

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont**



*Welcomes You to Worship*  
*Pentecost Year A*

*Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*We are glad you are here. You are a beloved child of God. Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community and by living God's love in thought, word, and deed.*

## GATHERING

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Hymns today are from the Glory to God purple hymnal.

### **Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome-Filling out visitor cards**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship (based on Acts 2:1-4)**

Leader: All together in one place;

People: **they heard the rush of a violent wind;**

Leader: It filled the entire house.

People: **Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;**

Leader: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

#### **★Opening Hymn No. 66 Every Time I Feel The Spirit**

*(Refrain) Every time I feel the Spirit, moving in my heart I want to pray. Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.*

- 1. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth, came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)**

*2. Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There is but one train upon this track. It runs to heaven and then right back.*

## PRAYING FOR RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Remembering our Baptism and Call to Confession

Unison prayer of confession

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kin-dom.

(silence)

Leader: Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** (Acts 2:21)

Leader: "Everyone who calls on the name of The Lord shall be saved"

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.**

★**Passing of the Peace** please greet one another with "Peace be with you" and you may respond "And also with you." Forgiveness from Jesus Christ brings peace that passes understanding (Philippians 4:6-7)

## LISTENING

**Scripture Lessons**    1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, Acts 2:1-21

**Leader:** The Word of God for the people of God

**People:** Thanks be to God

**Sermon**            "Are you speaking my language?"        Rev. Dwight  
McCormick

**Meditation music**

## RESPONDING

★ Hymn No. 289        On Pentecost They Gathered

1. On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day, a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray. A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air, and tongues of fire a glowing inspired each person there.
2. The people all around them were startled and amazed to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised. What universal message, what great good news was here? That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.
3. God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe, on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive. That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power. The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.
4. O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago, rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow. O give us ears to

listen and tongues aflame with praise, so folk of every nation  
glad songs of joy shall raise.

### Call for the Offering

God's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this  
new creation by offering our gifts to God.

### Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

You give with open hands, Most Generous God, sharing gifts as  
seed to sow. We gather these offerings, asking only that they  
might take root and flourish — to tend your Kin-dom, to nurture  
your beloved community. Let our acts be not merely ritual but a  
commitment: a shaping of the world in your image, one generous  
gesture at a time. Amen.

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns (see insert)

### Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our Father/Mother 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver  
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever. Amen.

### Children's Sermon

★Closing Hymn No. 291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*(Refrain) Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,  
calling and free. Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from*

*placidness, wind, wind on the sea.*

1. You moved on the waters; you called to the deep; then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each ting, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."
2. You wept through the desert; you stung with the sang; and you goaded your people with a law and a land. When they were confounded with idols and lies, then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.
3. You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill; then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still. And down in the city, you called once again when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.
4. You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes; from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams. Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

★Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

*Thanks to Roxanne Casadonte for helping lead us in worship this morning!*

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### **Regular Meetings:**

**Session**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:15 a.m. (hybrid Zoom and in person)

**Deacons**, 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

**Outreach**, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

**Book Group**, 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

**Weekly Meditation Group**, Thursdays, 10 a.m. (Zoom)

**Building Committee**-June 10, 9:30am (In person)

**Worship Committee**-May 28th, 7pm (Zoom)

**Prayers** - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Terri Baker in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for her. Hold her in the palm of your hand, let her feel your love. Give her the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face what challenges may arise.

As part of being the connectional Presbyterian Church, we keep in our prayers other ministries usually within the PNNE. This week our prayers are for the Marturia Presbyterian Church, Rochester, NH. and Rev. Cynthia Kekung.

### **Announcements**

**Sunday, May 24 11:30 a.m Cookout to Kick Off Summer!**

LeeAura Bonamico's house **341 Camp Street**. We will have meat (both real and plant based), beverages and condiments.

Last Names starting A-M: bring salads

Last Names starting N-Z: Bring desserts

Rain or shine. Bring camp chairs for sitting on the lawn."

**Monday, May 25th**-Church office is closed.

**Thursday, May 28th-5:30pm** Congregational Church is hosting a cold weather shelter volunteer appreciation dinner. RSVP to Tess Taylor by May 26th to confirm whether you plan to attend.

**Thursday, May 28th-7pm**-Worship Committee meeting on Zoom.

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### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAY**

May 27th - Ella Hilton-Van Osdall

### **UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES:**

May 28<sup>th</sup> - Jill & Sheldon Bruce

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