

Pentecost

May 24, 2026

Gathering

PRELUDE

Traci Bopp, Keyboard

During the prelude, please take a quiet moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship

INTROIT "Mansions of the Lord" *words by Randall Wallace, music Nick Glennie-Smith*
Chancel Choir; Kim Lampe, Director

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

Rev. Dave Sippel, Pastor of Discipleship, Mission, and Outreach Leadership

Expansion of Our Hearts

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)*

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

Come, Holy Spirit!

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit!

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

Come, Holy Spirit!

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

Come, Holy Spirit! Amen!

**Today's Call to Worship is adapted from "The Worship Sourcebook"*

*GATHERING SONG "Holy Spirit" *(insert)* *Brooke Burgin, Song Leader*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Generous God,

You send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid.

You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions.

You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts.

Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:

shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love:

send us out into the world rejoicing in your power.

We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,

and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.

**Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from "The Worship Sourcebook"*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS *Julia Cucci, Rosemary Maka, Jack VanWingerden*

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you!**

Children and youth are invited to leave for their classes

SPECIAL MUSIC "Song of Pentecost" *by Joel Raney* *Chancel Choir*
Crispian Fordham, Flute; Ian Milligan & Martin Williams, Percussion

Reception of God's Word

PREPARATION FOR READING

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us
in the reading of Holy Scriptures. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *(insert)* Acts 2:1-12 (NIV) & 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (NIV)
Sue Hellyer, Reader

MESSAGE "What does this mean?"

Rev. Stacey Duensing Pearce, Pastor of Worship, Care and Strategic Leadership

Transformation of Our Lives

SONG OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE #393 *(Blue hymnal)*

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING & OFFERTORY *Flute Solo*

DOXOLOGY #815 *(blue hymnal)*

Compassion For the World

*SENDING SONG #161 (*green book*) “I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”

*BENEDICTION This time of worship has ended. **Let the service begin.**

*POSTLUDE

** Indicates to please stand, if able.*

The altar flowers are offered in memory of Lieutenant Forrest S. Chilton, U.S. Navy & Lieutenant Forrest S. Chilton III, U.S. Army Air Corp given by Suzanne Hellyer & Family.



Hearing assist technology is available during worship services. To find out how to connect your hearing aids or to borrow a hearing assist device, please see a greeter.

“Holy Spirit”

by Brian & Katie Torwalt

Verse 1

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

Verse 2

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Chorus

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord, Your presence Lord

Bridge *(sing twice)*

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.

5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

12 Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

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TODAY & THIS WEEK – MAY 24, 2026

WELCOME TO FRC: It's Pentecost! In worship, we will welcome three new members to the church; Rosemary Maka, Julia Cucci & Jack Van Wingerden. AND, our summer seminary intern, Chloe Roberts, will be joining us for the first time. Children and Youth are invited to meet at the back of the sanctuary prior to worship to help lead a "Pentecost Parade" during the first song. The congregation is invited to wear red to worship as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pastor Stacey's sermon on Acts 2:1-12 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 is entitled: "What does this mean?" As it's also Memorial Day weekend, the Choir will sing "Mansions of the Lord" at the beginning of the service to honor those who have served our country and passed onto glory.

FRC SUMMER SEMINARY INTERN: Be sure to welcome Chloe Roberts this week, here from Western Theological Seminary. The goal of Chloe's internship is to provide her with space to grow as an emerging ministry leader. Chloe will also be spending time at Pequannock Reformed Church (with Rev. Debbie Pierce). You will see her preaching a couple Sundays, providing pastoral care, and maybe doing some discipleship activities.



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OFFICE CLOSURE: The office will be closed for a federal holiday Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day

ORGAN TEMPORARILY OUT OF COMMISSION: There are ceiling repairs happening above the organ and so organ use will be on hold until the repairs are complete.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CHANGES

SUNDAY, MAY 31 - FIFTH SUNDAY SCHEDULE WITH CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: On fifth Sundays, we have one, kid-friendly worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. No Sunday school will be offered, but there will be packets for kids to use in worship. A continental breakfast will be offered prior to worship beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Friendship Hall.

THINGS TO KNOW

SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE - SATURDAY, MAY 30, 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF GRACE CHAPEL: Bring your plant cuttings for indoor and outdoor plants to the exchange to trade for something new for your home or yard. Examples include snake plant, hoyo, philodendron, jade, pothos, orchid, African violet, tomatoes, zucchini, peppers, hostas, and black-eyed Susan. Pots and pottery are also welcome. For questions, contact Hayley Bundz, Susy Kerber, or Phoebe Patterson.

"EXPANDING OUR WELCOME" - A CHURCH LISTENING PROCESS: The FRC Consistory is inviting our whole faith family into a listening process about expanding our welcome....especially to members of the LGBTQ community. Please read more about the whole process in the most recent cover article in the Go Forth. Copies of the Go Forth are in the back of the worship space. There are ongoing sessions you can join in. Group Listening Session on Monday, June 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blue Room. The Bible Study dates are Tuesdays, May 26 & June 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. and/or Sunday, June 14 from 12:30-2 p.m. There is also an opportunity to sign up for a personal session with consistory. To sign up for any of these options, go to the Welcome Center in Friendship Hall. You can also use this QR code to sign up online specifically for the group listening sessions.



VBS REGISTRATION OPEN NOW - RAINFOREST FALLS AUGUST 3- 7 FROM 9 AM-NOON: Registration for our 2026 Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School is open for kids age 5 through 6th grade. The \$35 per child registration fee includes all our program supplies, a daily snack, a t-shirt, and music download card. Space is limited for participants and volunteers are needed. Register on the church website under Grow/Children & Youth/Spark Kidz

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Beginning June 5, the office will be operating on summer hours. We will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. This schedule continues through Labor Day.

MISSION/OUTREACH/SUPPORT

FRC NEEDS TO REPLACE OUR CHURCH VAN: Our vibrant FRC youth ministry relies on the FRC van for transportation to their yearly retreats, mission trips, and even local outings. Pastor Dave and a fundraising team are aiming to raise \$40,000 for a used Ford Transit 15-passenger van. You can give online on our website to the "Van Fund".

YOUTH MINISTRY BEEFSTEAK FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, JUNE 12 TO SUPPORT OUR "VAN FUND": Please consider coming to a wonderful night of beefsteak dinner and fellowship with your church friends. The dinner will be held at the Bloomingdale Firehouse on Hamburg Turnpike. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., Bloomingdale Fireman's Hall, 97 Hamburg Turnpike, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403. Tickets are \$65 per person. Please go online to purchase your tickets now. You can also bring a check to the office to register. See the May/June Go Forth for more details. https://givebutter.com/2026_frc-van_beefsteak

MAY COMMUNION OFFERING - EAGLECREST ALASKA MISSIONS: Through community projects, day camps,

cookouts, and special events, Eaglecrest brings the presence of Christ to the people they serve. Donations may be given by check, placed in the collection during worship, or made securely online through our website under "Mission of the Month". Please make checks payable to FRC and note "May Communion" in the memo line.

TRAVEL SIZE ITEMS NEEDED: We continue to collect travel size hygiene items for Bessie Green. There is a box outside the office, or they may be left in the Food Pantry closet in the Friendship Hall lobby. Reminder - FRC is NOT accepting any clothing or household goods at this time. PLEASE do not leave bags of these items on the property.

PEQUANNOCK FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED LIST:

*Packaged milk, especially 1% and 2%, *Stewed tomatoes *Pudding and Jell-O cups, *Shampoo and Conditioner *Salad dressing, French, blue cheese, vinaigrette, *Pickles and olives in jars, *Rice Sides and Pasta Sides, *Dish detergent, *Coffee – regular, decaf, and instant, *Rice in microwavable cups, *Instant potatoes in pouch or microwavable cups, *Canned or pkg fruit especially mandarin oranges, apricots, and pears, *Sugar, 1-2 lb bags, *Beef broth, box or cans *Microwavable meals, esp. Nissen bowls, Pasta Sauce Baked Beans, Canned Chicken, Tissues, Toilet paper, Spam and Vienna sausages, Jelly (variety), Peanut Butter, Cleaning Products, Paper towels, Snacks, especially chips, pretzels and crackers, Nuts and dried fruits, Beverages of all kinds, esp. juice

**Indicates most needed*

CHILDREN & YOUTH

***REGISTER NOW*WE ARE HIS HANDIWORK – AN ART ACTIVITY FOR KIDS AGES 5-13:** This art activity will help participants explore their own uniqueness through self-portraits. These acrylic paintings will be hung in the art gallery upon completion. Join us on May 30 from 10:30 a.m. – noon, upstairs in classroom 22. Please register on the website under "Grow"/ YOUTH & CHILDREN / SPARK KIDZ. Contact Janet Chardavoyne with questions janet@frc-pp.org.

FUEL YOUTH GROUP: Middle school and high school youth are invited for snacks, activities and a lesson to get growing. FUEL meets in Friendship Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friends are always welcome!

PRAYERS & CONCERNS

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Karen Mazur, May 31 at 2 PM in the sanctuary followed by a repast in Friendship Hall

Bart Liberti, June 7 at 2 PM in the sanctuary followed by repast in Grace Chapel

Debbie Priestner, June 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

CONCERNS:

Prayers for peace in the Middle East, especially between the United States, Iran, Israel and Lebanon. Prayers of protection for US service members who are deployed.

Prayers for **Rev. Linda** serving the hungry and homeless

in Lebanon who are displaced due to war. Linda is connected in mission to us through our Classis and Ponds Reformed Church. Pray for her ministry that God will supply resources in great need, and for peace and strength for her spirit.

Pat Horner, recovering from a procedure this past week. Cards to 4 Pearl Avenue, Pompton Plains 07444

Ann, friend of Eileen Bundz, has cancer and will be starting treatments next week.

Tom Larkin, undergoing radiation treatments. Prayers for successful results. Cards to 3 Fairview Ave., Pequannock 07440

Jane Young, transferred to Care One.

Marlene, Jo Bradford's cousin, diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. Prayers for comfort.

Dee Patrick, at home after a long stay in a rehab facility. Cards to 31F Lancaster Court, Wayne 07470

William DeBell, Susan's husband, health concerns

Katie Wilson, recovering from a procedure to put stents in her liver. Prayers that the liver will heal. She is also preparing for surgery on May 21 to remove her ovaries and the cyst that is attached to them. Please continue to pray for her, the doctors and a successful outcome and recovery.

Toni, Pat Cunningham's sister, prayers for physical & emotional healing.

LONG TERM CONCERNS:

Susan Breznak, **Lois Wickham**, **Michael Angelucci** (son of Gail Trappe's friend), **Michele Brauman** (sister-in-law of Joanna Minassian & Meg Sturm), **Jamie Spillane** (college classmate of Karen & Tom Kamp), **Jennifer Carpentieri**, **Cindy**, **Anna Miller** (future daughter-in-law of Kathy & John Shea and future niece of Judy Shivy) **Joyce Gruzdis**, **Michael Clark** (Sharon Hollick's son-in-law), **Peggy Biondi** (friend of Amy Muller) receiving chemo, **Beverly Adams** (Jennifer Adams' mother) blood cancer, **Carol** (friend of Leeanne Leck) pancreatic cancer, **Sue Rayner**, lung cancer, **Kristen**, vision issues, **Christopher Martin** (Pat Lento's relative) myocarditis, **Steven Janowicz** (son of former members Joyce and George), **Colleen Erickson** (niece of Rose & Frank Chara), **Lorraine Nichols**, **Judy Napoli**, **Karen Milligan**, **Heather** (Tony's daughter-in-law), **Nancy Crefeld** (Pete's mom), **Kathryn Dontje** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Brenda** (Barbara Ball's daughter), **Judy Lento** (Pat Lento's sister in law), **Charles Cunningham**, **Jim**, (Lynn Rayner's brother), **Candace** (Jane Young's sister), **Amy Griffith**, **Adele Ebert** (Shell's mom), **Johanna Clark** (sister of Michael Clark)

FINANCIALS

HOW TO DONATE TO FRC:

In Person: Drop your check at the office or place it in kiosk or the offering plate during worship.

Give Electronically: You can have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically. Visit our website www.firstreformedchurch.com and choose the blue "Donate" button. You can also scan the QR code

