

# *Forest Hill Church*

## *Pentecost Service*

*May 23, 2021 at 11:00 am*

Gather around the computer to worship God!

Please join our YouTube Live Stream:

<https://youtu.be/4-JUB6cPX1E>

### *Centering Words*

*In all times and in all places the Holy Spirit calls. Will you answer?*

### PRELUDE

F.C. Atkinson

*Spirit of God, Descend upon my Heart*

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHORAL INTROIT

Ruth C. Duck

*As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

Laura Minder, soprano and Julie Minder, alto

Clayton Minder, tenor and Maverick Donahue, bass

### PENTECOST VIDEO

Family, Youth and Children

### *Greeting Our God with Joy*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Holy Spirit, rain down on this place—rain down on us!**

Fling wide the doors! Sing songs! Rejoice! Holy Spirit, rain down on this place!

**Let our souls drink your goodness. Let our hearts overflow with love.**

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh that all who call on your name shall be saved.

**Holy Spirit, rain down on this place—rain down on us!**

### OPENING HYMN NO. 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

- 1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision;  
help us face each crucial hour.  
Built upon a firm foundation,  
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission  
that God's love shall be made known.
- 2 We would raise our alleluias  
for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,  
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey  
you have led us all the way;  
still in presence move before us,  
fire by night and cloud by day.
- 3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;  
give us words of fire and flame.

Help our feeble lips to praise you,  
glorify your holy name.  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Three in One: what mystery!  
We would sing our loud hosannas  
now and through eternity.

*Renewing Our Relationship with God*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy, loving, and merciful God, in faith we seek your grace and mercy as we confess our sins.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.**

Speak truth to our hearts, renew our minds, and enable us to receive and walk in your Word.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us.**

Convict us and cleanse us from sin, comfort the disturbed, disturb the comfortable, and restore our union with you and with one another.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

*Affirming the Good News in Our Lives*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

Like the rush of a violent wind, the Holy Spirit filled the house, changing each language and making them one. **With this same Holy Spirit, God will make us one.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! **Hallelujah! Amen!**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Jack Lentz  
Amy Wheatley

**ANTHEM**

Joel Raney

*A Pentecost Song*

Laura Minder, soprano and Julie Minder, alto  
Clayton Minder, tenor and Maverick Donahue, bass  
Elizabeth Shaw, drums and Jessica Chancey, flute

*Opening Our Hearts to God's Word*

**THE LIVING WORD (NRSV)**

**Acts 2:1-21** 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. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, ‘Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.’ All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, ‘What does this mean?’ But others sneered and said, ‘They are filled with new wine.’ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*After the readings*  
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Veronica R. Goines

*“Pentecost: Bring Me the Ironing Board”*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

**FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

To participate in our online Friendship Register, please leave a comment in the Live Chat box listing the names of those participating in this morning's Live Worship, or email the office.

**OFFERING**

Giving and Offering is available by texting: 216-400-5300  
Or you may give online: <https://fhc.breezechms.com/give/online/>  
You may also mail a check to the church office.

OFFERTORY

What Does the Lord Require of You  
Chancel Choir

RESPONSE HYMN NO. 538

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises”

Ha - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all\_\_ our  
3 hearts with glad - ness are filled. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
6 prais - es, all\_\_ our hearts with glad - ness are filled. Now\_ he  
9 sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong. of  
13 faith, free of doubt. Tell\_\_ to all the joy - ful Good News. *repeat first part*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Going Forth to Live as God's People*

CLOSING HYMN 641

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

- 1 When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried:  
Alleluia!
- 2 How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
Alleluia!
- 5 Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fragar Russell John

Church on Fire  
Maverick Donahue



To request prayers for a personal concern, please email Pastor Lentz ([pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorlentz@fhcpresb.org)) or Pastor Goines ([pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org](mailto:pastorgoines@fhcpresb.org)) no later than Thursday afternoon of each week for inclusion in next week's congregational prayer. Please direct all prayer concerns that arise between Friday and Sunday morning to the Pastor's on-call phone line (216-319-3596). The on-call phone is operational after office hours on weekdays and Saturday through Sunday morning.

**Prayers are requested this week for:**

Leslie Clement, Mark Davidson, Marcie Denton, Beth Garrett, Rita Grube, Deborah Howard, Joanna Klingenstein, Elspeth Peterjohn, Carol Phillips (sister of Ellen McChesney), Dean Sieck, Susan Way, and Carol Wedell.

**Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:**

Marge Drollinger, Robert Kellermeyer, Florence and Ron Klein, Carol Hopkins-Lutz, Emelia McGuire, Margaret Sentell, Elaine Tapié, Beryl and Henrietta Williams.

**Care Group: *The Jerusalem Care Group*** will assist our pastors with members' needs in **May**. Please call the church office to report an illness, hospitalization, family emergency, birth or death. Information will be passed on to the **Care Group leader, Laura Minder** ([deacons@fhcpresb.org](mailto:deacons@fhcpresb.org)).

**Thank you, all office volunteers:** Lynda Bernays, Cathy Ghiandoni, and Ellen McChesney.

**The deadline for the bulletin and weekly email** is Tuesday of each week at 5 pm. The next TOWER deadline is **June 17 (for the July TOWER) at 8:00 am**. Please submit your written requests to [office@fhcpresb.org](mailto:office@fhcpresb.org).

**Bible and Bagels (Bible Study)** discusses next Sunday's texts on Wednesday mornings (virtually) from 7:30-8:30 am. The lessons for this week are: **1 Sam. 8.: 4-15; Ps. 138; Gen. 3:8-15; Mark 3:20-35**.

**Graduates!!** We want to recognize Forest Hill graduates during worship on Sunday, June 6th. If you or a member of your family is graduating or has graduated in the past year, please fill out this form- <https://fhc.breezechms.com/form/35cdc7>. Amy will reach out to you via email to obtain a photo of the graduate. We want to share these important milestones with our church family and celebrate with you!

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