

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP

31 May 2020

Prayer of Preparation

Sacred breath, move through us this day. Remind us that you are always present: encouraging, leading, and inspiring us to be the loving people you created us to be. Stir us this day that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with You. Amen.

Welcome and Chiming of the Trinity

Call to Worship

Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

Come, Holy Spirit.

May we feel You this day and in all days.

Hymn 300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

Peter Scholtes

1. We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord; we are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
**Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians, by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**
2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: **(Refrain)**
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: **(Refrain)**
4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: **(Refrain)**

Call to Confession

We turn to God in prayer not because we are compelled, but because God invites us.
We come to God not because of our righteousness, but because of God's grace.
In that spirit, let us approach God through our Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we know that in every generation you call forth prophets to proclaim your word. We give you thanks that you are still speaking even today. Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation and elders to dream of a time not yet known. Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice when it comes from an unexpected place. Convinced that we are right, we miss the Good News of your reconciling love. Forgive us, God. Restore us with humility and awaken us anew to your presence and your promise.

Assurance of Pardon

Those who are in Christ are a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God with whom we have been reconciled through Christ.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Summary of the Law

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and the first commandment. And a second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Matthew 22:37-39)

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Lesson – Acts 2:1-8, 14, 22b-24, 37-42

Sermon

The Spirit's Work in Us

Daewon Goldenbaum-Yang

Duet

Lord, Set in Our Hearts a Light

Engelbert Humperdinck

Recognition of High School Seniors

Jacob Benda will attend East Carolina University.

Parents: Sara Schweitzer and Michael Mealey (step-father)

Luke Bowser will attend Marion Military Institute (Naval Academy Prep School).

Parents: George and Alison

Owen Jernigan will attend North Carolina State University.

Parents: Keith and Rebecca

Jake Kirby will attend Western Carolina University.

Parents: Eric and Sharene

Anna Morris will attend University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Parents: Kenneth and Stephanie

John Peterson will attend University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Parents: Richard and Olivia.

Tyler Presson will attend East Carolina University.

Parents: Joe and Kelly

Sara-Rose Spann will attend Meredith College.

Parents: Nan and Jason Mills (step-father)

John M. Smith Junior Scholarship

Tristen Best

The John M. Smith, Jr. Award was established in 1964, in memory of John M. Smith, Junior. John graduated from New Bern High School in 1964. He was a leader at New Bern High, serving as president of the student body his senior year. While working in Virginia the summer after graduation, John was killed in an automobile accident. Some of John's classmates collected money to start a scholarship in his name and came to First Presbyterian Church to ask if the church would administer the fund for them. The Church agreed and the classmates put together the basis on which they wanted the scholarship to be awarded. It has and continues to be awarded to a student of the senior class who exemplifies good character and great leadership. This year's recipient is **Tristen Best**.

Catherine Latta Music Award

Sara-Rose Spann

Catherine Latta was music director at First Pres for many years. She was a talented contralto and made her way to New York City and an opera career. That was cut short when she came back to New Bern to care for her parents. In her memory, we honor a senior each year. The individual has participated in our choir program and are dedicated musicians. This year's Catherine Latta Music Award goes to **Sara-Rose Spann**.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Benediction

* *The hymn was sung by Tommy Hall and Maren Sonstegard-Spray, Pat Rowlett (piano).
The duet was sung by Susan Mabie and Pat K. Rowlett, Vance Harper Jones (piano).*