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Week of May 28- Prayers of the People

- Family of Rachel Elizabeth Silver
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- Jennifer Edinger
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- Robert Norfleet
- Emily Bond
- Monica Manley

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jean Byers
4 Mae Holloman
8 David Culpepper
12 Yolanda Faas
12 Charlie McCormick
18 Elizabeth Turner
20 Corey McCormick
21 Bob Graupmann
26 Diana Taylor
30 Scott Taylor
31 Monica Manley

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

14 Tommy Pennell
17 Gabrielle Goodrich
17 Dan Swanson
18 Frances Hardy
21 Cameron McCormick
25 Mason Winkler
26 Mackenzie Taylor
27 Betsey Baker-Smith
28 Barbara Livingston

We are in the process of updating our online directory. If you have any information you would like added, removed, or changed, please send an email to g.goodrich1203@gmail.com, with a subject heading reading "Directory Changes" by June 18th. Thank you for your help on this ongoing project!

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, May 28, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome!

Prelude "Come Holy Spirit arr. Peeters

Choral Call to Worship

Call to Worship

We worship a creative God
Who formed all living things!
We worship an abundant God
Who gives us each different gifts!
We worship a glorious God
Who is seen in the vast array of creation!
Alleluia!

Hymn 289 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

God pours out the Spirit upon us, but we do not always welcome God's gifts.
Let us confess our doubts and fears, that we might find forgiveness and newness of life.
Infinite God, you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages. You speak to each of us in a way we can understand. You reach out to us and meet us where we are. But we are quick to limit you to what we can understand and control. Forgive us, and set your Spirit loose among us. Challenge us, surprise us, and open us to your power, that we might know you more deeply, follow you more faithfully, and love you more fully.

Assurance of God's Grace

Scripture is clear:
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all.
Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Response "Gloria Patri" Hymn 581

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" arr.
Ellingboe

Doxology
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.

Prayers of the People
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.

Time with Children

Hymn 291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

First Lesson Psalm 104: 24-35

How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number – living things both large and small. There the ships go to and from, and leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send 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 – he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord. But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more. Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the lord.

Second Lesson Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Sermon "Noisy" Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 300 "We One in the Spirit"

Benediction

Postlude "March" Handel
John Hackworth, Trumpet

Passing the Peace of Christ
Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Greet one another with the peace of Christ.



Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for refreshments after worship!

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from Earth, through all its pulses move. Stoop to my weakness, weakness, strength to me impart, and make me love Thee as I ought to love. Teach me how to love Thee as thine angels love. One holy passion filling all my frame. The baptism of the heav'n descended Dove, my heart and altar and Thy love the flame. Hast thou not bid us love Thee, God and King? All, all Thine own soul, heart and strength and mind; I see Thy cross – there teach my heart to cling: O let me seek Thee and O let me find.