

Welcome!

We are so glad you are here.

May 20, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.



God Outside the Box

God the Fire

Acts 2:1-13

First Presbyterian Church

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The Day of Pentecost

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Sanctuary - 10:00 A.M.

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***Please stand if you are able.**

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WELCOME & CALL TO REFLECTION

PRELUDE – *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* arr. Mary McDonald

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

***HYMN – On Pentecost They Gathered # 128**

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS Adapted from Chandran Davenesan

First Indian Principal, Madras Christian College

O Spirit of God, mighty fire, glow in me, burn in me, until your radiance fills my soul. O Spirit of God, mighty fire, may your light illumine my mind. O Spirit of God, mighty fire, may your heat consume my will and self-centeredness until I burn for you alone. May the flames of your love ever blaze upon the altar of my heart. In your name, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

A TIME OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER (#577)**

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

THE NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY

ANTHEM – *Holy Spirit, Come* Philip Keveren

SCRIPTURE READING – Acts 2:1-13 (New Testament, Page I 19 in pew Bible)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Kennedy M. McGowan

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THIS WE BELIEVE - (IN UNISON) Matthew 5:14-16, NRSV

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT – His Banner Over Me is Love** See bulletin insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

*(Visitors, in the pew rack you will find a Guest Information card.
Please complete the card, then place it in the offering plate.)*

Please, no applause

Offertory Anthem – Many Gifts, One Spirit Allen Pote

***THE RESPONSE OF PRAISE – DOXOLOGY (#593)**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

***OFFERING OF PRAYER (in unison)** Adapted from the Kontakion for Love
Eastern Orthodox Church

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ, that in its flame we may love you with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength, and our neighbors as ourselves, so that, keeping your commandments, we may glorify you, the giver of all good gifts. In the name of your greatest gift, Jesus, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN – There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit** # 398

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Congregational Response:

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

***POSTLUDE - *Fanfares to the Tongues of Flame* Larry King
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**web site at: fpcoh.org facebook.com/fpcoh/
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org
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**Visitors, following worship, please join us across the street in
the Rice Room Fellowship Hall for a Pancake Brunch.
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Lay Reader – David Lindstrom

**The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Phyllis Phares,
in memory of her husband, Harold; her daughter, Patricia Stringer;
and her grandchildren, Michael and Dana.
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WELCOME VISITORS!

It is our hope that you will encounter God as you worship with us. First Presbyterian Church is a family of faith committed to families, peacemaking, and mission. There are educational offerings for all ages, as well as fellowship groups for members and friends of the church. All are welcome. For information, visit us at our **web site at: fpcoh.org**

CHILD CARE for infants is provided in the nursery, located in the Lobby of the church. Children's worship kits are also available for younger children. Please ask an usher for assistance. Our children's Sunday school, Good News Kidz (GNK), gathers at 10am in the sanctuary (September through May). **FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**, in the lobby we have large print hymnals and a limited number of pew cushions available.

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OPPORTUNITIES

**The bulletin announcements serve as reminders of church activities.
Please check our website: fpcoh.org
for the monthly newsletter and church calendar; and
our Facebook page: facebook.com/fpcoh/
Church office e-mail: landerson@fpcoh.org**

Pentecost and Pancakes Brunch!!
In the Rice Room immediately following worship today.

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A Congregational Meeting is Called for Sunday, June 3, 2018,
for the purpose of electing two elders to fill vacancies
in the Session Classes of 2019 and 2020.

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CHILDREN AND YOUTH —

Good News Kidz (GNK) — (Sunday school for ages 4-10), 10:00 a.m., sanctuary

Boy Scout Troop 420, May 22nd, 7:00 p.m., 2nd floor of Education Building

Learning Center chapel — May 23rd, 10:30 a.m., sanctuary

Early Learning Center chapel — May 23rd, 11:00 a.m., West Wing

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP —

Breakfast and the Bible — Sundays, 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., chapel

A study focusing on the scripture of the day.

A Time of Prayer, in the chapel

Monday, May 21st: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Friday, May 25th: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

MEETINGS —

Team of Chairs – May 21st, 6:00 p.m., chapel

Session – May 21st, 7:00 p.m., chapel

Staff meeting – May 23rd, church office

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, June 10th – Officer training (11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

His Banner Over Me Is Love

Words and Music by Alfred B. Smith

I'm my beloved's and He is mine.

His banner over me is love.

I'm my beloved's and He is mine.

His banner over me is love.

I'm my beloved's and He is mine.

His banner over me is love.

His banner over me is love.

In Him I am a new creation.

His banner over me is love.

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In Him I am a new creation.

His banner over me is love.

His banner over me is love.

He welcomes me to His banqueting table.

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SCRIPTURE LAY READERS

Acts 2:2	Cynthia Silvestro	Italian
Acts 2:3	Brigitte Worman	German
Acts 2:4	Sandra Kinder	French
Acts 2:5	Ilza Caldeira	Portuguese
Acts 2:6	James Potts	Greek
Acts 2:7	Helmi Koedam	Dutch
Acts 2:8	Bernadette Roddy	Tagalog
Acts 2:9	Bianca Lasica	Serbo-Croatian
Acts 2:10	Fatima Marin	Spanish
Acts 2:11	Myron Miller	Urdu

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DROP BY FOR COFFEE OR TEA WITH KENNEDY THIS WEEK

Here are the unscheduled times this week where I am available
for y'all to come by for a visit!

Sunday –

Bible study, worship, Pancake Brunch, blog posting, audio editing,
and family time take up the day.

Monday – 11 AM to 5 PM

(Session preparation and meeting take up the rest of the day.)

Tuesday – 10 AM to 11:30 AM and 2 to 4 PM

(preschool walk around, and Rotary take up the remaining time.)

Wednesday – 3:45 PM to 5:30 PM

(LC chapels and staff meeting takes up the rest of the day)

Friday – 10:30 AM to 12:00

(sermon preparation and aftercare chapel take up the rest of the day.)

Please try to call beforehand so I can put the kettle on, and to make sure that the schedule hasn't unexpectedly changed for a hospital visit or some other concern.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 20 – Pentecost

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building 10:00 a.m.
- Pancake Brunch – Rice Room following worship
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 21

- A Time of Prayer – Chapel 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- Team of Chairs – Chapel 6:00 p.m.
- Session – Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22

- Boy Scout Troop 420 - 2nd floor of Education Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

- Learning Center Chapel - Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Staff Meeting – Church Office Noon

Thursday, May 24

- Westminster Choir 5:15 p.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Friday, May 25

- A Time of Prayer - Chapel 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Saturday, May 26

- Christ Jesus College and Seminary – Sanctuary & Chapel 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 27

- Breakfast and the Bible – Chapel 9:00 a.m.
- Worship – Sanctuary 10:00 a.m.
- Good News Kidz (GNK) - Sanctuary/ Education Building 10:00 a.m.
- Word of God Bible Church – Chapel 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A WORD FROM KENNEDY

SPEAKING IN THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE

This Sunday, we are doing something very cool. As we once again hear the story of Pentecost, we will be hearing it in 11 different languages! Members of our church family will each take a verse and share it in languages that range from Spanish to Urdu, while we follow along in English on the screen above. As we do so, we will be remembering how God's Holy Spirit reached out in just that way on the first Pentecost Sunday. He spoke to each person there in the languages they had learned at their mother's knee, the language that had first spoken love into their life.

The church has always been more faithful to God's call when we have followed the Spirit's lead and spoken in ways that reach people where they are. That has meant missionaries not only learning new languages, but new ways of living and thinking as they traveled the world to share the Good News of God's love. For the missionary pioneers of Wycliffe Bible Translators, it has meant living for decades in remote villages so that every tribe and tongue has the Bible in their own heart language. But it has also meant reaching people in other ways. Twenty-first century churches have adapted new styles of music and new designs for church buildings to reach folks far from God. In our ministry to our preschool, we use high energy, child-friendly music to reach these kids with God's love.

But beyond the languages we **hear**, Christians have used **visual** languages, too. Christians created stained glass windows (such as those gracing our sanctuary) so that people who could not read could learn the stories of the Bible. Today, Christians have done the same by creating mass market movies, or simply using videos in their worship and on their websites. Today we are doing the same as we add our first video to our website. In the future, we hope to video the story of every person who joins the church. That way we can speak to our neighbors in this powerful visual language.

In a more concrete way, we will be doing that, too, with an exciting new flag ministry. Our elders got the idea when we saw the Scottish flags Bart and Alice Carlisle put up on our church sign to advertise the Kirkin' O' The Tartans. So we thought: how could we communicate God's love all the year round with such flags? And we came up with a plan to put different types of flags to mark different occasions of significance in the life of our community. We are inaugurating this plan with a flag of special significance to a group of folks in South Florida who has often felt rejected by the church: the gay and lesbian community. In doing so, we want to communicate to this community a powerful message that here at First Presbyterian we believe God welcomes everyone. And, as next month is officially Gay Pride Month to signify the beginning of the Gay Civil Rights movement, in June we will fly the Rainbow Flag along with the American flag. Interestingly the idea of a rainbow flag has its origins in the Protestant Reformation, as the radical reformer Thomas Muntzer used it to signify the new thing God was doing in those days. In the future, we will add flags with our church and learning center logos, and we want your ideas, too. Let us know of flags that we could put up to celebrate and reach other groups in our community. We want to use whatever languages God gives us to share the transforming power of God's love with everyone in Hollywood and beyond!

IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE BOLD JUSTICE!!
COME OUT THIS TUESDAY AT 7 PM AT LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH IN
HOLLYWOOD AS WE CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS ENABLED US TO DO WITH
OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN THE WORK OF BOLD JUSTICE IN THE LAST YEAR!

Kindness is the universal language that all people understand.

(Alonzo S.) Jake Gaither, College football coach, 1903-94

**Differences of habit and language are nothing at all
if our aims are identical and our hearts are open.**

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Compassion will cure more sins than condemnation.

Henry Ward Beecher

Love must be as much a light, as it is a flame.

Henry Thoreau

**To die to our neighbors means to stop judging them, to stop evaluating them,
and thus to become free to be compassionate. Compassion can never
coexist with judgment because judgment creates the distance, the
distinction, which prevents us from really being with the other.**

Henri Nouwen

**You get the best effort from others not by lighting a fire beneath them,
but by building a fire within.**

Bob Nelson

**You, God, light coals on fire with the love that eventually melts hatred and
bitterness from the hearts and minds of those who are full of angst.
It will even turn their hatred into tenderness.**

Catherine of Siena

**Lie down in the fire and see and taste the flowing Godhead in your being.
Feel the Holy Spirit move in you, compelling you to love God, His fire,
and His flowing in many different ways.**

Mechtild of Magdeburg

**Don't worry about gathering a crowd. Get on fire.
They'll come to watch you burn!**

John Wesley

Come, Holy Ghost, all-quick'ning fire.

Charles Wesley