

First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Day of Pentecost May 19, 2024

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and drop it in the offering plate.

Prelude

Still your heart and prepare to worship God.

Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.

The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.

Call to Worship (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

The love of God has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Spirit of God renews the earth.

Bless the name of the Lord!

Invocation (unison)

Led by Liturgist

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(The liturgist continues with the remainder of the prayer.)

****Hymn No. 15 (verses 1-4)**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Litany for Pentecost (responsively)

Maker of all things, in the beginning, you created heaven and earth.

In the fullness of time, you restored all things in Christ.

Renew our world, in this day, with your grace and mercy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Life of the world, you breathed life into the flesh you created.
Now, by your Spirit, breathe new life into the children of earth.
Turn hatred into love, sorrow into joy, and strife into peace.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lover of concord, you desire the unity of all Christians.
Set aflame the whole church with the fire of your Spirit.
Unite us to stand in the world as a sign of your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of compassion, through your Spirit you supply every human need.
Heal the sick, and comfort the distressed. Befriend the friendless, and help the helpless.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Source of peace, your Spirit restores our anxious spirits.
In our labor, give us rest; in our temptation, strength; in our sadness, consolation.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God eternal, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit,
look upon your church and open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit.
Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Time with Young Christians

Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 104:24-34

Found on page 555 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Second Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Found on page 119 of the New Testament of the pew Bible
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Aching Visionaries

****Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect to Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

****Hymn No. 22**

God of the Sparrow

Prayers of the People (Minister) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): 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.

Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts

Call to Offering

Liturgist

Contributions can be made online at www.fpctullahoma.org

Offertory

****Doxology, No. 606**

*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.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 295**

Go to the World

Acolytes take the light out of the service, symbolizing that worshippers are to take the light of Christ into the world where our service begins.

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

****All who are able are invited to stand.**

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Charles Harvey, Liturgist

Announcements for May 19, 2024

Sunday, May 19

- 9:00 Sunday school for adults
- 10:30 Worship service
- 11:30 Finance Committee meeting in the church parlor
- 11:30 Christian Education Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 21

12:00 p.m. Deadline for the June/July issue of *The Newsletter*

Wednesday, May 22

5:00 – 6:30 End-of-School BASH at East Lincoln Elementary School parking lot for Kingdom Kids and Middle School youth. There will be water activities.

Thursday, May 23

2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursday Girls meeting in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 25

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Girls Night Out Quilters meeting in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, May 26 – Trinity Sunday

- 9:00 Sunday school for adults
- 10:30 Worship service

June/July Newsletter deadline is Tuesday, May 21, at noon.

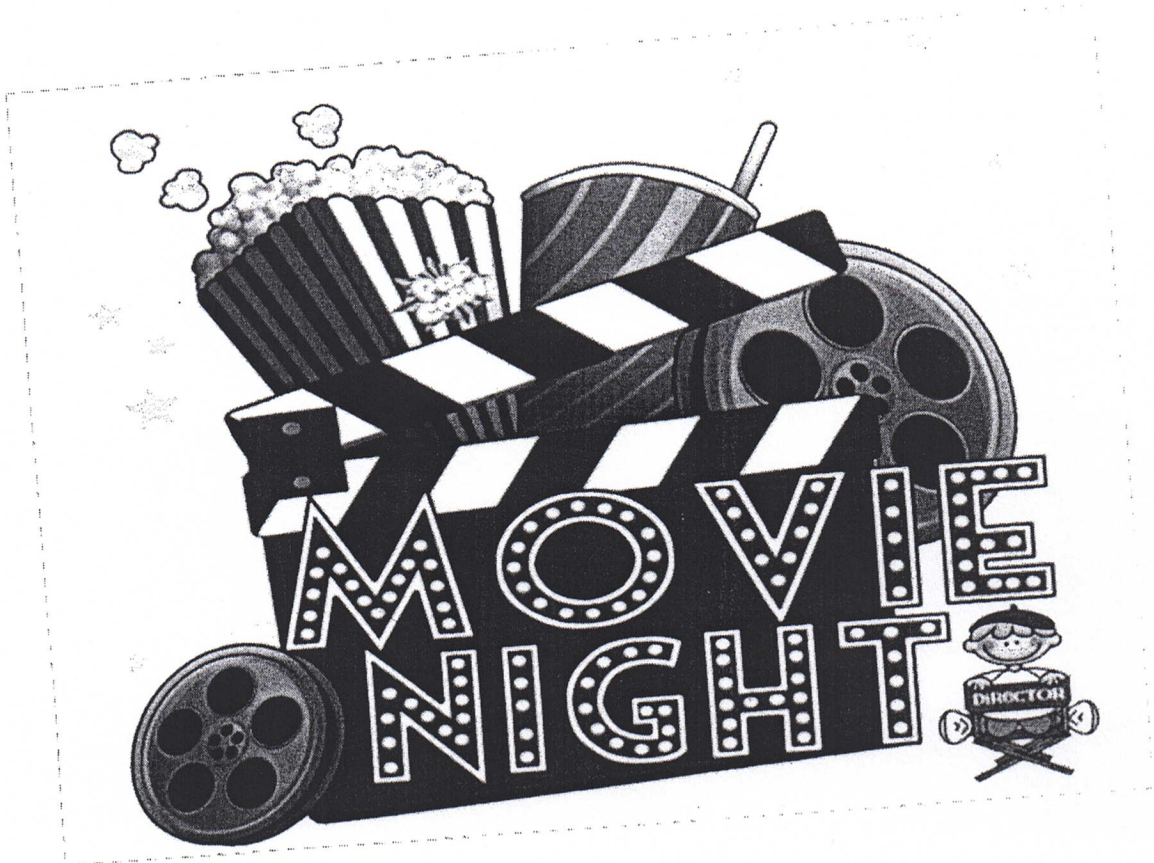
If there are graduates in your family whom you would like us to acknowledge in the upcoming newsletter and they were not included in the May newsletter, please send that information to the church office before noon on Tuesday. You may send it by email to m2bradley@lighttube.net or call the church office (455-9328).

Celebrating the church's birthday

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

JOIN US ON JUNE 5, 2024
FROM 5:30 P.M TO 7:30 P.M
FOR OUR



We will be watching “The Lion of Judah”
having popcorn and ice cream floats.
This is for ages 3 years through 5th graders.