



PENTECOST SUNDAY

**First Presbyterian Church
Portsmouth, Ohio**

Rev. Ronald Johnson, Minister of Word and Sacrament
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Liturgist
Ms. Michele Imes, Director of Music
Dr. Phillip Roberts, Organist



PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

GATHERING TOGETHER AS COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND GREETING

Pastor Ron Johnson

PRELUDE

Dr. Phillip Roberts

**** CALL TO WORSHIP***

Dr. Phillip Roberts

L. Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,

P. and inspire our worship with your truth.

L. Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,

P. and fill us with your love.

L. Strengthen us, Holy Spirit,

P. and move us to act with your power.

L. Breathe in us, Holy Spirit,

P. and receive our prayers and praise.

****PRAYER FOR THE DAY***

Dr. Roberts

****OPENING HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" GTG***

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Roberts

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery and mercy,

we confess we have not always paid attention

to the urging of your Spirit to follow your will and your way.

Too often we claim to belong to Jesus,

yet we ignore his teaching. You created us to love one another,

but we resist loving those who differ from us.

Stir our hearts with your Holy Spirit.
Transform who we are,
and direct who we shall become
through Christ's redeeming love.

(Silence for confession and meditation)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Johnson

***THE GLORIA PATRI** *(sung in unison)*

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.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

A PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Dr. Roberts

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Act 2:1-21 NLT

Rev. Johnson

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem.

⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

⁷ They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from

Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the Lord arrives.

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Dr. Roberts

THE MESSAGE

Here We All Are, the Righteous and the Religious

INSTALLATION OF OFFICER

Elder-elect Jerry Boster

HYMN FOR INSTALLATION

#761 "Called as Partners In Christ's Service" **GTG**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Johnson

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION

Hymn during Communion #501 "Feed Us, Lord" **GTG**

...And so we pray together the words Jesus taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallow 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 our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the glory, and the power, forever and ever. Amen.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Dr. Roberts

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Dr. Roberts

***The Doxology**

Praise God,
from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(spoken in unison)*

Dr. Roberts

Spirit of grace and power, bless the gifts we offer so that they may accomplish surprising things in Jesus' name. Bless our lives, too, so that our words and actions bear witness to Jesus' love and mercy each and every day. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN** #291 "Spirit"

GTG

CALLED TO MISSION

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be Glory)

God's story shaping ours.

***In Christ, one and many, coming by grace,
following in faith, serving with love,
in neighborhoods near and far.***

***The Word proclaimed, the work fulfilled,
the World transformed toward Zion here and coming.
To God alone be the glory!***

***COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Johnson

***SENDING SONG** #541 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" **GTG**

POSTLUDE (Please be seated for the postlude)

Dr. Roberts

***The asterisk indicates when we rise to our feet in spirit,
as we are able in body.**



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Calendar

May 19: Pastor at 2PC, 9:30A.

May 20-28: Pastor away.

May 21: Scioto Valley Presbytery meets hybrid, 3:30P

May 26: FPC welcomes Rev. Evan Fisher, HR. to the pulpit.

May 27: Memorial Day observed, Office Closed.

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Sunday: Worship and office hours. Mondays:

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SERMON NOTES

SERMON TITLE _____

SCRIPTURE VERSE(S) _____

WHAT DID I HEAR THAT RAISED QUESTIONS? _____

HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE? _____

WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO FURTHER STUDY? _____

MY HEART-FELT PRAYER TO GOD FOR THOSE IN MY LIFE AND MYSELF _____