

Sunday, May 24, 2026  
Pentecost

### Prayers for joy:

Prayers for joy for Bob Lebo, who received word that he is cancer-free. Praise God!

Prayers for joy for Steve Hales, who was also pronounced cancer-free last week. Praise God!

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### Rummage Sale

Church rummage sale on Saturday, May 30, from 7 AM until 1 PM with set-up at 6 AM. The shed is opened for donations until 5/24. Please save winter things until later in the summer. Help is always appreciated.

Thank you, Jan Owens



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**"What Power Do We Have?"**

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# Order of Worship: Sunday, May 24, 2026 Pentecost

## We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a spirit from God swept over the face of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2, adapted)

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

## Call to Worship: (adapted from Psalm 104)

### Elder Karen Eberle

One: God's works are more numerous than we can count.

**ALL: God has done all of this in great wisdom.**

One: God has created this world.

**ALL: Sea, land, and sky – all full of life.**

One: God nourishes and cares for all creation.

**ALL: God sends the Spirit everywhere**

One: Full of Spirit, the whole earth is renewed.

**ALL: We present ourselves to God, who renews us**

One: And builds us every day into the people of God.

## Choral Introit "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

\* Hymn: "Spirit" # 319 (Blue Hymnal)

\* Passing the Peace - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ.*

## Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca

William Steger

Christine Ruskin- *friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka- *friend of Marty*

Amy Etheridge- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Mark Payne- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Larry Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Pat and Ben Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - *relative of the Hales.*

Janet Bischler - *sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright*

Jonelle Jones

Nancy & Rich Wright

Patti Seaman— *sister of Jonelle Jones*

Capt. C.J. Edwards, *husband of Marty Cropper's niece*

Lisa & Buzzy Bayles

John Marshalek and Peg Spencer *Friends of Marty*

*Cropper*

Roger Baker

## Fellowship Hosts:

May 24 Nancy Wright & Cathy Smith

May 31 Lisa Bayles

June 7 Jan Owens

June 14 AIR SHOW — NO FELLOWSHIP

June 21 Marci Russell

June 28 Mabel Rogers

July 5 Jackie Bates

July 12 Vicky Cairns

## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Sun	May	24	Bible Study on Genesis	9:00 AM
Wed	May	27	Small Group Bells (choir room)	4:00 PM
Wed	May	27	Bells (back of sanctuary)	5:00 PM
Wed	May	27	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	May	30	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM
Sat	May	31	Rummage Sale	7:00 AM

**Birthdays:** *Paul Ketterman (5/21)*

**FLOWERS:** Flowers in the chancel vases are given:  
~ In praise of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in loving memory of Rich's Brother, Bill as he celebrates his birthday with God tomorrow. Many special memories keep Bill alive. Rich and Nancy Wright

chancel vases open for dedications:

May 31 ...2 vases

June 7...1 vase

June 14th....1 vase

June 21st.... 2 vases

June 28th....two

Prayer for the family of Paul Simacek, long-time member. He passed away on December 14, 2025, peacefully in hospice.

## Call to Confession:

God has filled us with the Spirit, yet we do not recognize the Spirit's power. We still think of ourselves as too weak for the work ahead. The Spirit gives us direction and energy, but we are afraid to step forward in faith and power. For these and all our failings, we confess our sin before God.

## Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we confess that we make excuses when we fail to sense your presence in us. We forget that your Spirit fills all creation, including every person on earth. We too often think of you as limited, big but not universal, powerful but not transforming. We do not grasp the call of the Spirit to take risks and move forward. Our trust is not enough to take us where you have sent us. For all this and more, we ask for your forgiveness.

## A time for silent meditation

## Assurance of Pardon: (based on 1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

Out of our brokenness, because of our incompleteness, God brings us together to be a complete creation of God. God has made us into one body, with all our variations and imperfections, and together we are the one perfect body of Christ. We do not deserve this, and we can never earn this place. It's a free gift of God through love and power, so that we may act as the Body of Christ. God heals us, God restores us, God forgives us, God raises us up, God unites us, so that God can use us. Friends, given the gift of the Holy Spirit, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

\* Gloria Patri (unison) #622

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

\* Doxology (unison) #625

Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem: "I Want to Be a Witness"

Prayer for Illumination: (unison)

O God, in your Word we see your power. We listen to the voice of Jesus. Throughout scripture, we feel the guidance of the Spirit. In our hearing, let us respond to your truth. Amen.

1st Scripture reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11  
(Page 1136 in pew Bible)  
Elder Jan Owens

2nd Reading: Acts 2:1-6, 12-13  
(Pages 1078 in pew Bible)  
Pastor Jon Berquist

This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Time with Children & Youth  
Pastor Jon Berquist

First Presbyterian Bell Choir  
"Spirit of the Living God"

Sermon "What Power Do We Have?"  
Pastor Jon Berquist

\* Hymn: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God "  
# 316 (Blue Hymnal)

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles Creed (unison)  
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.

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

\* Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"  
# 324 (Blue Hymnal)

Charge

Benediction

Response "Go Now in Peace"

Postlude

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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