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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023
10:00 a.m.

Disciples Making Disciples



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THE LITURGY FOR GATHERING

WELCOME & OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY	Rev. RJ Leek
PRELUDE Three (3) Calls to Worship	Chancel Choir
CALL TO WORSHIP *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee *Shine, Jesus, Shine There Is A Redeemer	Sufficient Grace & Congregation Sufficient Grace & Congregation Sufficient Grace & Congregation
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Listening God, we often find it easier to talk about You than to talk to You. And when we do talk to You, we find it easier to talk than to listen for Your still small voice, and we find it easier to listen than to act once we hear Your call. Forgive us our failures to talk, to listen and to do. Your love is never ending, and that scares us, pardon our fear, our inattentiveness, and our inaction. Move us to Your direction and breakdown our defenses. This we pray through Jesus Christ the ultimate listener and doer. Amen.	Marie Davids, Lay Leader
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (Responsive) The love of God is indeed from everlasting to everlasting. And because of this I can, with full confidence, say to you that we are all forgiven. Thanks be to God!	Marie Davids, Lay Leader
PASSING OF THE PEACE	Becca Redding
ADVENTURE TIME	Dick Krase
ANTHEM As You Serve, Remember Me	Chancel Choir

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING Offering Breathe On Me, Breath of God *Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Prayer of Dedication	Joyful Ringers Marie Davids, Lay Leader
PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE Our 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.	Rev. Leek
THE SCRIPTURE Genesis 39: 1-23	Marie Davids, Lay Leader
THE WORD PROCLAIMED “Recognizing Your Worth”	Rev. RJ Leek
HYMN OF RESPONSE *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is	Sufficient Grace & Congregation
*BENEDICTION	Rev. Leek
RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION *The Longer I Serve Him	Sufficient Grace & Congregation
POSTLUDE To Do the Work of God	Chancel Choir

*As marked, please stand where able.

HAPPENINGS AT FIRST PRES

Why Is Pentecost Important to Christianity?

Modern Christians observe Pentecost as a holiday, not to celebrate a wheat harvest, but to remember when the Holy Spirit invaded the Church in Acts 2.

On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirit filled the Church with power and added 3,000 new believers. The account in Act 2 reports that, after Jesus ascended into heaven, Jesus’ followers were gathered together for the Feast of Harvest (aka Pentecost), and the Holy Spirit “*filled the whole house where they were sitting*” (Acts 2:2). “*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them*” (Acts 2:4).

This strange occurrence drew a large crowd, and Peter stood up to speak to them about repentance and the gospel of Christ (Acts 2:14). By the end of the day that the Holy Spirit came, the Church grew by 3,000 people (Acts 2:41). This is why Christians still celebrate Pentecost.

Upcoming Events

1st Annual Pastor Jim Keegan Memorial Bike Ride, Saturday, June 3, 2023, 7 a.m. on the Withlacoochee Trail. For details, email: pastorjimkeeganmemorialride@gmail.com

PW Ruth Circle, Church Parlor, Thursday, June 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m., presenting the movie, Luther, on the life of Martin Luther, Part 1 of 3 series showing over the summer. All women invited.

7th Annual American Heritage Concert, Sanctuary, Sunday, July 9, 2023, 4 p.m. Ice cream social to follow the free concert. Invite a friend. Invitation cards are in the lobby.

This Week at First Presbyterian

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Group, Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, Sufficient Grace Practice, Sanctuary, 9:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 31, 2023, Staff Meeting, Church Office, 11 a.m.

Musical Opportunities

Chancel Choir Practice, Every Wednesday @ 3:45 p.m. & every Sunday @ 8:45 a.m., Choir Room.

Joyful Ringers Practice, Every Wednesday @ 5 p.m., Choir Room.

Other

The church office will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in recognition of Memorial Day. John Caldwell, Maintenance, will be taking vacation the last week of May as well.