

Good Morning! *Sunday,* *May 19, 2024*

Fairview Presbyterian Church welcomes and embraces everyone of any gender identity, sexual orientation, religious belief, socioeconomic status, race, or ethnicity.



Sacrament by Anna Strickland

A Blessing for the Seekers

Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed

Blessed are you who turn your face up to the sky, who open your arms to feel the wind, who notice all the things that we should notice.

Blessed are you who are fluent in wonder and familiar with awe.

Blessed are you who, even now, dream dreams, who have not lost hope, who swear the glass is still half-full.

Blessed are you who plant trees and sing the harmony, who tell the children how this world can be magic.

Blessed are you who walk and seek and turn over every stone, pointing out all the corners and colors that God lives in.

Blessed are you. Amen.

Prelude

Dolphin Dance

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

The Call to Worship is a reminder of God's love that connects us all, whether you are new or have been here for years. In this Call, God invites us to come together for renewal and inspiration. The congregation speaks the lines in bold.

As we gather together in this place,
let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind.

We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame. We take our place in your unfolding creation.
Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us! Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.
In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise! Let us worship God.

***Song**

On Pentecost They Gathered

Hymn #289

Morning Prayer

You are invited to use this time of prayer as an opportunity to center yourself. One way of doing this is to focus on your breathing by focusing on the sensation of slowly breathing in, and slowly breathing out.

***Passing of the Peace**

This is a brief time in the service we dedicate to greeting one another. The Passing of the Peace reminds us that just as we receive God's peace and forgiveness, we are to share peace and forgiveness with one another.

***Response**

Spirit of the Living God

Hymn #288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer for Illumination

We believe that the Bible is more fully understood in community with the help of God's Spirit, so we pray for the Spirit to guide us as we listen to scripture.

Reading

Psalm 104:1-9

pew Bible, OT p. 554

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Acts 2:1-21

pew Bible, NT p. 119

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Curious Church

***Song**

As the Wind Song

(you are invited to listen prayerfully as this is sung)

***Expression of Faith**

*Today's expression comes from the
United Church of Canada*

As Presbyterians, we find it valuable to use different expressions of our faith from varied times and cultures. These are not unyielding statements that we must adhere to without reservation; for God and Christian faith cannot be reduced to a single set of beliefs. In reciting these expressions, we acknowledge that we view God in different ways, yet are still united as the Body of Christ.

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart. We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world. The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy, not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.

We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world. We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, and to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge. We believe that through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.

Anthem

Maid of the Mist

Joys and Concerns

If you have a joy or concern you would like to share so that others may be in prayer with you, please write it on the prayer card that you can pick up near the entrances. An usher will collect it during this time.

Prayers of the People and 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 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.**

***Song**

Live Into Hope

Hymn #772

Benediction

Postlude

Infant Eyes



**Green Ribbons courtesy Beyond the Walls Team
can be found in the Narthex.**

Please take and wear a Green Ribbon to promote May Mental Health Awareness Month.

Today: Putting together Snack Packs for the students of School #43 to take home on summer break in Room #1 followed by lunch at Hoagies and Hops (42nd and Boulevard).

May 26: Holy Friendly Conversations—a guided time of quick conversations and get-to-know you questions. Meet someone new or learn something new about an old friend!

June 2: A representative from the Raphael Health Center will be here to share about their important work as a quality health care provider to all people including those traditionally underserved.



Rev. Shawn Coons, Pastor
Caleb Meadows, Music Director
Michael Bode, Liturgist

Lauren Christopher, Song Leader
Brad and Terry Prather, Nursery
Kelsey Van Wyk, Usher

Lisa Landrum & Brenda Smith, Coffee Hour
Brandt Lawson, Jim Runnels, and Randy Ayers,
A/V and Technology

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Why is the sanctuary red for Pentecost?

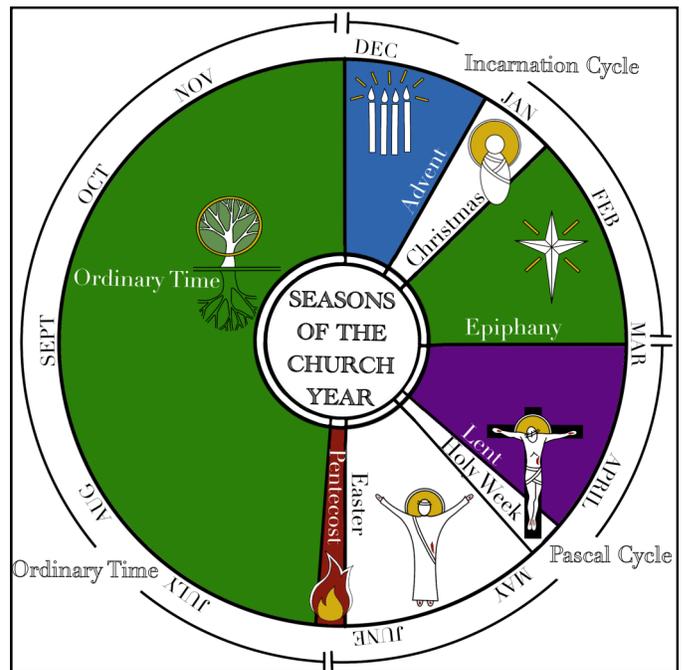
Many Christian traditions, including Presbyterians, follow a calendar that emphasizes different “seasons” of the church year, sometimes called the liturgical calendar. It begins with Advent, the period leading up to Christmas, and continues through seasons like Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time.

Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year, typically starting four Sundays before Christmas. This season is characterized by themes of anticipation and preparation for both the celebration of the birth of Christ and the awaited return of Jesus at the Second Coming.

Following Christmas, the season of Epiphany focuses on the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and includes significant events such as Jesus' baptism and early miracles. Lent, a 40-day period of reflection and penance, prepares believers for Holy Week, culminating in Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter, celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. It marks a shift in focus from the life of Christ to the growth of the Church and its mission in the world. Following Pentecost is Ordinary Time, the longest season, which continues throughout summer and autumn. This period is not ordinary in the sense of being mundane, but is named for the ordinal numbers that designate each Sunday (5th, 12th, 21st, etc.).

The use of specific colors during these seasons—blue in Advent, purple in Lent, white and gold for Christmas and Easter, and red at Pentecost—serves to visually communicate the theological themes of each period.



Two Opportunities for Pride Festival on June 8th

Fairview will be joining other churches to represent Presbyterians around Indianapolis in the Pride Parade on Saturday morning. Let Pastor Shawn know if you would like to take part.

We will also be partnering with First Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church to offer our “Free Hugs” booth.

This is a fun and meaningful way to offer love and affirmation, especially to those who don't receive it from their own families.

You can sign up at the link or QR code. There are slots for Mom Huggers, Dad Huggers, and General Huggers. You do not have to be a parent to sign up for the Mom or Dad slots—anyone can give motherly or fatherly hugs!



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