of the poor, welcome the stranger and be a community of forgiveness and joy. We believe the Spirit is still moving, still acting, still turning the world upside down with love. We believe the Spirit gives us different gifts to use, all for building up the church and showing the world a community of compassion and wisdom. We believe the Holy Spirit will not be contained in dull, lifeless forms, but surprises us and empowers us to do new things, to risk loving, to venture boldly into God's world. We believe in the church, wind-powered, fire-tinged and Spirit-filled.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Offertory *Non troppo lento in E Major* Cesar Franck

*Doxology (*Praise to God*) (see music sheet in pew) No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

***HYMN** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* No. 280

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* African American Spiritual
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE *Postscript on a Hymn Tune* Gilbert M. Martin

**All who are able may stand*

The Peace Candle on the communion table is a reminder for us to pray for world peace. We invite visitors to ask the ushers for a peace candle and an explanation of its origin, and to pass it on to the church of your choice.

LITURGIST Vicky Larkin	TODAY'S GREETER Jane Cogan	NEXT WEEK'S GREETER Tim Barker
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USHERS TODAY Bill & Jill Esry and Bruce Roe	USHERS NEXT WEEK Jim & Dora Dunnaway and Jill Esry
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ATTENDANCE- May 14	Worship -	71
	YouTube Live stream -	7
	YouTube recording/views -	31
	Children & Youth Sunday school classes -	8
	Saints Alive class –	12
	Guidance -	3

May CHARACTERPLUS TRAIT: **Self-Control**

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY Isa. 11:1-9 1 Cor. 2:1-13 John 14:21-29	MONDAY Deut. 4:9-14 2 Cor. 1:1-11 Luke 14:25-35	TUESDAY Deut. 4:15-24 2 Cor. 1:12-22 Luke 15:1-10	WEDNESDAY Deut. 4:25-31 2 Cor. 1:23-2:17 Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
THURSDAY Deut. 4:32-40 2 Cor. 3:1-18 Luke 16:1-9	FRIDAY Duet. 5:1-22 2 Cor. 4:1-12 Luke 16:10-17 (18)	SATURDAY Deut. 5:22-33 2 Cor. 4:13-5:10 Luke 16:19-31	

WE GATHER IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

PRELUDE	<i>Siciliano in C minor</i>	Gaetano Valerie
INTROIT	<i>Come Down, O Love Divine</i>	R. Vaughan Williams Chancel Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The disciples had misunderstood many things, but now they had gotten something right:

Many: They took the Risen Lord at his word and waited, just waited, for the gift of the Spirit.

One: Today we celebrate that gift – the gift of God’s Spirit, the gift of power to the church being born.

Many: They were all together in one place and of one expectant mind.

One: We long for the same unity, O God, to give wings to our words and courage for faithful deeds.

Many: Let us take the gospel with us, out of the church, into the marketplace, as witnesses both to your judgment and to your grace.

One: Today help us to hear the story of Pentecost as if for the first time;

Many: And help us to tell it to others, that they may be drawn to worship and follow the Lord.

One: Let us worship God.

*HYMN	<i>On Pentecost They Gathered</i>	No. 289
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***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (*see music sheet in pew*)

(*You may use “debts,” “trespasses” or “sins” as you feel accustomed or led.*)

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.

**All who are able may stand*