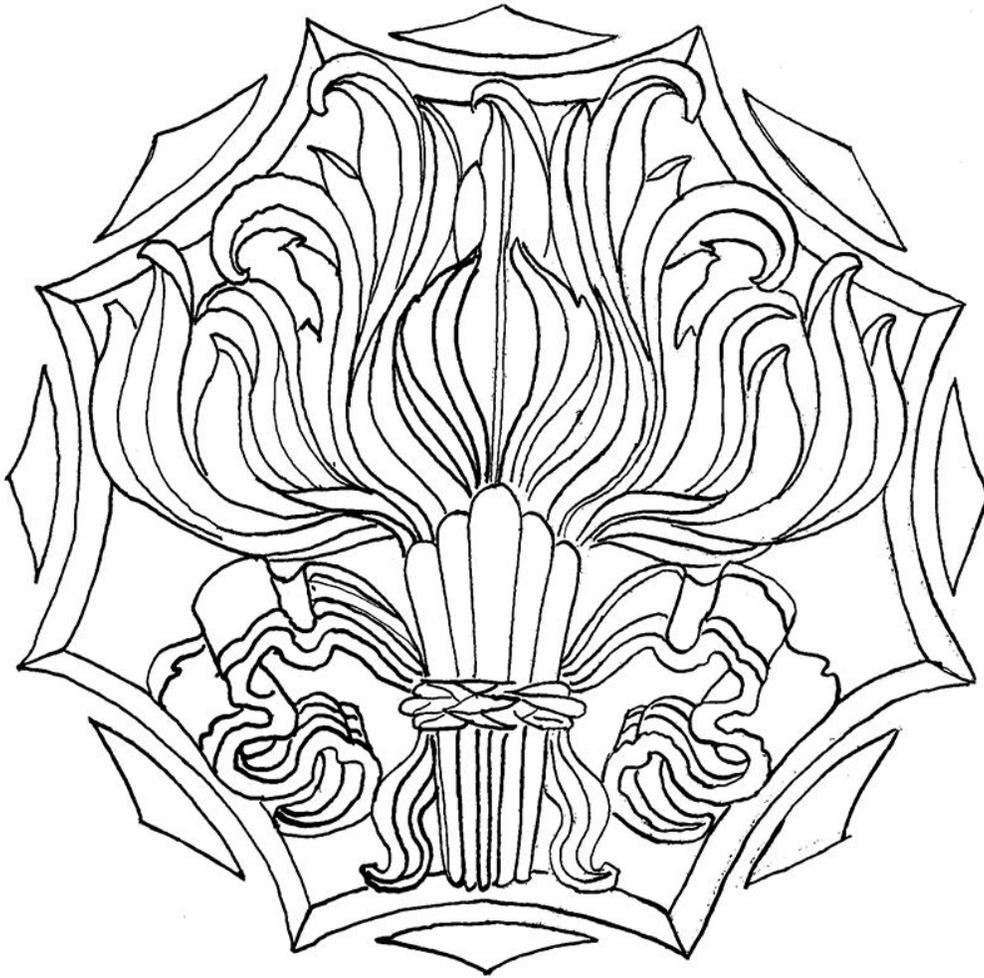


First Presbyterian Church

May 23, 2021

Day of Pentecost



*Serving Christ from the heart of the city to the ends
of the earth with love, faith and action.*

We Gather in God's Presence

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"With All My Heart"
Handbell Choir

Kathleen Wissinger

Call to Worship

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem, as we praise your name!

Let us sing praises to the Lord our God!

With glad thanksgiving, we will sing our songs of praise!

*Hymn

["Come, Worship God"](#)

No. 386

Prayer of Confession

Laurie Taylor Weicher

We confess, O God, that we have overestimated our own strength, and have failed to acknowledge our deep need for you, and for the companionship of those who are on this journey with us. But we have come to a new awareness of the power of community, of shared strength and encouragement, and of the support we draw from your providential care. Help us not lose sight of our kinship in Christ, and of the vitality we find in our life together, that this body of Christ might bear witness to your enduring faithfulness, and your all sufficient grace. Hear now our silent confessions, trusting in your mercy...

Kyrie | Lord, have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Response to Pardon

Friends in Christ, in response to this gift of God's grace, how then shall we live?

**With gratitude, following after the Lord Jesus Christ, who calls us to love
God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.**

This is the way of Jesus, in whom we find life!

*Gloria Patri

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.

We Celebrate our Life Together

Joys and Concerns and Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Congregational Response to Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

We Listen to God's Word

A Moment for Children (11:00)

Katy Schafer

Scripture Readings

Ezra 3:8-13; Acts 7:44-50

Sermon

"Familiar But Different"

Ed McLeod

We Respond to God's Word

*Hymn

["How Lovely, Lord"](#)

No. 402

An Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

"Now the Green Blade Riseth"
Handbell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

*Doxology | **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above; ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Elements

Prayer of Dedication

We Bear God's Word into the World

*Hymn

["Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"](#)

No. 396

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response | **Go with us Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit, strong and true, our lives may be our gift to you.**

*Postlude

"The Harmonious Blacksmith"

G. F. Handel

* All those who are able may stand.

The Acolytes are Ballard Baker and Davis Baker.

The Chancel flowers are given by Dan and Kathy Roebuck to the glory of God,
and in deep appreciation of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh.

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