

First Presbyterian Church
Watertown, NY
May 19, 2024 + Pentecost



Pentecost Version 1, Sheila Diemert, 2016

Sheila Diemert's modern depiction of Pentecost is striking in that it centers Mary Magdalene, a character in the New Testament derided as a prostitute and sinner. However, Mary Magdalene was the first witness of Christ's resurrection, earning her in many church traditions the title "Chief Apostle." Diemert's painting also envisions the unpredictability of the Holy Spirit.

Gathering Music

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Down, O Love Divine

Holy, Holy, Holy

Gregg Sewell

Jeff Perks

Charles Callahan

Dan Forrest

+Gathering+

Pastor's Greeting and Words of Welcome

Prelude *Festival Toccata: Wind and Fire, pt. 1*

Percy Fletcher

***Call to Worship**

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us worship God together!

***Opening Hymn** "Come Down, O Love Divine" *(insert)*

***Opening Prayer**

A Time With Young Disciples

The Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation

Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All authority in heaven and on earth
has been given to me.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything
that I have commanded you.

And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Hear also these words from holy scripture:

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

**There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all are one in Christ Jesus...**

To the parents:

Do you desire that Alexander, Tyonna,
and Corey be baptized?

We do.

Relying on God's grace,
do you promise to live the Christian faith,
and to teach that faith to your children?

We do.

To the church assembled:

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture Alexander, Tyonna, and Corey by word

and deed, with love and prayer?

We do.

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church?

We will.

Will you, by your prayers and witness, help them to grow into the full stature of Christ?

We will.

To the children assembled:

Do you promise to do everything in your power to help Alexander, Tyonna, and Corey know how much they are loved by God?

We do.

Profession of Faith

To the parents:

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I renounce them.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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,

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.
Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over The Water

The Baptism

Welcoming The Newly Baptized

**May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon you;
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and might,
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone has done wondrous things.**

+We Listen for God+

Prayer for Illumination

The First Scripture Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Second Scripture Lesson Acts 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Open My Eyes, Spirit Divine*

James Koerts

*Open my eyes that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my ears that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear,
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
Ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

*Open my mouth and let me bear, gladly, the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

The Sermon *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*

Hymn #390 “Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart”

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+We Respond To God+

Community Connect

At this time in worship we share information on how you can connect even better with the community at FPC Watertown. During this time we also share our joys and concerns, as well as any other relevant information to our life together.

The Offertory *Living Water, Guiding Spirit*

Joseph Martin

Just as the deer longs for the water, my spirit longs for You, my God.
Living water, flow in me. Refresh my soul with Your truth and grace.
Make in me Your vessel pure, a heart to hold Your grace.

Just as the wind blows through the forest,
move through my life today, my Lord I pray.
Guiding Spirit, blow through me.
Refresh my soul with Your truth and grace.

Lift me up where eagles fly, teach me a higher way.
Teach me, O Lord, I pray.



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***The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Prayers of The People *and* The Lord's Prayer

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

In gratitude for all that you have done for us,
Holy God, we pray:
For the people of God in every land;
for those who continually teach the faith;
for witnesses who by their example show your steadfast love;
for all who are estranged from the church;
and for the strength to walk in your ways
and observe your command;
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For nations, communities, and families torn by violence;
for leaders and protesters, for managers and visionaries;

for dictators and peacemakers;
for the allies of our nation and for our enemies;
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For Earth and its riches;
for soil and wetlands, trees, bushes, rivers and lakes, oceans and air;
and for all the peoples who inhabit this great creation;
for the ability to choose life for all creatures
and to honor the welfare of generations to come;
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For all people who are victims of injustice;
for those who are unemployed or underemployed;
for those living on the streets of our cities;
for everyone affected by divorce;
for people struggling with addiction, anger, fear, or illness;
for all who have asked this congregation for prayer;
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

For this community of faith;
for those who come to worship every week
and those who cannot come;
for the young and the old;
for newcomers and long-familiar faces;
for the newly baptized in every land;
for those who are seeking to know you;
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Hear us now as we pray to you in the name of Jesus Christ, as he taught us:

**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.**

***Closing Hymn** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Passing The Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share some sign of

Christ’s peace with your neighbors.

Postlude *Festival Toccata: Wind and Fire, pt. 2*

Percy Fletcher

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor Andrew, preaching

Beth Linderman, liturgist

Sara Gleason, Director of Music

Carl Bingle, organist

FPC Chancel Choir



Matt Gorman—1

Sarah Sinclair—4

Katrina Cox—7

Ruth Chumia—7

William Gleason—9

Judy Morley—9

Gerda Barbour—11

Gini McCreary—11

Sue Kitto—11

Evelyn Atashili—12

Carole Brown—14

Dave Elmer—15

Mary Sanford—16

Martha Brown—17

Katja Stevens—19

Sarah Gerot—20

Ron Delosh—22

Derick Vernyuy—24

Toni Silliman—25

Stephanie Green—28

Carolyn Osborne—30

Laura Enow—30

Tom Walker, Jr.—31



Our next sew-cial is coming up on Saturday, June 8th, 10-2 in FH. We will be adding to our skills by learning how to make panties. If you missed our first couple of sessions, have no fear you can jump right in. Please bring your sewing machine and sewing kit. We will supply the power, space, fabric and food. These packs will then go to Malawi in July.

If you have any questions, you can reach out to Angela Elmer, Kathy Curtis, or Michele Elmer. We look forward to seeing you all on June 8th at 10am!

We pray for healing for: Angela D., The Family of Bob Brown, Ken, Deanne, Gerda, John, Pat, Jane, Millie, Judy.

We pray for those who are unable to join us in-person: Linda, Jamie, Dorothy, Shane, Ed, Annie, Suzanne, Betty, Alice, Louise, Katie.

We pray for our mission partners: Tyler, Rochelle, and Mphatso, Grace, Sam, and Ruth, Isaiah, MELT, The Women of Grace, NNY Presbytery, Synod of The Northeast, Shallow Wells and Marion Medical Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Josh Garry and Family (preparing for ministry).

We pray for our local and national leaders: Watertown's Mayor and City Council, the President of The United States and Congress, the Governor of New York and State Legislature.

We pray for those serving our nation and for the world: The Wright Family, those in conflict in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan.

Pastoral care is a very important part of the ministry of First Presbyterian Church. FPC's Deacons work in partnership with our Pastor to ensure that care is given to those who are unable to join us for worship, who are sick or hospitalized, or who otherwise are in need.

Please reach out to any of the following Deacons if you have a need: Liz Bonisteel, Becky Brown, Cherie Danforth, Pat Guldenpfennig, and Katrina Cox. You may also email pastor@watertownfirstpres.org with any prayer concerns.



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The Rev. Dr. Andrew Philip Long, pastor

This Week

Sunday, 5/19

Morning Worship, 10am
Christ's Faith Christian Project,
12pm

Tuesday, 5/21

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Staff Meeting, 12pm
Al-Anon, 7:30pm

Thursday, 5/23

Spare Closet, 10am-2pm
Fellowship Committee, 5:30pm

Saturday, 5/25

AA, 8pm

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The church office is open by appointment. If you have a need, or wish to reserve space at the church for a meeting or event, please contact Pastor Andrew or Stacey!