

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Pastor Michael Atkinson

PROCESSION FOR PENTECOST

ORGAN PRELUDE - -"Chorale, Op. I, No. 2" / Daniel Gawthrop - - Brett Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

People: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.

People: Let your wind of hope swirl around us,  
lifting and moving us from complacency.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

People: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence  
and love in everything we say and do. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. AMEN.

HYMN ----- "On Pentecost They Gathered" / Tune: MUNICH

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On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

PASTORAL PRAYER ----- Pastor Atkinson

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HANDBELL OFFERING --- "Hymn to Joy" -----arr. Kevin McChesney

SCRIPTURE LESSON -----Acts 2:1-21

*(Audra Skidmore, reader)*

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 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.



SERMON ----- “The Emerging Church” --- Pastor Michael Atkinson  
*(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN ----- “O Spirit of the Living God”

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine  
Descend upon thy church once more and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace,  
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free,  
From mists of error, clouds of doubt which blind our eyes to thee.  
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal  
To preach to all thy great, good news, God’s glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,  
The language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;  
Till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,  
And earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;  
So shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;  
And earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;  
Till perfected by thee we reach creation’s glorious goal.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” / Hyfrydol-arr. Henry Coleman  
*Brett Miller, organist*

**PASTOR'S MEETING WITH CHILDREN/YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

Today — Following Morning Worship

All First Church folks with children and youth family members are encouraged to come meet with Pastor Michael.



Bring your thoughts and dreams and visions to share!



**"FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS" — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2**

"Friends Feeding Friends" is a community organization that meets outside our church every Wednesday night to serve a free dinner.

FUMC will serve this dinner on June 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m..

We need people to serve the meal, to mingle/visit with the crowd, and to help clean-up.

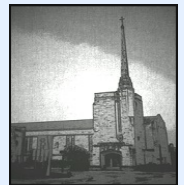
If you would like to volunteer, please call Cheryl Moorhead at 304-677-9859 or Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015

**ON-LINE WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**

We will continue to post our services on YouTube.

Our members as well as many "visitors" watch and appreciate them!

We will no longer be sending the weekly massed e-mail notice, but instead encourage you to find us either directly on our Facebook page, YouTube page or via the link on [www.cfumc.org](http://www.cfumc.org) (click on the sermon title).



***If you do want a weekly email reminder, just let us know...we'll send it to you!***



# PENTECOST: Acts 2

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.”

## FIND AND CIRCLE THESE WORDS AND NAMES

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| LILLY     | LOOKER   | LOWE      | MATHENY     | MCKINNEY |
| MILLER    | MOORHEAD | MURPHY    | PATTON      | PAYNE    |
| REESE     | RHODES   | SAMPLES   | SAYERS      | SCOTT    |
| SEIBERT   | SHAVER   | SKIDMORE  | SMITH       | SPELLMAN |
| SQUIRES   | THRUSH   | WARNER    | WILFONG     | WILLIAMS |
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