

*“Veni Sancte Spiritus” or “Come Holy Spirit”*

A detail from a mosaic in the Catholic church of St Aloysius in London.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Established 1817

**5 June 2022**

**Day of Pentecost**

**10:00 AM Worship**

*Building Community ▪ Transforming Lives ▪ Engaging the World*

## WELCOME VISITORS!

Name tags are available in the narthex and vestibule – we would love to greet you by name! Members **and** visitors are invited to sign the Friendship Pad when passed to you during the service.

Nametag questions?

Please contact  
marcy@firstpresnb.org

**CHILDREN** are welcome at First Presbyterian Church! The nursery is available for infants, toddlers, and preschool children in Room 1.23 and 1.24 in the Ministry Center from 8:30 am to 11:15 pm.

**RESTROOMS** are available in the Ministry Center (including a family restroom) and the Session House.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** and **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** with ear coverings are available in the Narthex.

## Prayer of Preparation

*Flame-dancing Spirit, come  
sweep us off our feet and  
Dance us through our days.  
Surprise us with Your rhythms,  
Dare us to try new steps, explore  
New patterns and new partnerships;  
Release us from old routines  
to swing in abandoned joy  
And fearful adventure.  
And in the intervals, rest us,  
In Your still center. Amen.*

## Welcome

### The Chiming of the Trinity

**Prelude**      *We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit*      Buxtehude

**Introit**      *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*      Dill/Darwall

### \*Call to Worship

Wild and free, creative and refreshing,  
God's Spirit blows through this place.

#### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Gentle and mysterious, patient and caring,  
God's Spirit moves in our hearts.

#### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Breaking barriers and making connections,  
healing divisions and making us one,  
God's Spirit flows between us.

#### **Come, Holy Spirit!**

**\*Hymn 289**      *On Pentecost They Gathered*      Huber/1693

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon

#### Summary of the Law

Matthew 22:37-39

“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.’”

#### Children’s Moment

Rev. Catherine Campbell

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Gospel Reading

Acts 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

#### Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight

**MASKS** are now optional for worship and church activities.

If you would like to **FIND OUT MORE** about First Presbyterian Church, please contact [anna@firstpresnb.org](mailto:anna@firstpresnb.org) Our next new member classes will be on June 12 and 19.

Following the **CHILDREN’S MOMENT** in the 10:00 service, those in the 2nd grade or younger may depart for Children’s Worship and Wonder in the Ministry Center across the hall from the nursery. For all children in worship, there are worship bags available at the front and back of the Sanctuary.

If you have questions about children, youth, or family ministry, please contact [catherine@firstpresnb.org](mailto:catherine@firstpresnb.org)

If you would like to receive **CHURCH EMAILS** containing news, announcements, and/or the newsletter, please contact [cathy@firstpresnb.org](mailto:cathy@firstpresnb.org).

Visit the website!  
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## Reception of the 2022 Confirmation Class

*Ben Healy ~ Middy Hinckley ~ James Holton ~ Thomas Lathan  
Wood Mattocks ~ Max Mills ~ Tait Norment ~ Carson Presson  
Jamey Spruill ~ Reid Taylor ~ Millie Kate Wilson*

### \*Affirmation of Faith

Written by the 2022 Confirmation Class

**I believe in God who is loving, forgiving, and caring.**

**I believe that God created everything we see, hear, touch, and smell. I believe God created the deserts, mountains, and oceans.**

**Whether it be the smallest of mice to the greatest of whales- all that God has created is good.**

**God is my rock, where we can go for help.  
God is there, even when no one else is.**

**God helps us journey through the world that he created. He sent his only son, Jesus, to die for us and forgive our sins and make us clean. Jesus died, was buried, and rose again.**

**God is with us on good days and bad days, good plays and bad plays.**

**I believe God is a voice that guides me in life, guides our actions and pushes us to do things we believe we can't do. We may stray away from the voice, but the voice is always with us.**

**As a Christian, I am learning to live by God's example, to love everyone, to be kind, and to be caring. I want my personal relationship to God to be stronger so that people can see him in me.**

**I give thanks for random moments of faith when I find God, even when I am not looking for God, because God is always looking for me.**

In times of belief. In times of doubt. In all times, we know that God calls us to learn and be open. I believe in the community of believers that continues to support and uplift one another on life's journey.

Being a good Christian is not about certainty or confidence, but rather faith. I cannot see God. But I can see him in the orange of a spring sunrise. I cannot hear God. But I can hear him in the melody of a beloved hymn. I cannot touch God. But I can feel him in the swells of each wave on a hot summer day.

This I believe. Amen.

**\*Hymn 691** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* Kaan/Webb

## Giving of God's Tithes and our Offerings

**Offertory** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* Hopson

Please join in singing verse 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.

**\* Doxology** Hymn #607

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise Christ all creatures here below**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

## Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Jim and Cheryl Blackerby to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jane Ann Blackerby by her family.*

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*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Laurie Adams on the death of her mother, Juanita "Nita" Alicia MacCormack Sawyer Ferrell, on May 23.*

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to David Taylor on the death of his mother, Johanna Williams Taylor, on May 25. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 1:00 on Saturday, June 11, in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Session House.*

*The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Pat Avery on the death of his wife, Marge Avery, on June 2. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at 11:00 on Friday, June 10, in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the Session House.*

## **Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Prayer of Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God. Your Spirit hovered over the waters and brought forth all creation. You breathed into us the breath of life and set us on the earth to praise and serve you. When we lost our way, you called us back, then sent your own Son to save us. Thank you for Jesus, our Savior and Lord. By your Spirit you named him beloved and empowered him to serve the poor, proclaim freedom from sin's bondage, and befriend the friendless and the outcast. When he breathed his last upon a cross, you raised him from the tomb, breaking the power of death and opening the way to eternal life. Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts. Unite us with Christ and

with all who trust in him, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Set our hearts aflame with a love for the truth and the desire to do your will. Keep us faithful until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in joy. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever, we pray: **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.**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion of the People**

*The elders will pass the elements through the pews.*

*We invite you to hold onto the bread and then the cup until all have received so we can, at the invitation of the worship leader, partake together.*

*All of the elements are gluten-free.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

### **Benediction**

**Response Hymn 227**      *Jesus, Remember Me (sung twice)*      Taizé/Berthier  
**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**  
**Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom.**

### **Postlude**

*We Praise Thee*

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Liturgist: The Rev. Dr. Maren Sonstegard-Spray  
Organist: Vance Harper Jones  
Ensemble: Members of the Daybreak and Sanctuary Choirs

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Summer Worship! May 29 – September 4, 2022**

From Memorial Day week through Labor Day weekend, there will be one worship service at 10:00 am. Sunday School classes will be from 8:40 – 9:40 am.

### **“From Many Voices – One Community”: A Conversation About Racism and Racial Inequality – Tuesday, June 7**

Sponsored by Faith Connection of New Bern – an in-person gathering on Tuesday, June 7 at 6 pm at St. Paul Catholic Church. The conversation will include the “25 rules of considerate conduct” from the book “Choosing Civility” by P.M. Forni.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive – June 9, 2022, 9:00 am to 1:30 pm**

The Blood Drive will be held in the Session House.

### **Church Membership Class – June 12 and 19**

**Rev. Dr. Anna Pinckney Straight - Ministry Center Conference Room (in the Staff Office Suite)** Would you like to know more about what it means to become a member of First Presbyterian? On June 12 and 19 we will be offering an introduction to church membership with the opportunity to become a member and be welcomed at the 10:00 worship service on June 19. If you have questions or would like to know more, please contact Anna Pinckney Straight ([anna@firstpresnb.org](mailto:anna@firstpresnb.org) or 252-637-3270).

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY MINISTRY

**Children and Youth Sunday School is taking a break this summer.** That said, children and youth are welcome in the "Read this Book" class meeting in Room 2.21 from 8:40 am-9:40 am through September 4.

**Nursery will continue to be available, birth to Pre-K, 8:30 am-11:15 am.** We encourage our Pre-K graduates to continue to use the nursery; you can also bring your kiddo into worship through the Children's Moment to transition for the fall.

Children's Church will also meet for grades rising grades K-2 after the Children's Moment. **\*\*If your child has completed grade 2, it is time to graduate to staying the entire hour in worship.\*\*** This is meant to be an exciting milestone! Please be sure to thank Ms. Kerri, Children's Church teacher, for all her love and wisdom.

### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS will be happening **Monday, June 13 - Friday, June 17 this summer from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for kids who have completed grades K-5.** Come explore how God's creation is a gift we all share! Registration is available on our website.

### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

*Sunday Mornings, 8:40 am-9:40 am*

#### **The Present Word/George Evans – Session House Parlor**

The “God Frees and Redeems” series examines the nature of God through the lenses of liberation and Christian freedom. Contact George Evans (gkevans4@gmail.com) with questions. The class will begin a new study “Partners in a New Creation” on June 5.

#### **Starting in June: Read This Book Adult Sunday School Offering – Ministry Center Room 2.21 and on Zoom**

Join us for Read This Book every Sunday in June and July. Each week a different person will present a book that informed, challenged, or inspired them, and connected with their faith. You don't have to attend every week to participate in the class, and friends and family are welcome to attend! To be included on the email list for the class, contact Maren (maren@firstpresnb.org).

Schedule of presenters:

- June 5 Stacey Griffith, “Living the Sabbath” by Norman Wirzba – Reflections on living in community within God's creation
- June 12 Wendy Moeller, “Where the Light Fell: A Memoir” by Philip Yancey
- June 19 Gayle Hardy, "David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants" by Malcolm Gladwell
- June 26 Jeanette Avery, "Hell of a Book: A Novel" by Jason Mott

- July 3 Jim Copland, "John Witherspoon's American Revolution" by Gideon Mailer
- July 10 Nancy McAden, Gilead Series by Marilynne Robinson
- July 17 Lynn Gorges, "Teach a Woman to Fish: Overcoming Poverty Around the Globe" by Ritu Sharma
- July 24 Anna Pinckney Straight, "Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to The Women of The Torah and The Throne" by Wil Gafney
- July 31 Jessica Skinner, "Final Gifts: Understanding the Special Awareness, Needs, and Communications of the Dying" by Maggie Callahan

**Special Sunday School Offering: Interfaith Refugee Ministry Presentation – June 12 – Session House Main Room**

Amanda Norwood, the Volunteer/Outreach Coordinator for Interfaith Refugee Ministry, will present the important work of IRM in New Bern. Interfaith Refugee Ministry is dedicated to helping refugees rebuild their lives in eastern North Carolina. Our task is to assist refugees with the necessities when they first arrive in New Bern and surrounding areas. Would you like to know more? We hope you will make plans to attend!

*Midweek Opportunities*

**Tuesday Afternoon Grief Support**

The group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month (the next meeting is on June 14) from 12:00 to 1:00 pm in the Chapel. This ongoing group provides its members with understanding and support after someone they love dies. Come and bring a friend.

**Rebuilding – Divorce Recovery Group.** This new group hopes to be just the right balance of a shoulder-to-cry-on and a kick-in-the-pants to support your getting through this confusing and often painful process and putting your life back together. Our next meeting is Monday, June 20, from noon to 1 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. For more information contact Anna or Maren.

## **Calvin and Hops (Men's Beer and Theology)**

The next gathering of Men's Beer and Theology ("Calvin and Hops") will meet at Brewery 99 (1014 Pollock St) at 4:00 pm, **June 19**, led by Ken Wilkins. This is a casual men's gathering for fellowship and conversation around topics of theology and faith.

### **SERVICE AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Flowers**

If you would like to provide flowers for the church to honor an anniversary, birthday, or memorial date coming up this summer, please see the Flower Calendar in the pink folder in the Narthex.

#### **Looking for Reception Volunteers**

If you enjoy working with friendly people in a terrific environment and can volunteer your time on weekdays from either 9 am to 1 pm or 1-5 pm, please contact the church office (252-637-3270). We are looking for a few more smiling faces to join our awesome group of volunteers.



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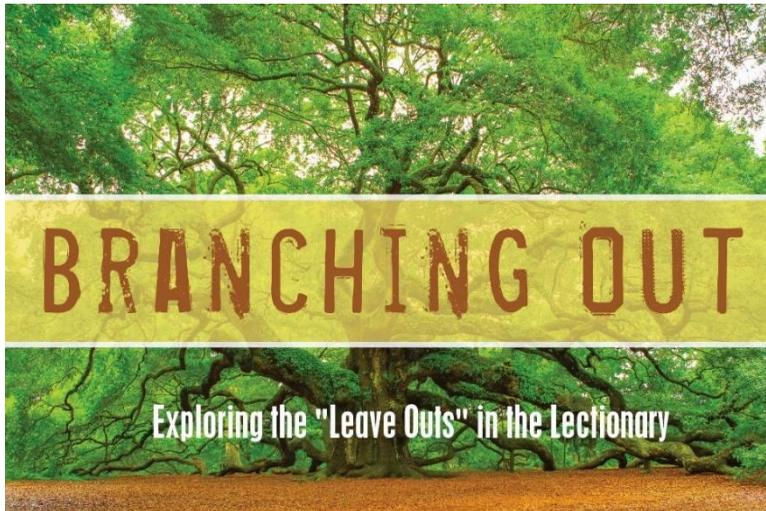
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*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes a covenant with all believers,  
First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all.  
All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership regardless of  
age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity,  
economic or educational status, or political affiliation.*



## Summer Sermon Series – 2022

**June 12**

The Story of Paul

**June 19**

1 Samuel 18:1-9  
You've Got a Friend

**June 26**

Genesis 4  
Cain and Abel

**July 3**

2 Kings 2:19-25  
Elisha and the She-Bear

**July 10**

2 Samuel 14:1-21  
David and the Wise  
Woman of Tekoa

**July 17**

Joshua 2:1-7  
Rahab, a Rebellious  
Woman

**July 24**

Daniel 3:12-27  
Three Guys  
and a Few Flames

**July 31**

Mark 8:22-26  
Trees and Spit

**August 7**

1 Kings 3:16-27  
Solomon and the Mothers

**August 14**

Jeremiah 38:1-13  
So You Had a Bad Day

**August 21**

Psalms 137  
Cursing Palms

**August 28**

Judges 4:1-10  
Deborah Judges

**September 4**

Revelation 22:1-7  
Teaching Trees