



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PENSACOLA

## DAY OF PENTECOST

June 9, 2019 | 9:30 A.M.



*Pentecost*

Acts of the Apostles Frontispiece of the Saint John's Bible



## WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us this Pentecost Sunday. Founded in 1821, First Church is the oldest Protestant church in the area and the oldest Methodist church in Florida. This historic church, with four regular Sunday services, has a membership of 3200 and is overflowing with life. If you are visiting, we hope that you will consider becoming a member of our church family. You may join any Sunday by profession of faith or transfer of membership. Come and be a part of what God is doing here this summer.

## PENTECOST

Today is the Day of Pentecost (often called the birthday of the church). Pentecost is the fiftieth day of Easter. The earliest church in Jerusalem had completed forty days of ongoing teaching from the Risen Lord, followed by a ten-day prayer vigil after his ascension. On the fiftieth day, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and the church began to move out in and by the Spirit's power. Today, we commemorate that occasion in our worship.

## NURSERY & CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

Nursery is available this morning for children up to five years old. If you need help locating the nursery, please see an usher or greeter for assistance. Also, children's worship bulletins and crayons are available in the narthex.

## VISITOR / NEW MEMBER CLASS

Each Sunday morning we welcome all visitors and new members that are interested in learning more about First Church to an introductory class that consists of four parts. The class assembles at 9:30am in room PH101 next door in the Perry Home. Today's class, Ministries of First Church, is about all the programs and ministries of the church. Next week, Serving at First Church will help you find your place to use your gifts and talents in service in the church and community. Join us each week.

## FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Herb and Lil Ferreira's 41st wedding anniversary on June 3.

**About the Cover Art: Pentecost** by Donald Jackson — In this scene, the devout Jews from every nation under heaven are already in Jerusalem for the great Jewish pilgrimage feast of Pentecost which occurs fifty days after Passover. The depiction here combines the events of Pentecost in Acts 2:1-13 with the explanation given by Saint Peter in his speech, Acts 2:14-39. The artist use many local associations from St. John's University in this illumination. Most visible is the Saint John's Abbey and University Church emerging from the wall of the golden Jerusalem

# ***OUR WORSHIP OF GOD***

9:30am

The Day of Pentecost

## **WELCOME**

## **PRELUDE**

Dr. Rick Branch, *organ*

“Siyahamba” *arr. John A. Behnke*

## **\*CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

We will sing to the Lord as long as we live.

**We will sing to God while we have being.**

God sends forth the Spirit, and all is made new.

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever!**

[Psalm 104]

## **\*HYMN**

“O Spirit of the Living God”

**no. 539**

## **\*COLLECT**

Rev. Brandon Bures

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**no. 881**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, dead, and buried;**

**the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**no. 70**

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.

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

**\*GOSPEL LESSON**

John 14:8-17, 25-27

**SERMON**

Dr. Wesley H. Wachob

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly  
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our  
whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our  
neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*All pray in silence.*

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were still sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

*Response:* **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

*All:* **Glory to God. Amen.**

### **\*THE PEACE**

All exchange signs and words of God's peace.

### **REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE**

Please register your attendance on the registration pad. If you are visiting with us, include your address, phone number, and email so that we may welcome you in a more personal way.

### **OFFERTORY**

“Holy, Holy, Holy” *arr. Mark Hayes*

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**no. 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**no. 13**

You are invited to come forward to the altar to receive the elements of Holy Communion.

### **INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP**

Anyone who wishes to join the church today, please come forward during the last stanza of the closing hymn.

### **\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”

**no. 332**

### **\*BENEDICTION AND GOING FORTH**

### **POSTLUDE**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” *arr. Lloyd Larson*

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\*Stand as you are able

\*\**universal*

9:30: GREETERS – Dona Hill and Carol Ross. USHERS – John Susko, David Dahl and Marcus Pittman. COMMUNION STEWARDS – Amy Voeltz and Kelly Davies. COMMUNION SERVERS – Ruth Klarner and Diane Ward, Lay Persons.

# TODAY'S LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE

## THE DAY OF PENTECOST

**The First Reading—Acts 2:1-21**—the story of the Holy Spirit filling the apostles and empowering them to share the message of the gospel with people of different languages.

**The Psalter—Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**—The psalm describes the wonders of the world created and renewed by the Lord's Spirit.

**The Second Reading—Romans 8:14-17**—when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become God's children and heirs with Christ.

**The Gospel—John 14:8-17 (25-27)**—Jesus tells his disciples that in him the Father has been revealed, and he promises the gift of another Counselor, the Spirit of truth, to be with them.

## DAILY READINGS - PROPER 5

Each of us is encouraged to read scripture during the week. The Daily Readings are taken from "The Daily Office Lectionary" in The Book of Common Prayer. Make a commitment this summer to read scripture each day. It will be a blessing. It can change your life.

	<u>Psalms</u>	<u>Old Test.</u>	<u>New Test.</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
MONDAY	56, 57, 58	Deut. 30:1-10	2 Cor. 10:1-18	Luke 18:31-43
TUESDAY	61, 62	Deut. 30:11-20	2 Cor. 11:1-21a	Luke 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY	72	Deut. 31:30-32:14	2 Cor. 11:21b-33	Luke 19:11-27
THURSDAY	70, 71	Ecclus. 44:19-45:5*	2 Cor. 12:1-10	Luke 19:28-40
FRIDAY	69	Ecclus. 45:6-16*	2 Cor. 12:11-21	Luke 19:41-48
SATURDAY	75, 76	Ecclus. 46:1-10*	2 Cor. 13:1-14	Luke 20:1-8
**Eve of Trinity Sunday		Ecclus. 45:15-25**	Eph. 3:14-21**	



*In place of the Old Testament readings this Thursday through Saturday, our readings are from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, also called Wisdom of Sirach, or simply Sirach. This book may not be in many of our Bibles; it is found among the 14 books of the Apocrypha. Biblical apocrypha is a set of texts included in the Latin Vulgate and Septuagint but not in the Hebrew Bible. While Catholic tradition considers some of these texts to be deuterocanonical, Protestants consider them apocryphal (of unknown authorship or of doubtful origin). These writings are yet valuable and should be read. You can find this week's Ecclesiasticus readings in a Bible that includes the Apocrypha and online.*

## NEXT WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Join us next week here at First Church as we come together to worship God on Trinity Sunday. Dr. Wachob will preach at the 8:00 and 11:00am worship services here in the Main Sanctuary. The Rev. Brandon Bures will preach at the 9:30am worship and at the ICON worship service at 11:00am in Wesley Abbey. The Sanctuary Choir will sing at 11:00am. Next Sunday's scriptures: *Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 • Psalm 8 (UMH 743) • Romans 5:1-5 • John 16:12-15.*