

# First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Day of Pentecost

May 15, 2016

10:00 a.m.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music  
Concerns of the Church  
Prelude

“Pentatonic Alleluia”

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Call to Worship

Psalm 104:30-31

Lord, when you send forth your spirit, all things are created,

**and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

**May the Lord rejoice in his works!**

\* Hymn 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,**

**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples**

**creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace,**

**speak the good news of your love,**

**or live as a people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,**

**and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,**

**doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\* Silent Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace

\* Response 466

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

Special Music

“In Memoriam”

Coulais

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9 (OT, p. 9)

Psalter: Psalm 104:24-35 (OT, p. 555)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

arr. Auers

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21 (NT, p. 119)

Sermon: “Deconstructing Babel”

Rev. Carter

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 297

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (Hymnal, p. 35)

Christian Education Teacher Recognition

Offering

Offertory

“My Favorite Things”

arr. Hirokawa

\* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

\* Prayer of Dedication

## GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" arr. Armsdorf

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\* All who are able shall stand.

**The flowers** this morning have been given by Bonnie Plantholt to the glory of God and in memory of her brother, Alan Eckstein.

**PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE**

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| Pastor                           | William Carter                   |
| Director of Music                | Frank Jones                      |
| Liturgist/Director of Bell Choir | Richard Cochrane                 |
| Organist                         | Kay Ten Eyck                     |
| Guest Choir                      | Cantare, directed by Gina Lupini |
| Ushers                           | Bill Farrell                     |
| Welcomers                        | Alice and Dick Broxton           |

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*All of them  
were filled with  
the Holy Spirit...*

*Acts 2:4*

### ***Genesis 11:1-9***

Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

### ***Psalms 104:24-35***

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works— who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

### ***Acts 2:1-21***

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'