

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks to God for our Spring 2018 New Members class:

Oluwabukola Gloria Akinleye
Natasha Darko
Robertson Darko, Jr.
Tom Dilger
Ram Ganesh
Mary Maleski (*will be received on June 10th*)
Debra Nemeth-Tarby
Melissa Ubl, baptizing her daughter Makayla Munzing
Jan Watterworth
Kathleen Willman

WEEK OF MAY 21

Mon., May 21	4:00 PM	Community Dinner
	7:00 PM	Art Ministry
Tues., May 22	7:00 PM	Deacons
Wed., May 23	8:15 PM	Choir
Sunday, May 27	10:30 AM	Worship
	12:00 PM	Worship Committee

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's ushers: Marcia and Roger Alig, Madelyn Christie

Today's greeter: Karen Klimpl

Pentecost Offering is being received today. See the bulletin insert, envelopes provided.

Nursery Attendant – Thanks to Abi Rivenburgh for being our volunteer nursery attendant this week in the absence of Jane Davis.

Coffee Hour —Thank you to the Outreach Committee for hosting coffee hour this morning to celebrate our New Members!

Memorial Day Parade – Come represent FPCH, let your community know how much we love FPCH by marching in the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th! Walk some, or walk a lot. It's fun waving to our neighbors and there are even prizes to hand out so we can really connect. We meet at the Grace Rogers parking lot so parking is a cinch! Come at 8:30am and have some fun!

Trenton Thunder Baseball Game – Join us on our 14th annual Trenton Thunder excursion against the Portland Sea Dogs. Thursday, July 26, 7pm. Gates open at 6pm, game starts at 7pm, fireworks immediately after. Tickets are limited, \$10, see Teri Mier, Joanne Bini, or call the church office.

The Walk to Remember -- Sunday, July 29, Marcia Alig will be participating in the 19th Walk to Remember of The Compassionate Friends, which will be held at the annual TCF conference in St. Louis, Missouri. She will be walking in memory of her son, Daniel, and all those gone too soon. More than 1,000 are expected to walk. Each walker wears a "racing bib" on which is inscribed the names of the ones remembered. If you would like to add a name to her bib or contribute to The Compassionate Friends to further its support of families who have suffered the tragedy of the death of a child, see her during coffee hour. Checks should be made out to "The Compassionate Friends." You may also use the website (tcfwalktoremember.com) and click on Alig under the Individuals heading. Thank you.

Name Tags – A friendly reminder that we should all be wearing our name tags. This lets friends and visitors feel more comfortable during a visit, and more confident with their newly found acquaintances. If you are in need of a new name tag, email or call the office.

Scrip/Gift Cards – are available for over 700 stores, including local supermarkets, restaurants and on-line retailers beginning at \$5 for gift giving or personal use. Proceeds benefit adult mission trips. See Carol Duryea in coffee hour or call her at 609-448-5316.

Office Hours -- The office is open Monday & Wednesday 10-4, Tuesday & Thursday 8-10 & 3-6, and Friday 3-6. To see Mary Maleski, Director of Christian Education, text or call 609-954-8977. You are welcome to reach Pastor Lisa via email, or by phoning the office. In a pastoral care emergency, you are invited to call her cell phone, 609-540-6528.



First Presbyterian Church

Pentecost, Baptism & New Members

Sunday, May 20, 2018

10:30 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship is a word derived from two words which mean to ascribe worth to God. The main body of the service moves broadly from hearing to doing, from proclamation to thanksgiving.

GATHERING

The people gather in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the declaration of God's forgiveness.

Prelude *As We Gather at Your Table* White/Evanovich
The beginning of the prelude is an invitation to silence your conversations and prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

↑ Call to Worship

L: Breath of God, breath of life, breath of deepest yearning,

P: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Comforter, disturber, interpreter, enthuser,

P: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: Heavenly friend, lamplighter, revealer of truth, midwife of change,

P: Come, Holy Spirit.

L: The Lord is here,

P: God's Spirit is with us.

↑ **Hymn 289** *On Pentecost They Gathered* MUNICH

↑ Call to Confession

↑ Prayer of Confession (*together*)

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation. You would breathe life into us, but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way. You would give us the words to bring hope, but we turn them to accusations toward those around us.

In your mercy, forgive us, God of grace. May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother and our Savior.

(Silence is kept for individual prayers of confession.)

↑ Assurance of Pardon

L: In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;
in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;
in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

P: In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

↑ The Passing of Peace

L: Let us now share signs of Christ's peace with one another, saying, the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you.

You are invited share signs of Christ's peace with those around you.

↑ Response to Peace

Hymn 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

THE WORD

Scriptures are read and their message is proclaimed.

Prayer for Illumination (*Poem by John Keble, 1792-1866*)

L: Come Lord, Come Wisdom, Love, and Power,
Open our ears to hear;
Let us not miss the accepted hour;
Save, Lord, by Love or Fear.

First Reading (PEW BIBLE – NT – PG 148) Romans 8:22-27

L: Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

P: Thanks be to God!

Time for Children

Children are invited to stay for the baptisms. Following the baptisms, children of every age are always welcome to remain in worship. Families may also choose...

- *Loving care for infants and toddlers in our nursery.*
- *Children pre-K (potty-trained) through 1st grade are invited to the narthex to be escorted by the leaders to Children & Worship in the Multi-Purpose Room. Children will return to the sanctuary following the Offering so they can receive communion along with their families.*
- *Children 2nd grade and higher are welcome to remain in worship. There are worship bags in the narthex with activities for them.*

Sacrament of Baptism and Reception of New Members

(Hymnal p. 14)

Anthem *Give Me Love (Give Me Peace on Earth)*
George Harrison

Second Reading (PEW BIBLE – NT – PG 111) Acts 2:1-21

L: The Word of the Lord!

P: Thanks be to God!

Sermon *Diving In*

↑ **Hymn 485** *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG

THE RESPONSE

Responses to the proclamation of God's Word include expressions of faith and commitment.

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (*together*)

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.

Offering/Offertory *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Hurlbutt

↑ **Doxology 607** OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

↑ Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

The people are sent forth with God's blessing to serve.

↑ **Hymn 297** *In Christ Called to Baptize* ST.DENIO

↑ Blessing and Charge

↑ Benediction Response

Hymn 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT
(Refrain) ***Spirit, spirit of gentleness,***
blow through the wilderness, calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Postlude *A Trumpet Fancy* Nelson

Please feel free to depart in silence during the postlude, mindful of those who remain to listen.

↑ **If you are able, please stand in praise**
Large print bulletins, hymnals and assisted listening devices are available.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Pastor, Rev. Lisa Day
Adult Music Director, Debbie Tarby
Chancel Bell Choir
Children & Worship Leaders, Catherine Vincent and Jane Zanat
Liturgist, Debbie Warfield
Praise Band