



Sunday, May 28, 2023 | 10:30 A.M.
Day of Pentecost

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

Wilbur Held (1915-2015)

GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters and brought forth life. Come, Holy Spirit,

All: **Breathe on us, we pray.**

One: The Spirit of God was seen as a dove, a symbol of peace. Come, Holy Spirit,

All: **Breathe on us, we pray.**

One: The Spirit of God blows like wind and sings like breath—God's breath. Come, Holy Spirit,

All: **Breathe on us, we pray.**

One: On the Day of Pentecost, the spirit of God appeared as tongues of fire, igniting the church. Come, Holy Spirit,

All: **Breathe on us, we pray.**

One: God promised to pour out the Spirit on all people—men, women, young, old. Come, Holy Spirit,

All: **Breathe on us, we pray.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit—life-giver, peacemaker, wind and flame of prophets. Come, Holy Spirit,

All: **Breathe on us, we pray.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 130

Let Every Christian Pray

LAUDES DOMINI

all are seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: God's Spirit has gathered us for worship and given us the power to speak honestly and boldly. Let us confess our shortcomings and remember God forgives, loves and saves.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon the disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we often hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

There follows a moment of silence for prayers of confession.

KYRIE *sung in Greek*

Traditional liturgical text
Ukraine



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.



Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Acts 2:21 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

RESPONSE TO OUR FORGIVENESS

African-American Spiritual

arr. Joseph T. Jones

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my
heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray."

all are seated

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING *Acts 2: 1-21*

Liturgist

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Come Down, O Love Divine

William H. Harris

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

~Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING *John 20: 19-23*

Rev. Steve Nofel

One: The Word of God, for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *We Have Holy Spirit Power*

Rev. Steve Nofel

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HYMN OF RESPONSE 314

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

Following the hymn, you may bring any prayer request cards to the front of the sanctuary, or signal an usher to assist you.

all are seated

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Purple Ribbon List (May 13-20)

Dabrae Edwards	19	Male	Black	<i>We hang a purple ribbon on the Park Avenue side of our building to remind us to pray for the victims, survivors, and perpetrators of these acts of violence in Baltimore City. If you would like to join in putting up a ribbon after worship, please signal an usher.</i>
Delvonta Grimes	34	Male	Black	
Da'wan Amin James	21	Male	Black	
Devoon Johnson	29	Male	Black	
Kenneth Lyde	31	Male	Black	
Jamal Martin	18	Male	Black	
Krista McGuire	34	Female	White	
Troy Shaw	45	Male	Black	
Teon Wright	34	Male	Black	

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

*If you wish to give online via, scan this QR code or visit www.firstfranklin.org.
If you would like to give your offering by mail, please send it to the church office.*



AT THE OFFERTORY

Let Thy Holy Spirit Come Upon Us

Pavel Tschesnokoff (1877-1944)

stand, in body, spirit, or voice

DOXOLOGY 591

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Phil Adams

One: Creator God, you continue to bless us with love, insight, and imagination. Today we gather as a community to celebrate the birthday of your church, separated by circumstance but joined in heart, mind, and devotion. We bring these offerings, born of the gifts with which we were endowed, both in grateful response and as a sign of our commitment to bring about the kind of world for which we strive. A world where the voices of every manifestation of your love are not only heard but understood, their divinity recognized, and invited into our community. May the power of these offerings be multiplied by your blessing and our resolve to use them to bring about your kingdom on Earth. Amen.

remain standing for

HYMN OF RESPONSE 129

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Partita on “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord”

Kevin Hildebrand (b.1973)

7. Toccata

*It is the custom of this congregation to remain in the sanctuary for the postlude. Those wishing to exit may do so.
Grace and joy to all who have joined us in worship! Please join us for fellowship in Backus House.*



PRAYER REQUESTS

The Luu family

Jaykob and Katie

Judy and David Dadds

SAFETY NOTE: No staff or representative of First & Franklin will ever contact you about giving money or any other forms of payment to support individuals or families who may be on the prayer or birthday list. Please always take caution if you are asked to donate by anyone online or over the phone. If there is ever a question about whether something is legitimate, please contact the church office immediately.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES (May 28-June4)

Corena Bridges

LoisAnn Oler

Laura Oldham & Beth Seeley

GUEST PREACHER: Rev. Steve Nofel

Steve was originally ordained in another denomination 32 years ago. He has been a PCUSA pastor for 28 plus years. His wife, Kim, is also a PCUSA pastor. Right after they were married, they moved to her first call in southeast Nebraska. Steve fell into interim / transitional ministry and found his calling. He served as an interim minister for 11 years. Then Kim and Steve became co-pastors for 12 years in Cortez, Colorado. After leaving Cortez, he once again found his niche in transitional ministry. Steve has been serving congregations in Baltimore Presbytery as “Staff Interim” for the last year. Not listed in any kind of order, Steve loves baseball history, sumo, hiking and walking, studying the Bible, his family and listening to and reading dozens of books a year.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Steve Nofel, *Guest Preacher*
Kathie Metz, *guest organist & conductor*

Nusrat David and Audrey Suhr, *ushers*
John McLucas, *liturgist*

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Clarence Baney	Don Juedes	Meredith Piplani	Steve Roach	Christina Stewart
Anne Culbertson	Kirk McAuliffe	Jacob Plaisted	Doug Savin	Jan Trammell-Savin
Jake Elfner	John McLucas	Anna Pollitt	Betty Schroll	Randy Veale
Zhenya Gnezdilova	Alex Mendelsohn	Daveen Rim	Marianne Shick	Rachel Walsh
Jim Harvey	Laura Oldham	Ben Riniker	Sandra Smith	

FIRST & FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Jason Kissel, DMA, *Minister of Music & Arts/Organist*
George Meagher, *Sexton*
Deborah McCrimmon, *Director of Christian Arts & Education*

Anna Pollitt, *Office Administrator*
Aaron Houston, *Audio Engineer*

SESSION

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Becca Hollaway	Paul Fowler	Dave Pierson
John McLucas	Alex Mendelsohn	Marianne Shick
	Allie Pyan	Kris Stinson

DEACONS

CLASS OF 2023	CLASS OF 2024	CLASS OF 2025
Marla Holt	Anne Culbertson	Ryan-Paul Johnson
Randolph Veale	Michael Johnson	

CALENDAR

Current as of May 24

05/28 Sun 11:30am-12:30pm | Steve Hollaway Reading and Signing
05/29 Mon | Office Closed - Memorial Day
05/31 Wed 5:30pm-7:00pm | AIDS Quilt Exhibit Open (Reid Chapel)
06/03 Sat 10:30am – 1:30pm | Narcotics Anonymous (Hodge House)
06/03 Sat 12:00pm-2:00pm | AIDS Quilt Exhibit Open (Reid Chapel)
06/03 Sat 1:00pm-3:00pm | Food Pantry (Backus House)
06/04 Sun 9:00am-10:00am | Last Day of Sunday School ~ Ice Cream Party (Backus House)
06/04 Sun 9:00am-10:00am | No Adult Education
06/04 Sun 10:30am-11:30am | Guest Preacher: Rev. Janine Zabriskie
06/04 Sun 12:00pm-2:00pm | AIDS Quilt Exhibit Open (Reid Chapel)
06/04 Sun 3:00pm-5:00pm | Spire Series... Prelude to Pride: Sara Davis Buechner, piano (Sanctuary)

For more information about these events, visit firstfranklin.org or call the office at (410) 728-5545.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSURE: The church office will be closed on Monday, 05/29/2023 in observance of Memorial Day.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Moving forward, the Food Pantry will be closed on the last Saturday of the month.

PNC UPDATE: The Ministry Information Form (MIF) for the Pastor position here at First & Franklin is live on the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website! We are scheduling initial conversations with promising candidates and requesting additional matching PIFs from CLC. For those less familiar with the terminology, the MIF is essentially our 'job posting', a PIF is a pastor's resume, and CLC actively matches our position with compatible pastors. As a reminder, this is a confidential process. We cannot discuss any specifics or candidates. However, we will keep you updated as we go along in the process. Please keep this search and our committee in your prayers as we move through this process.

AIDS QUILT DISPLAY: The AIDS Memorial Quilt Display is open now through June 28th! We are displaying two panels of the AIDS quilt to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the AIDS epidemic in Baltimore, and the pivotal role that First & Franklin played in supporting and advocating for people with AIDS. Visitation hours will be Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00-2:00pm, and Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm. We are still seeking volunteers to help cover these hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please look for the sign up sheet in our Thursday email blast, or call the church office at (410) 728 5545 for more information.

POETRY READING BY STEVE HOLLOWAY: The Music, Worship, and Arts Committee invites you to a poetry reading and book signing at noon on Sunday, May 28, in the church courtyard. Steve Hollaway will read from his just-released book of poems, *Tim Ear*. These poems reflect his concerns as a 70-year-old – in particular the experience of hearing loss and tinnitus. The language of faith permeates the book but it is not the faith of youth. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a chance for Q&A. By the way, Steve Hollaway is graduating in May from the University of Baltimore with his Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Publishing Arts! We hope you will come to congratulate him and enjoy hearing his beautiful work.

THE SPIRE SERIES ~ PRELUDE TO PRIDE: SARA DAVIS BUECHNER: On Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 3:00pm, The Spire Series at First & Franklin will host Sara Davis Buechner for a concert program titled "Prelude to Pride." Ms. Buechner, a Baltimore native, has garnered top awards at prestigious competitions around the world and is regarded as one of the most original concert pianists and storytellers of our time. She is also a proud transgender woman, and will share stories and music from her career as we kick off our 2023 Pride Month festivities! Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.firstfranklin.org/event/preludetopride/> for \$10-25.

WEAR ORANGE: Through the Guns 2 Gardens project, the Peacemaking Committee has found Moms Demand Action to be a supportive group in working to end gun violence. To help support their work, join us on June 4, during Gun Violence Awareness Weekend, wear orange to honor the individuals and communities afflicted by gun violence and to call for meaningful action to save lives. Why Orange? On January 21, 2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

NEW SERIES IN ADULT EDUCATION: For Pride month, Adult Education will be hosting a series on sexuality and the church! Join us on June 11, 18, and 25 at 9:00am in Backus House as we explore the history of LGBTQ individuals in the church, the way the Bible has been used against such people, and how you can help others see a deeper story of hope, love, and inclusion within the biblical narrative and church tradition. We hope you will finish the series equipped to be instruments of affirmation as we all become better verse in scripture's sexual ethic. Donuts and coffee will be provided! Note: There will be no Adult Education on Sunday, June 4th.

PRIDE FESTIVITIES: Baltimore's LGBTQ Pride festivities this year are on Saturday, June 24th and Sunday, June 25th. First & Franklin will be having a blast marching in the Pride parade with Faith Communities of Baltimore starting at 1:00PM on Saturday. We will have a booth at the huge gathering in Druid Hill Park on Sunday after worship. We are looking for lots of people to march and to work an hour or two at the booth so we can meet people, tell them about our great congregation, and show some love for the LGBTQ community. Look for opportunities to sign up in the coming weeks.

SISSETON LEARNING CAMP RAFFLE: We have ten people who are going to lead the learning camp in Sisseton SD this July, five of them from our church. We have been given a quilt made by one of the Dakota men. We hope to raffle it to help cover expenses for the team. Tickets will be \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The quilt will be in Reid Chapel during coffee hour. Please see Marla Holt or Becca Hollaway to get your tickets. Checks should be made out to the Presbytery of Baltimore with the memo line for Sisseton Learning Camp but cash is welcome. Drawing will be held on July 16th.