Welcome to
First Presbyterian Church

Virtual Sunday Service

May 23, 2021

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Children and Adult Sunday School 10:30 A.M.

Children's Choir Practice Wednesday 5:00 P.M.

Adult Choir Practice Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

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Pentecost

We Gather in God's Name

THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PASSING OF THE PEACE

… May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

And also with you.

INTROIT **"We Are One in the Spirit"**

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR: Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with confidence and joy!

PEOPLE: For God has done wondrous things for us!

PASTOR: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind.

PEOPLE: Fill us that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

PASTOR: Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today!

PEOPLE: For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!

PASTOR: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us!

PEOPLE: Help us to boldly proclaim that Christ is risen!

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

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 Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
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.
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CALL TO CONFESSION
UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Dear God, the world is a difficult place. We fear so much. We want people to like us, and so we hold back on our proclamation of our faith. We don't want to offend anyone. But your love and presence are not offensive. They are healing and empowering. Bring your holy fire upon us this day to ignite a spark of joy in our hearts and our voices. Bring the power of your rushing wind through our spirits that we may be turned in new directions for service and witness. Amen.
SILENT CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
… In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!
GLORIA **"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582**
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Spirit of the Living God"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:22-27 (NRSV)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **"Holy Spirit, Live in Me"**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Filled with the Spirit*

HYMN **"On Pentecost They Gathered"** **No. 289**

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 aglowing 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.

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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, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" **No. 606**

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S Prayer

HYMN **"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"** **No. 66**

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)

Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION RESPONSE **"We Are Standing on Holy Ground"** **No. 406**

We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
We are standing in his presence;
We are standing in his presence;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

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Welcome to Sunday morning worship! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us at First Presbyterian London. This is a place of love and hope and safety and forgiveness. We will be food for the hungry, living water for the thirsty. We will comfort the bereaved and come together as a family of faith that bridges the chasms of loneliness and despair. We are open and inclusive, welcoming everyone who seeks to be a follower of Jesus Christ. As Christ drew no distinctions on the cross so we draw none here as his church. You are loved. Come on in – we've been waiting for you. Welcome, we are the church.

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Prayer Requests

We have several members and friends that are in need of our thoughts and our prayers. Please add them, or keep them on, your prayer list. Hold them in your heart and pray for God's healing power and comfort in the days ahead. Pray with thanks for those who are healing!

- **Wynona Brown**— Please pray for her continued healing and pray for the next upcoming steps on her recovery journey.
- **Brenda Hail & Bowman Hail**—Keep Brenda and the family in your prayers as medical issues are being handled and as progress is being made.
- **Susan Hampton** (close friend of Brenda Hail)—Please pray for Susan, as she was diagnosed with breast cancer and will be pursuing treatment.
- **Caroline Robinson**— Caroline's health is continuing to improve. As she has experienced some challenging times during healing, she is grateful for the love and prayers of her church that have assisted her.
- **Vernon & Chrystal Cecil** (friends of Larry & Barbara Gray) Chrystal is going through cancer treatments.
- **Brian and Susan House –** Brian has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is currently undergoing treatment. This was caught early so the prognosis is good but please keep them in your prayers
- **The First Presbyterian Church of London**—Please keep the church staff, volunteers, and the whole church family in your prayers during this time. We want to think and pray about every member of our First Presbyterian family. Everyone needs a prayer, even if they don't know it!

<u>The Adult Choir will be meeting Wednesday's</u>
<u>at 7:00 P.M. for practice in the sanctuary.</u>
<u>Masks and social distancing will be observed.</u>

With the easing of the COVID **restrictions**, the first Sunday in June (June 6th), we will no longer require masks and social distancing. Please, do what makes you feel comfortable. If you wish to wear a mask and remain socially distance please do so.

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You can still find us on our Facebook page or on our website: fpclondon.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Adult Class- Richard Webb will lead a 6-week study called "The Lord's Prayer"
- Middle/High Class will be led by Barb Plymire
- Elementary Class will be led by Betsy York
- Preschool/Kindergarten class will be led by Debbie Crawford and Karen Jewell

If you are interested in leading an **adult study, please let Karen Jewell know so.

Richard Webb will be starting an **"Angry Jesus" Sunday School class on June 6th. It will explore anger in the Christian faith through the Biblical verses in which Jesus seems upset. The group will look at anger, getting mad, and losing one's temper.

Mrs. Mel will offer an Adult **"Bible Journaling for Beginners" Sunday School class starting on June 6. Bible journaling is a spiritual and creative way to be in The Word and express yourself through the joy of scripture. It is a fun opportunity to develop as a Bible scholar, take a deep dive into a variety of verses, and challenge yourself to explore a new way to worship! Artistic ability is not necessary. You will learn a hands-on method of journaling! Supplies will be provided-or feel free to bring your own colored pencils, markers, crayons, etc! It's an art class...only better!

Plan now **Vacation Bible School will run from July 19-22. We look forward to it! Please let us know if you would like to participate and volunteer!

Bible Study Fellowship is coming to London with the fall class now open to registration on the BSF website. Please encourage those who want to register to go to the website bsfinternational.org as soon as possible to assist with fall planning. You can type the web address into your browser. If you have a problem, call me at (859) 338-7430, or Marian Davis (502) 226-0722. BSF has classes for men, women, and children but the beginning class in London will be a women's class. This fall we will study the book of Matthew and we'll start on Wednesday, September 15th at 9:30 a.m. Until God leads us to the most favorable location – most likely a church – my house on Main Street is considered the temporary location. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you! I'm so excited!!

Yours graciously with prayer and optimism,
Jane Williams

***** *If you are interested in learning about our audio/visual equipment and helping with the Sunday Worship Service contact Richard Webb at 606-260-0256 to schedule a time. Be a part of this wonderful ministry to all that worship with us.*

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May Birthdays
5th Steven Burns
8th Mike Bowling
9th Brenda Hail
11th Brody "Jack" Robinson
17th Zono Howard
18th Emma Senters
20th Preston Farmer
21st Moses Gray
22nd Karin de la Peña
23rd T.C. Collins
24th Lyla Grace Kelley-St.John
26th Griffin Ryan
28th John Cornelius,
29th Mykie Howard

Anniversaries
23rd Bill and Glenna Collins

Session Members Representing Each Committee:
Building/Grounds: Mike Hardin, Al Plymire, Michael Pratt
Christian Education: Karen Jewell, Debbie Crawford
Fellowship/Membership: Debbie Crawford, Larry Gray, Michael Pratt
Finance/Personnel: Diane Bowling, Zono Howard
Missions: Larry Gray, Judy Sturgeon
Worship/Music: John Cornelius, Zono Howard

YARD SALE TIME!!!!

Once again we are planning to have a church wide yard sale! This yard sale will help the Mission Committee raise funds for our different missions. Look through your closets, cabinets, workshops and attics, gather all the things you didn't know you had and bring them to the church for a yard sale July 1st and 2nd. Here's your chance to do some cleaning out and earning a little money at the same time. Two tables are $25 dollars and you can keep all the proceeds from the sale of your items. Don't think you have enough? You can team up with a friend. You can also donate the items to the church and we will sell them with the proceeds going to the church. Either way – you win!

The Presbytery of Transylvania Youth Leadership Ministry is excited to host two weeks of youth camps this summer at Camp Burnamwood!

Senior High School Conference
July 20-24, 2021
Middle School Conference
July 27-31, 2021
Register now on the Burnamwood website
at: https://www.burnamwood.net/programs/summer-camp/