

# We Gather to Worship God

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is often referred to as the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. The Spirit is at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Gerald Near  
All Praise to Thee, O Risen Lord, We Give

## INTROIT

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 539 Forest Green  
O Spirit of the Living God

### \* PENTECOST GREETING

In the beginning, the wind of God's Spirit swept across the face of the waters, bringing all creation into being.  
**On the day of Pentecost, the fire of God's Spirit came storming down on the disciples as a gift from Jesus.**  
On the this day, by the Holy Spirit's power, we are one people, given life through Jesus' death and resurrection.  
**Let us praise God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Alleluia!**

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O God, when Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised that we would not be alone: Give us grace to know your presence when we are troubled or afraid. We confess that we do not always follow your Spirit's guidance; we have neglected to use the gifts made ours by the Spirit's power; we often fail to love your children as the Spirit has taught us. Make us new by the boldness of your Holy Spirit and guide us to share our gifts for the common good. Help us to live in peace for the sake of Christ who left his peace. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news: "in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body and were all made to drink of one Spirit." By our baptism in the Holy Spirit, we know that God has forgiven us and made us free. Amen.

### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
And also with you.  
\*All may exchange signs of peace.

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Anthony Chad and Silas Grey Steinfield,  
children of David Steinfield and April Fanshaw for baptism.

## RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:  
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?  
I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?  
I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?  
I do.

Will you nurture these children in Christ's holy church, that your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?  
We will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?  
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these children now before you in your care?  
With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Chad and Grey with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?  
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Anthony Chad and Silas Grey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN No. 2051 (TFWS) Waterlife  
I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brothers in Christ.  
**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 2:1-21 NT Pg. 119

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER Psalm 104:30-32 Martyrdom

You send your Spirit forth and so  
Create and give new birth;  
May all your glory long endure;  
Rejoice, Lord, in your earth.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:22-27 NT Pg. 158

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM Fred Bock

Spirit Now Live in Me

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 NT Pg. 110

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

*Wind and Flames*

Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.  
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

THE SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

*Be the Church*

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2237 (TFWS)

*Beach Spring*

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*Come Holy Ghost*

Andreas Armsdorf

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Unto Thee, O Lord*  
Louise Goodwin, *soprano*

Francis Aulbach

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 94

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 404

*Pentecost*

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Craig Penfield

*Allegro Brillante* (from *Festival Concerto*)

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving honor of my sweet husband,  
Myron Dunn, for his birthday on May 28  
by Maxine and family.

**In Memoriam**

Emma Jane Prosser Gore  
May 10, 1936-May 19, 2015

A Service of Death and Resurrection was given  
Saturday, May 23, 2015.



**NOTES FOR WORSHIP**

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

Serving This Sunday, May 24

**Altar Guild:** Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** John Kelly Thompkins, Ross Fallaw,  
Jacob Johnson

**Spirit Kite:** Ann Morgan Fallaw

**Greeters:** Kyle and Nancy Randle

**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Delan Stevens, Debbie Jenkins  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson

**Trustee Duty :** Ernie Turnes, Justin Roof

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks

**Children's Church :** Anna Levy

**Bus Duty:** Mark Brooks

**Ushers:** Mike Thomas (Chairman), Carl Purvis (Co-Chairman)  
Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville,  
Bob Sherry, Toby White

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 24

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM

11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, May 25

Church Office is closed

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, May 26

6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, May 27

6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, May 28

5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / FLC

6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 804 Meeting / FLC

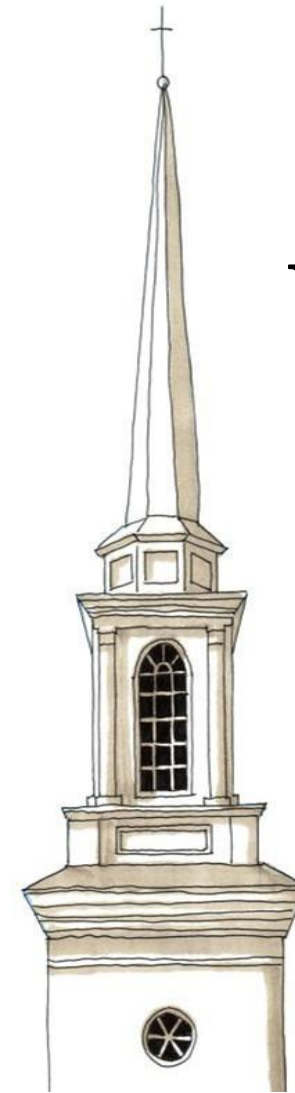
Friday, May 29

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Prayer Concerns

**Assisted Living Facilities:** Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

**At Home:** Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.



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Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2015  
11:00 a.m.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.