

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, June 5, 2022, 8:30am, Pentecost

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

Gathering Around the Word

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. John Judson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tyler Gagnon

One: Creator God, when you send forth your Spirit...

Many: **New life is created!**

One: Creator God, when you send forth your Spirit...

Many: **The earth is renewed!**

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live!

All: **I will sing praise to God as long as I have breath!**
Let us worship God.

†HYMN 289

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Bethany Peerbolte

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, whose Spirit has been unleashed upon creation, forgive us when we resist the Spirit's transforming power because we are comfortable as we are. Open us once again to your call for us to be continually renewed in your Son's image. In Jesus' name...

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†OUR RESPONSE 581 "Glory Be to the Father"

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.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

The Call to Worship is adapted from Psalm 104.

Hymntune: MUNICH

Proclaiming the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: The Lord be with you!
Many: And also with you!
All: God who sends the Spirit,
Allow your Word to remind us,
That you are transforming us in every moment.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:23-29

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SECOND TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

One: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Marks of the Church: Transforming”

Dr. John Judson

MEDITATION

“Veni, Creator Spiritus”

James Biery

Sealing the Word

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Leader: Why do we give thanks and praise before this Table?
People: We give thanks for God's work of creation, liberation, and salvation.
Leader: ... who forever sing to the glory of Your name.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
4 might, Heav - en and earth are
6 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
9 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, - ho -
15 san - na in the high - est.

Please follow along with the reading on page 848 of the Old Testament in your Pew Bible.

Please follow along with the reading on page 119 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

Use your bulletin or the prayer page in the Family Worship Resource to write or draw your prayer requests during the Musical Meditation in preparation for Prayers of the People.

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A prayer of thanksgiving for the ministry of Jesus, offered by the pastor.

Leader: Why do we eat bread at this Table?

People: **On the night before He died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks He broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said, "Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Leader: Why do we drink from the cup at this Table?

People: **The same night Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."**

Leader: What do we remember at this Table?

People: **We remember God's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.**

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

A prayer calling on the Holy Spirit, followed by prayers of thanksgiving, intercession, and supplication.

All: **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.**

COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

†HYMN 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE "Prelude on Ebenezer" Healey Willan

Marilyn Biery is playing the service. Tyler Gagnon, our liturgist this morning, came to us through his long-time participation with FAR. He recently joined the church and serves as an usher at our 10:00am services.

The flowers in the chancel are given by Hal Bay. *"Saturday morning you catch a cold. Cough, cough. Sneeze, sneeze. Sunday morning you stay home from church. Read the paper. Do the crossword. Debate the editorial. And Monday morning you go about your business. You really don't give it much of a thought. If you think about church at all, you kind of take it for granted that John and Bethany are there getting ready for next Sunday's sermon while Andrew practices the organ. But what if the cough, cough, sneeze, sneeze is more like a hack, rumble, rumble? Deep rumble, rumble. Deep really sick rumble, rumble. No morning paper. No crossword. No editorial. You are sick. Really sick. You need help. I've been there. Quite recently. I needed help. Lots of help. And I got it. Any idea where I got that help? I got it from you. Our pastors created wonderful, meaningful lessons from God's teachings. Andrew supported those lessons by choosing beautiful music. Our choirs brought those lessons alive with gentle, kind voices, and great ringing. And you prayed and prayed and prayed. I felt better. I feel better. You have made me happy. You are my church. My dear, wonderful church. Thank you. I love you. Hal Bay*

All that we have is a gift from God. In gratitude, we return a portion of those blessings to the work of God in the church.

Hymntune: EBENEZER

The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day's worship.