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The First Presbyterian Church



Acts 2:1-4

Berwick, PA

The Order of Worship Sunday May 19, 2024

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick! We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



TIME OF PREPARATION

Hope is complicated. But ... even if hope fails, something bigger can replace it, and that is love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Here I Am, Lord *by Dan Schutte*

A READING OF ACTS 2: 1 – 21

Readers: Alison Hause, the Pastor, Tom Huntington

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One Out of an unexpected windstorm, flickering flames, and Galileans capable of speaking the languages of the world,

All came the Spirit of God just as Jesus had promised.

One More than two hundred tornadoes touched down this last month across America and the world. Flames of hatred and revenge deny the possibilities for unity. Despair and loneliness haunts our hearts,

All and so the Holy Spirit comes, bringing a fresh anointing from God, a fresh hope, a fresh blessing. We respond by lifting our hands and voices in praise as we worship God, who is now and always our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

INVOCATION

The Spirit knows no limits, making each day new, healing yesterdays, and offering new beginnings. Anoint us once more, O God, granting us vision to see of dry bones coming alive. Send your sweet, sweet Spirit to this place healing and blessing, welcoming all your children in love. Merciful One, melt, mold, fill us, as we wait, yielded and still. Amen.

December 24

PRAYER LIST

Wade Casaldi and family
DAngelo family
Matthew Boggs
Clio Strausser
Tom & Barb Huntington
Alison Powlus
Bob Feick Family
Pastor Steve Engelhardt
Paul Moskaluk
Nancy Raber
Matt Gabel
Martha Yost
Lauren Sadock
Joann Magners
Wilhelmina Hoover

Refrain

³ We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
Refrain

⁴ All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
Refrain

Announcements

Welcome to our church on this blessed Pentecost Sunday!
Today, we gather in joy and celebration as we commemorate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and the birth of the Church. Just as the early followers of Jesus experienced the presence and power of the Spirit, we too eagerly anticipate the same divine encounter in our lives.

THANK YOU!

This morning we welcome back Steve Engelhardt to the pulpit. Welcome back Steve and thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Don't forget, men's breakfast is held **EVERY Wednesday** at 7:30am downstairs in the kitchen. All men are welcome to attend, fill up on hot cooked grub, join in fellowship and do whatever it is that men do.

IN THE PULPIT

May 19 Steve Engelhardt
May 26 John Polhill

COMMUNION

May 19
July 14
October 6
November 24

*HYMN OF PRAISE #128 On Pentecost They Gathered
(vs. 1 – 3)

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Parent, Savior, and Paraclete: your open heart's invitation to confess our sins is part of your promise to us and is more welcomed than we know. Hear us now as we pray: **Holy One: You who bless this hour of worship, are aware of our hunger for forgiveness. To know You have our backs, gives us hope. You provide new visions and dreams for these weary, burdened hearts. Speak through music and scripture, prayer and preaching, the silence, and our assembly. We confess trembling before such promise, afraid of what we can neither see nor control. We remain defiant in our resistance to flames of change. We are too often deaf to the cries of your children, and to our neighbor's hunger for justice. We feel a tug to abandon our faith's assurance.**

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us all... (these moments provide for silence, honesty and cries for mercy, remembering every word is always heard)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The distress we cause ourselves and others is met by God's grace here at the Lord's table where we are forgiven, made alive, and empowered to be faithful servants of the Living God.

SPECIAL MUSIC What a Wonderful World *Pastor Steve*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ezekiel 37: 1 – 14 Romans 8: 26 - 27

*GLORIA PATRI

SERMON What a Wonderful World!

*HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION
#322 Spirit of the Living God

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus' invitation
We share the Loaf and Cup

Prayers of Gratitude

These tiny portions contain the power to transform and heal. Any heaviness weighing us down is lifted and hopes are restored. Lord, thank you for these blessings. May our lives reveal a renewed purpose to serve the greater good.

*CLOSING HYMN They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

*BENEDICTION

Life is a gift – embrace it. To live in this world is to be both knee-deep in life's chaos, and yet soaring as on eagle's wings. Share the Spirit's comfort, sisters and brothers: raise up bones and spirits in our prayers and promises. Be not afraid. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Amen.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION #128 On Pentecost They Gathered (vs. 4)

**Please stand if you are able*

On Pentecost They Gathered

¹ On Pentecost they gathered
Quite early in the day,
A band of Christ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ 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.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me
Melt me mold me
Fill me use me
Spirit of the Living God
Fall fresh on me

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

¹ We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

² We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: