

**Welcome to First Presbyterian Church where our motto is "Roots Down, Branches Out"
Celebrating 125 years of Ministry on Morton Hill, since 1892**

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy — St. Augustine

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Pentecost Sunday

Announcements, Birthdays and Recognition of Visitors

Passing of the Peace of Christ

Elder Prayer Blessing

Marie Lunzy

Prelude and Setting the Table for Worship

~ GOD GATHERS US ~

Call to Worship *(Please Stand if able)*

One: Some of us are full of joy; some of us are full of sorrow; some of us carry both.

ALL: Come Spirit, Come!

One: Some of us had a great week; some of us had rough weeks; some of us had both

ALL: Come Spirit, Come!

One: Some of us have clarity about our lives; some of us are confused; some of us carry both

ALL: Come Spirit, Come!

One: We long to live faithfully as God's children. We long to let love win in our lives.

ALL: Come Spirit, Come!

One: Come, Holy Spirit! Gather us. Renew us. Send us.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us that we may worship the Living God!

Opening Hymn *(Please Stand if able)*

Spirit of Gentleness

Glory to God # 291

Prayer of the Day *(Please Stand if able)* *(by Walter Brueggemann, from "Prayers for a Privileged People")*

Truth-telling, wind-blowing, life-giving Spirit--we present ourselves now for our instruction and guidance; breathe your truth among us, breathe your truth of deep Friday loss, your truth of awesome Sunday joy. Breathe your story of death and life that our story may be submitted to your will for life. We pray in the name of Jesus risen to new life--and him crucified. Amen.

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

A Time for Young People

Peter Helm

All Children 5 and under can go with Latasha Louis to the nursery. Kids K+ can get worship bags from coat rack at this time.

Song of Illumination

Lord, Prepare Me

Glory to God #701

Scripture

Numbers 11:24-30

Acts 2:1-13

One: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be to God

(After each scripture reading)

Sermon

The Spirit's Work

Rev. Laurie Hartzell

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

Song of Response

Spirit of the Living God

Glory to God #288

Commissioning Pastor Deborah McCreary.

Special Music

Total Praise

First Pres Choir

You are the source of my strength; you are the strength of my life! I lift my hands in total praise to you! Amen.

"Sending" Pastor Laurie on Sabbatical

Honoring Choir Members Jewel Jones, Ken Rogers and David Brady

Special Music

Jolita Burton, Stephen Jones, and Charase Dorsey

(You are the source of my strength; you are the strength of my life! I lift my hands in total praise to you! Amen.)

The Lord's Supper

Offering & Offertory

Nursery children collect quarters for our "Open Wide Our Front Door" and Ghana Mission

Children and Youth Leave for Kids' Time & ICE Class

Doxology *(Please Stand if able)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise Christ, all creatures here below

Praise Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God, whom we adore, Amen

Joys and Concerns

Please put your prayer requests on slips of paper to be brought the pastor for time of prayer

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.

~ WE ARE SENT ~

Closing Hymn *(Please Stand if able)*

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

Glory to God #538

Benediction

Participants in Today's Service

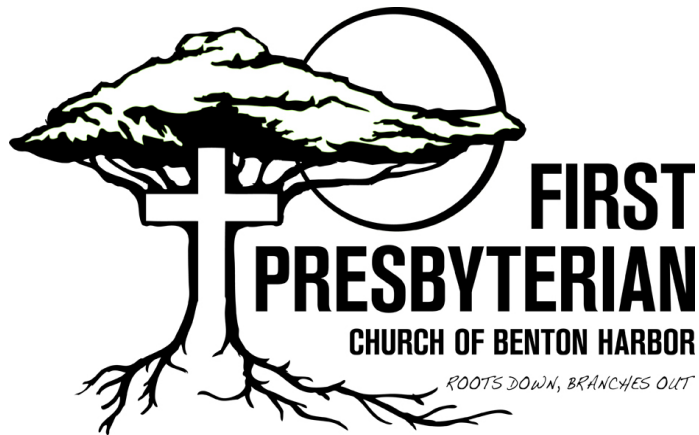
Worship Leader: Rev. Laurie Hartzell
 Musicians: Susan Burkholz
 Children's Sermon: Peter Helm
 Worship Assistant: Jean McIlvenney
 Nursery: Latasha Louise
 Greeters: Bob and Joan Judd
 Audio: Bob Ziebart, Gordon Helm & Ezra Van Beek
 Ministers: All the Church Members

Church Staff Members

Pastor: Rev. Laurie Hartzell
 Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Doug Peterson
 Church Pianist: Susan Burkholz
 Music Minister: Nancy Thompson
 Youth Missioner: Julie Brien
 Youth Teacher: Gentry Phillips
 Children's Ed: Jen Van Beek
 Custodians: Lee Hamilton & Charase Dorsey

MISSION STATEMENT

We of First Presbyterian Church of Benton Harbor are a small family of believers committed to bridging the gulf of racial and class separation. As a part of the body of Christ in Benton Harbor and acknowledging Christ's claim on our lives, our congregation is called to proclaim the Gospel and witness to Christ's love, both within the faith community and in our larger community. In doing this we will share our faith with openness, love, warmth and respect for the dignity and individuality of all people; we will welcome and value diversity; we will strive to meet the needs of people in our community for sustenance and nurturing and we will seek to deepen and broaden our own faith as we journey. We will do these through the doctrine and structures of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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