



the Chimes

June 2022

F I R S T P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

Message from the Pastor

Beloved of Christ,

In Acts 2:1-4, we hear a strange, yet important story:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

This month, we enter the season of Pentecost. It truly is a season. The colors in the sanctuary will turn red and then to green, and they will stay that way until November. This season matters, because it tells us who we are and what Christ calls us to do as we wait for the glorious return of our Savior.

It all starts with this story: disciples huddled in the upper room, a rush of wind, tongues of fire, and speaking in other languages.

Luke wrote both the eponymous gospel and Acts. Most people call it Luke-



Acts. Luke is making a broad point for us. There is a twofold movement. In the gospel, we hear of God's grace, mercy, salvation, and love poured freely on all of creation at the cross and in the resurrection. Luke doesn't end the story there. Yes, we are saved from sin and death and destruction.

Praise be to God. There is an even deeper importance, however, for we are not just saved from something, but we are saved FOR a purpose. God has saved us and given us a task. The book of Acts answers the larger question. If God has given us all things, including the life of God's Son, how then shall we live? Who shall we be as redeemed people of God?

I was able to hear Bishop Michael Curry once in person. During that lecture he said, "Our sanitized faith is killing us... our ecclesiastical sanity is killing us... a sane church will die and a crazy, moving, alive church will live." What I think he meant is that in our efforts to look normal, to not rock the boat, to stay safe, and to explain away Jesus's hardest sayings, we are instead wasting away and becoming irrelevant.

That is what Acts wants to tell us.

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Worship Schedule

- 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Worship Service is in-person and online at fpcfairmont.com & Facebook

Musical Notes from John Morrison, Director of Music & Organist



The choirs are now winding down for the end of “choir season” with the Cambridge Handbells ringing up until May 22 and the Chancel Choir singing until Pentecost on June 5.

The May 22 prelude for bells is “Joyance” by Ron Mallory. This recently composed celebratory piece was the winner of the Handbell of America Area 2 2017 Festival Conference Composition Contest. In addition to ringing, the ringers also use mallets frequently and there is a beautiful section where both the bells and chimes are heard together. Two

interesting facts about the composer Ron Mallory: He has over 200 pieces in print and also has an interest in astronomy with many of his compositions written on astrological themes.

The Chancel Choir’s last anthem for worship will be “Spirit’s Comin”, words by Herb Frombach and music by Joel Raney. This jazzy, catchy anthem is a great way to feel the Holy Spirit, and I hope it brings joy to your Pentecost Sunday worship experience.

It has been a joy to work with the choirs this spring – Thanks to all the talented First Presbyterian choir members! The choirs will return in September and over the summer there will be special music such as vocal solos and duets, handbell solos and duets, men’s and women’s choruses, and special instrumental music.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

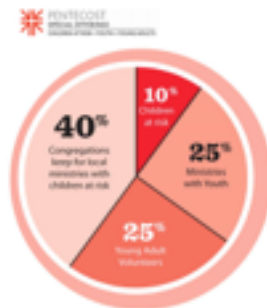
John Morrison

Thank you, God for connecting us.

Thank you for neighbors, each with needs and gifts to share, and for our church, the Whole Church, together, and for Jesus Christ,

Amen

PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS



Pentecost Special Offering

Our 40% that stays locally will go to CASA, a nonprofit agency in Marion County that advocates for children who are victims of abuse and neglect.



Sunday School Recognition: Congratulations to the Bible verse winners Kyle Hauser (3rd), Adara Nye (2nd), and Rada Nye (1st). Wishing seniors Emily Starn and Caden Walker all the best after graduation. .

Mark Your Calendars

- July Chimes deadline is **Thursday, June 23** at noon.
- Session Meeting: Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Men's Breakfast: Tuesdays at McAteers at 8 a.m.
- Sunday Summer Worship Service: 10 a.m.
- Parents' Night Out: Friday, June 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Mother's & Father's Day Luncheon: June 12 after service
- VBS: June 8 at 5:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

The first installment of this summers Vacation Bible School will be on June 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This summer we will follow Christian on his journey to the King's castle as we learn about Pilgrim's Progress. This allegory teaches us about our Christian journey through life.

We will have dinner at 5:30 and then from 6-7:30 we will have fun games, activities, snacks and stories to learn about God. There will also be an adult study for anyone interested.

We will need several volunteers to help with the event:

- 3 group leaders/ 3 group leader assistants
- Craft station leader
- Story station leader
- 2 game station leaders
- Snack station leader

Registration forms for children are located on the mailboxes in church. There is also a volunteer sign up list for the June 8 event. Please email discipleship@fairmontfirst.net to RSVP for dinner or volunteer.

Thank you!

A BIG thank you to the CD committee, the Sunday school teachers, Children's Church teachers, music teachers, Parent's Night Out helpers, and hospitality committee for making this year a great Sunday School year. We look forward to beginning the 2022-23 year in the fall! The Children's Ministry depends on fantastic volunteers like you all. If you would like to join this ministry contact: discipleship@fairmontfirst.net.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the graduating seniors, Emily Starn and Caden Walker! We pray God guides you as you embark on your next journey.

Also, congratulations to the children who won the Bible verse competition! Rada Nye memorized 20, Adara Nye memorized 18 and Kyle Hauser memorized 8. We will continue this competition in the coming school year.

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We are given a mission.

The book of Acts is our story. Acts is the story of the church—its formation, its first problems, and its journey to following as the Spirit led. It's not what the disciples expected. Indeed, the movement of the church began in a rather strange way. It's not an organization or institution. When the wind blew, and the tongues of fire fell, they didn't have time to take inventory of gifts, strengths, or resources. When they started talking in other languages, no one started to debate why this would or wouldn't work or why they shouldn't do this. How many things in our life and in our church do we never attempt because we are afraid of failure or because we don't think we have the resources or abilities to accomplish our goals?

I listened to a friend who worshipped for three years in the Pentecostal Church. It started with a simple question, "What did you learn from being in the Pentecostal Church?" I think we can learn from different traditions, even if we don't stay affiliated with them. His answer surprised me.

He offered several things. In the mainline traditions, he said, we are slaves to the order of worship. What would we do if someone came in and said they needed to share something God put on their heart? What if we got caught up in certain parts of worship, or we omitted other sections?

He also explained that time disappears in a Pentecostal service. Watches are meaningless. Worship happens and continues until it is finished. I recalled the words of the hymn "Love Divine All Loves Excelling:" "Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise." Have you ever been lost in wonder, love, and praise? I have, but not often enough. For those moments, nothing else matters, time disappears, and we simply worship God.

Lastly, my friend described worship as a full-body, participatory experience. Church is never a spectator sport but, rather, is something that every single person in that room is involved in and with.

The full body experience matters in the church. Jesus created the church, not so a group of people would come together once and a week, put up with each other for an hour, and then go home unchanged. The Spirit fills the church where we practice this faith and find encouragement and hope. We are then sent out to be the church in the world. We come here to learn about this faith; we are sent out to do it. We practice love, mercy, forgiveness, welcome, mercy, hope, love, and risk.

What we get in Acts is a church with a single mission. Go and tell the story of the gospel. Go and love with Christ's love. Go and trust that whatever may come, the Spirit is with us and leading us. Are we ready?

Rev. Evan Walker



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Session Committee News

Hospitality: 'Gather in the Garden' to begin May 1

June 3: First Friday will be held with pizza, fresh veggies and fruit cups being served by Hospitality host, Pam Bunner at 5:30 p.m. in the church social room.

June 5: "Gather in the Garden" will take place following church service in the church garden. If inclement weather, it will be held in the church social room.

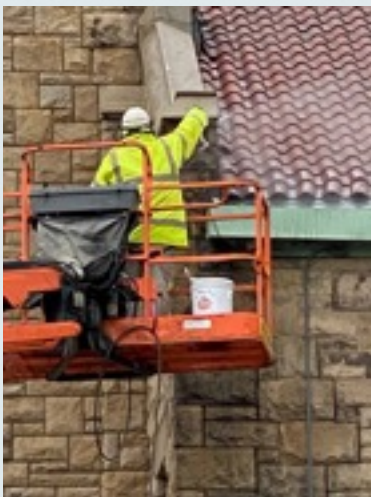
June 8: Vacation Bible School will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner in the church social room. RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED with Janel at discipleship@fairmontfirst.net
Menu: Pepperoni rolls, Jello fruit cups, chips and veggie sticks.

June 12: Mother's Day/Father's Day combined luncheon will be held following service in the church social room. RESERVATIONS SUGGESTED with Deanna Kritzer at 304 694-2379. Menu: Ham, chicken, and cheese salad croissants, fruit salad, pasta salad, chips, and sherbet with cookie.

Property: Project updates

Property team will be meeting on June 7 to hear a proposal from Tate Communications to install keyless entry to the church.

Keystone has completed its work on cleaning, pointing, and sealing the garden side of the church. Next step will be the fundraising for the stained glass windows (parking lot side) project. Still waiting for the new carpet for the choir area to arrive and be installed. Family Carpet says that it has shipped.



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June Nurturing Faith Ideas

SCRIPTURE

June 5 - Day of Pentecost: Read: John 14:8-17

In John 14, Jesus promises his disciples that if they love him and follow his commandments, the Father will send an Advocate to be with them forever. As believers, we also have an Advocate we call the Holy Spirit. On this Pentecost Sunday, consider what that means to have an advocate with you forever. How does that affect the way you live, speak, and act?

June 12 - Trinity Sunday: Read: John 16:12-15

On this Trinity Sunday, we read in John the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the disciples. The Spirit leads all believers in the way of God's truth and guides believers to behold God's glory and might. What does this mean for you? How do you recognize God's glory and might? Do you allow the Spirit to lead you in the ways of God, or do you choose to follow your own paths in this life on earth?

June 19 - Second Sunday after Pentecost: Read Luke 8:26-39

In Luke, we see Jesus met by a man filled with demons. He calls to Jesus as soon as he sees him arrive. Jesus commands the demons to come out, and he sends them into a herd of swine, which drown. The reaction of the people was not one of awe but of fear, so Jesus left. When you become aware of the miracles of Jesus, do you run in fear or worship and adore? Your answer makes all the difference in your life.

June 26 - Third Sunday after Pentecost: Read Luke 9:51-62

In Luke 9, we find Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. Many he meets say, "I will follow you, but first I must take care of some business." To follow Jesus implies forsaking security to go where he goes. Discipleship means the same thing today as then: Choose this day whom you will serve. As you reflect on this scripture this week, consider how you follow Jesus, not just in name but in your actions as well.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| June 3 | Ruth Martin |
| June 4 | Betty Pat Lee |
| June 15 | Bridgette Satterfield |
| June 13 | Bob Brummage |
| June 14 | Arlene Hadley |
| June 16 | Eric Hauser |
| June 23 | Carolyn Crislip-Tacy |
| June 24 | Jim Thompson |

PRAYER LIST

Steven Satterfield
Dr. Jeriel Gilmer
Marilyn McDougal
Linda Stoops
Blair Montgomery
The family of Cody Borum
Michelle, Janel's mother
James Cimino
Stephanie Siegman, Cindy's relative
Deanna Clonch, Adam Ranson's Aunt
John Floyd

MAY PLEDGES & GIFTS

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| May 1 | \$1,675 |
| May 8 | \$5,066 |
| May 15 | \$1,880 |
| May 22 | \$1,195 |
| Total: | \$11,011 |

Total to Date: \$61,647.85

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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| June 4 | Mike & Charlene Walker |
| June 7 | Dave & Diane Floyd |
| June 8 | Earl & Martha Sweet |
| June 26 | Roger & Deanna Kritzer |
| June 29 | Robert & Lois Brummage |
| June 30 | Ed & Kathy Snider |
| | Mike & Pam Stalnaker |

*June Ministry
Volunteers*

USHERS

Mike Stalnaker (captain), Pam Stalnaker, Dave & Penny Roberts

NOTE: Ushers will need to open & close on June 12 & 26



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