

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“When you strip it of everything else,
Pentecost stands for power and life.”

David Wilkerson

May 28, 2023

The Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

WINSTON CASSLER

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence.)

WORDS OF WELCOME

MINUTES FOR MISSION: Migrant Bags; Pentecost Offering

Ray Nichols, Steve Grace

PASSING THE VIRTUAL PEACE *"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."* *Matthew 25:35b*

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

As we celebrate the birth of the church today, we take a moment to be honest with God and ourselves about our failings. Knowing that our prayers will be met with God's love, let us confess our sins together.

Spirit of God, we are full of hesitation and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and to trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us to be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us meet bravely the work you give us to do in your world. Amen.

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

We are told in Acts 2:21 that "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." This is the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIMES

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional) (Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)
SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me" (Hymn 188)

CHORAL PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Eternal Light" SCHWEIZER

THE LESSON FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Happy are those who delight in God's word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ANTHEM "Sanctus" FAURÉ

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 2:1-21
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Claiming Our Power"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God of Life, whose breath is in us, and whose mercy encircles the creation. We believe in Jesus Christ, who loves us indestructibly and who shares our pain. He is with us now as he promised, even to the end of the age. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who welcomes us into the household of faith, gives us gifts in abundance, enlivens our hearts with joy, and urges us into the world to testify without fear to God's justice and grace. Hoping against hope for the promised realm of peace, we love one another while we live, we honor every creature God has made, we stand against the powers of sin and death, and we bless the earth and all that fills it. Glory, thanks, and praise be yours, O Living God, now and forever!

Alleluia! Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "Largo" from Violin Sonata No. 3 J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

*HYMN 285 "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" BRIDEGROOM

THE SENDING

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*BENEDICTION (Responsive)

In our moments of chaos...

God is with us.

In our moments of calm...

God is with us.

In our moments of life.

God is with us. Alleluia!

**We go as a Pentecost people,
touched by the Spirit's fire,
stirred by the rush of the wind,
all given in order to mend the world.
Alleluia! Amen!**

POSTLUDE "Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" DAVID JOHNSON

*Those who are able, please stand.

This Week at St. Andrews:

<p>Today 9:00 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p> <p>Don't forget to pick up your flowers from CCE</p> <p>Monday, May 29 Memorial Day - Church office closed</p> <p>Wednesday, May 31 1:00 Centering Prayer Group 4:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>Friday, June 2 9:00 Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Saturday, June 3 5:30 Mexican Dinner (Authentic but NOT too spicy)</p> <p>Sunday, June 4 9:00 Adult Ed. w/ Mark Adams 10:30 Worship 11:30 Coffee Hour 4:00 A.A./Al-Anon Serenity Group</p>
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Coming to St. Andrews
Presbyterian Border Ministry Mission Co-Workers

MARK ADAMS & MIRIAM MALDONADO ESCOBAR



Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar, Presbyterian Church (USA) mission coworkers, are coming to St. Andrews Saturday and Sunday, June 3-4 to talk about their ministry with Frontera de Cristo (fronteradecristo.org), a binational ministry on the US/Mexico border at Douglas, AZ and Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico. Mark serves as the Co-coordinator of Frontera de Cristo and Miriam is a member of the staff. Mark and Miriam have visited St. Andrews before and we are excited to have them back again. St. Andrews is a long time supporter of Frontera de Cristo and its partners in ministry, particularly Cafe Justo which processes and sells coffee.



Please plan to be with us on June 3 and 4 to welcome Mark and Miriam and learn about the important ministries at the border they are undertaking as part of the mission ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

5:30-7:30PM
JUNE 3 MEXICAN DINNER

9:00AM
JUNE 4 ADULT ED W/ MARK & MIRIAM

Creation Care

Presented by the Adult Education Ministry Team

We are not the owners of creation; rather,
"be earth in the land" and something in it" (Psalm 24:1)