

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The First Presbyterian Church  
of Howard County

Pentecost  
June 8, 2014

11:00 a.m.

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## We Gather in God's Name

*Let all enter the sanctuary in a spirit of prayer.  
Please remember to turn cell phones and pagers to silent for worship.  
Where you see an asterisk (\*) please stand if you are able.*

Words in *Italics* are read by the leader;  
words in **bold**, by the congregation.

### For Meditation before Worship *(for personal use before worship)*

*Some day, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity,  
we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then for a second  
time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire.*

*Teilhard de Chardin*

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

### And also with you.

*Please fill out the red Friendship Pad in each pew.  
Newcomers please leave us your address and phone number!  
Then, pass the folder the length of the pew and back.*

### Lighting the Christ Candle

*Whenever we light this candle, we proclaim:*

**Christ is the light of the world and the center of our lives.**

### Reading: Acts 2:1-21

*Page 884; pew Bible*

*Come among us, Holy Spirit: fill the hearts of your faithful.*

**Fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

### Introit

### Prayer of the Day

*May God be with you.*

### And also with you.

*Unlocked Spirit, you are the breath of peace;  
no door keeps you out:*

**invade our warring confusion,  
disarm our defenses  
and shape us to live as a people of forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ, the word of reconciliation.  
Amen.**

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, Maker of all:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Holy Spirit, Breath of life:*

**Have mercy on us.**

**Living God, we confess**

**that we look for the living among the dead.**

**You speak to us in every language,**

**but we refuse to heed your Word.**

**You pour out gifts of your Spirit,**

**but we try to contain your grace.**

**Forgive us and give us new life.**

**Breathe upon us with your mercy**

**and fill us with power to proclaim**

**that life that death cannot destroy,**

**which comes to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(We continue in silent, personal prayer...)*

### Assurance of Grace

\* **Response of Praise 581** *(singing together)*

*Gloria Patri*

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.

\* **Sharing the Peace**

*The peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

\* **Welcoming One Another**

*We greet each other with signs of peace and reconciliation.*

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Theodore Samwise Mackie, son of Julianna and Craig Mackie

\* **Response** *(singing together)*

*Hymn 188, verse 1*

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

# We Hear God's Word

## Prayer for Illumination

**First Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Page 933; pew Bible

*The Word of God for the People of God.*

**Thanks be to God!**

## Children's Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Afterwards, children ages 4-7 may go with Ms. Kathy Moore to Godly Play.*

*Parents can pick up their children following worship in Rooms 110 & 113.*

*Older children, grades 2-5, may go with Mrs. Cathy Lindenmann to*

*The Worship Bridge. They will return to worship later in the service.*

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.

\* **Hymn 488**      I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry      *Waterlife*  
*the choir will sing the first verse, all join in singing the succeeding verses.*

**Second Lesson:** John 7:37-39

Page 869; pew Bible

*The Word of God for the People of God.*

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

For the Common Good

Sue Lowcock Harris

*(after the sermon, we observe a time of silence and prayer)*

## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **\* Affirmation of Faith** *(together)*

*adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism Q53 & Q54*

*What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?*

**First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son,  
is eternal God.**

**Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,  
so that, through true faith,  
the Spirit makes me share in Christ and all Christ's benefits,  
comforts me, and will remain with me forever.**

*What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?*

**I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word  
out of the entire human race,  
from the beginning of the world to its end,  
gathers, protects, and preserves for himself  
a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith.  
And of this community I am and always will be  
a living member.**

### **\* Hymn 282**

Come Down, O Love Divine

*Down Ampney*

### **Concerns and Remembrances**

### **Prayers of Gratitude and Concern**

### **Concluding Prayer** *(together)*

*a prayer of Hildegard of Bingen*

Holy Spirit, you are the breath: give us life;

You are the salve: heal our wounds;

You are the fire: warm our hearts;

You are the light: guide our feet.

Let all the world praise you, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

### **The Offering**

### **Offertory**

### **\* Doxology 717** *(singing together)*

*Pleading Savior*

For the life that you have given,  
for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor,  
with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises;  
heart and mind and strength we bring;  
give us grace to love and serve you,  
living what we pray and sing.

\* **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

*God is here!*

**The Spirit is with us!**

*Let us give thanks to the living God.*

**We thank God with joy.**

*(We stand quietly as the liturgist offers a prayer.)*

## **We Go Forth to Serve**

**This Week at First Presbyterian Church**

**Minute for Mission – Camp ConnectED**

\* **Hymn 321**                      The Church's One Foundation

*Aurelia*

\* **Invitation to Discipleship**

\* **Closing Responses**

*The Holy Spirit is poured out for all.*

**We carry the fire of love into the cold world.**

*The Holy Spirit is poured out for all.*

**We carry the breath of life for the dying world.**

*The Holy Spirit is poured out for all.*

**We go forth with holy fire and wind to reshape the world.**

\* **Benediction**

\* **Response 288**

*Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

\* **Postlude**



## WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, education, mission and common life of First Church.*

### During Today's Worship

**Please turn all cell phones to "silent" when in the Sanctuary.**

**Large print bulletins (including hymns and scripture readings) and individual listening devices** are available from the ushers. Photography during worship is discouraged, and flash is not permitted. Please, no food or drink in the Sanctuary.

**If your infant or child needs care** or becomes disruptive during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and children under four years old is available all morning. The nursery is in Room 159. We have a texting system that will alert you if you are needed while in the worship service. The ushers will be glad to help you.

**Worship programs for children** include: *Godly Play* for younger children (age 4 - grade 1) during the 8 & 11 a.m. services; *The Worship Bridge* for older children (grades 2-5) at the 11 a.m. service.

**Worship folders and crayons for children** are available at the usher's table in The Commons. Please return the crayons as you leave the sanctuary. *White bulletins* for children ages three to six; *Gray bulletins* for children ages seven to twelve.

### If you are new to First Church

**Please sign our Ritual of Friendship**, the red pad in the pew.

**Communion** is served on the first Sunday of each month.

**Handicap entrance** is through the Main Entrance in the rear of the building.

**We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour** after worship for conversation and fellowship in Lyle Buck Hall.

**New Member Orientation explores what it means to be part of First Church household.** This one-session class is the way to become a member of First Church. The next orientation is **Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.** Please contact the church office if you plan to attend or need childcare.

### First Church Cares

**To notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization; to pass along a prayer request; to request a Stephen Minister; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact our co-pastors Sue or Morton.

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