

# PENTECOST

The First Church in Albany

**DOVES**

ACTS

CHURCH



**TONGUES  
OF FIRE**

DISCIPLES

WIND

HOLY SPIRIT

## DRIVE-IN WORSHIP

Sunday, May 28, 2023

## **Tune to 87.9 FM on your car radio**

Please note, the speakers were working on Sunday until 9:50, and then stopped. A sound technician is coming on Tuesday to address the situation. However, the radio station is working. Please thank Josh and Stephen for their dedication, and we thank you for your patience.

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### **Fitness Faith connection “ Stretch our Faith”**

We love our drive-in service as it allows us to do things we don't usually do! This summer, we encourage you to get out of your cars and stretch during the prelude as a way to awaken your body to worship God.

**Prelude**      *“Spirit of the Living God”*      J. Carter  
*“Spirit of God Descend Upon My Head”*

### **Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing**

“Lift up your heads, O ye gates, And be lifted up,  
O ancient doors, That the King of glory may  
come in! Who is the King of Glory? The Lord  
strong and mighty.” Psalm 24

### **Epiclesis Anthem (see note on next page)**

*“Come, O Holy Spirit”/Wa Wa Wa Emimimo”*

*Come, O Holy Spirit come;  
Come, O Holy Spirit come;  
Come, Come, Come.*

*Wa, wa, wa Emimimo;  
Wa, wa, wa Alagbara;  
Wao, wao, wao.*

*An “epiclesis” prayer is a prayer of invocation,” literally a “call upon” prayer. For Pentecost, today, we call upon the Holy Spirit to pour out God’s power upon us.*

**Call to Worship** Lyrics from *Speak to My Heart*  
by Sonnie McClurkin, Oct 1996

Leader: Speak to my heart, Holy Spirit.

**People: Give me the words that will bring new life. Words on the wings of a morning, the dark night will fade away. If you speak to my heart.**

Leader: Speak to my heart, Holy Spirit.

**All: Message of love, love to encourage me, Lifting my heart from the snare, how You love, love me and care for me. Speak to my heart now, Oh Lord.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*“One People, Here We Gather”*

*(see insert)*

**Prayer of Confession**

**Lord, although you offer promises, we cling to our earthly perceptions. We think your values are unrealistic. We cling to the past like dusty trophies in a display case. Help us to see you as an active and living God who is present today. Help us to welcome your on-time presence.**

*Time of silence*

## Assurance of Pardon

Heidelberg Catechism  
(Q/A 21)

Q: What is true faith?

**A: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God freely granted, to others and to me, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.**

**\*Passing the Peace** (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing)

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.



**People: And also with you.**



Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

**Children's Message & Blessing** Gratitude  
for the Pentecost Art from 9UP

## Prayer of Illumination

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!**

## Sermon Text

Acts 2:1-12

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**                      No Time to Die

**A Prayer of Blessing on the Word**

**\*Hymn of Response & Offering**

*“O Breath of Life”* (see insert)

**Prayers of the People** *With a mic, the liturgist will walk to those with their hand raised. Please hold mic close to your mouth as you speak.*

**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.**

**\*Charge & Blessing**

**\*Postlude** *“Eternal Father Strong to Save”*

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

**Liturgist:** Rev. Trey Tirpak

**Pianist:** Iteke Prins

**Vocalist:** Glenn Claydon

**Musician:** Joshua Bliss, Baritone Saxophone

**Tech Team:** Joshua Bliss and Stephen Reohr

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## Notes:

- Today is our congregational meeting. Please make your way to the sanctuary for a shorter meeting where we will vote on Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, as well as hear short reports from the Ministers and Trustees.
- Next Sunday will be First Church's **Graduate Recognition Sunday!** Some of our First Church family have already graduated this year and others are about to. **Please contact the office to give us the name of your graduate, where they graduated from, and what's next for them so we can recognize them next Sunday!**
- Clee Park and Garden Day - SAT. JUNE 3, 9:30 A.M. First Church has its own gardens dedicated to the Lord--our flower beds near the Sheridan Avenue doors. They need work for the summer season coming soon. Members and friends of First Church are invited to prepare the flower beds, and plant annual flowers, Sat. June 3, starting at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting). The church has some gardening tools, but feel free to bring your own favorites. Thank you!
- Hot Dog Thursdays will start **THIS** Thursday from 11:30-1:00. Please share and come to help out! See Rev. Trey for questions.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY

- Sunday 5.28 10am **Pentecost Sunday Drive-In Worship** at FCIA, also on Zoom  
AW **Congregational Mtg.**
- Monday 5.29 **Memorial Day**  
**Office & Pantry Closed**
- Tuesday 5.30 10am Women's Networking Event
- Wednesday 5.31 noon Zoom Book Study  
9am Food Pantry  
noon AA Meeting  
noon Centering Prayer in the Chapel
- Thursday 6.1 11:30am Hot Dogs in Clee Park  
7pm A Night of Worship
- Saturday 6.3 9:30am Garden Day in Clee Park

*AW = After Worship*

### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, June 4, Recognition of Graduates Sunday
- Sunday, June 11, Pride Sunday, Capital Pride After Worship
- Sunday, June 18, Father's Day and Juneteenth recognition
- Sunday, June 19, Office Closed for Juneteenth Holiday

\*Meeting Schedules are subject to change. Watch your email for updates if you are a part of these gatherings.



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# One People, Here, We Gather

1 One peo - ple, here, we gath - er; one gos - pel here up - lifts  
 3 One world in - vites oür nür - türe, a stëw - ard - ship of care  
 4 One Spir - it sends us on - ward in wit - ness to the earth,

a Pen - te - cost of na - tions, va - ri - e - ties of gifts.  
 for o - ceans, fields, and for - ests—one hab - i - tat we share.  
 as min - is - ters of jus - tice and mid - wives for re - birth:

When Ba - bel tongues con - found us or dif - feren - ces di - vide,  
 We tend one sa - cred gar - den, as God's own breath im - plores,  
 to lead the church with cour - age on ven - tures new be - gun,

we break one loaf to - geth - er of Christ the cru - ci - fied.  
 from coast - al bays to moun - tains, from east to west - ern shores.  
 re - formed yet still re - form - ing, till God's whole will is done.

*Chord symbols represent a simplified harmony.*

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Music (MUNICH 7.6.7.6 D): *Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847, P.D.

# O Breath of Life

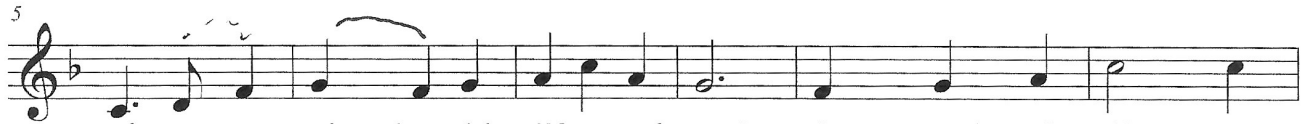
Elizabeth Ann Porter Head

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Jim Clemens



1.O Breath of Life, come sweep - ing through us, re -  
2.O Wind of God, come bend\_\_ us, break us, till  
3.O Song\_\_ of Love, come sing\_\_ with - in us, re -



vive your church with life and pow'r; O Breath of Life, come,  
hum - we\_\_ con - fess our need; then in your ten - der  
new - ing thought and will and heart; come, Love of Christ, a -



cleanse, re new us, and fit\_\_ your church to meet this hour.  
strength re-make us, re - vive, re - store\_\_ for this\_\_ we plead.  
fresh\_\_ to win us, re - vive your church in ev - ery part!





**When?:** Sunday, June 11th (Marching starts at 11:45, but come earlier!)

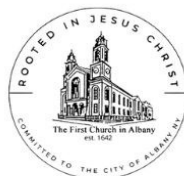
**Where?:** Marching starts on State St. and ends in Washington Park.

**Who is invited?:** *Everyone!* The First Church in Albany, in conjunction with RoomForAll, will be coordinating a group to march in the pride parade. Let's show that Reformed folk truly believe God loves everyone!

**How do we get involved?:** Connect with Rev. Trey Tirpak at The First Church in Albany, and let him know that your group would like to join: (518) 463-4449 or [treytirpak@gmail.com](mailto:treytirpak@gmail.com)

**What should we bring?:** Water (lots of it!), pride gear, and a joyful spirit.

**Have other questions?:** Please reach out to Rev. Trey at the above info.



## Prayers, Joys & Concerns

- For friends and family of George Kass as they mourn his passing
- Shekia, granddaughter of Joeanna Brown, with a health issue and family concerns
- For the family and friends of Mary Ann Selmer, recently laid to rest
- Ian Leet, continuing to gain strength from illness
- Sam, son of Barb and Dave Andrews
- Sam, cousin of Barb Andrews
- For Barb and Dave Andrews as they take on the role of caretakers
- Joe Vasta and Albie, friends of the Persons
- Eula, friend of Joeanna Brown
- Marilyn Bonam, Sara's mother
- Sharnelle Jones
- Ken Lucas, friend of Philip Labatte
- Kokese Ballou
- Janie Unright, friend of the Andrews family
- Carol LaBatte
- Norma McClement
- For Jennifer Recene Gallagher
- David Bradley
- For Jason Shahid
- Ruth and Josue Torres
- For Jim, Rose Hunsberger's father
- Alexis Parry, niece of Cheryl Gowie
- Gail Santimaw, friend of Judith Utley-Suess
- John Utley, brother of Judith Utley-Suess
- Judith Utley-Suess, for strength
- For Barbara W., dear friend of Barb & Dave Andrews and Donna Jones
- Harold Bushnel
- Alex Bliss
- Mary Weijola
- Cheryl Gowie
- Ralph McNeil, brother of Norma Jean Ballou
- Anthony, of the Brown Family
- Donna Schultz
- Olivia Gaydushek
- Clergy, staff and leaders of the First Church in Albany
- Prayers for all areas of conflict across the globe. May we all remember to lead with love.
- For an end to gun violence here in Albany, in the U.S., and around the world.

**Prayer Concerns?** If you would like your church family to join you in prayer, please share your concerns and joys with us. Call the office at 518-463-4449 or email [office@firstchurchinalbany.org](mailto:office@firstchurchinalbany.org).





# THE FIRST CHURCH IN ALBANY **SUMMER EVENTS CALENDAR**

## JUNE

- 1 - (THURSDAY) START OF HOT DOGS IN CLEE PARK EVERY THURSDAY
- 4 - RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES SUNDAY
- 11 - PRIDE SUNDAY, GO TO CAPITAL PRIDE AFTER WORSHIP
- 18 - JUNETEENTH SUNDAY, FATHER'S DAY
- 19 - (MONDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH
- 25 - SPECIAL COMMUNION IN CLEE PARK AFTER WORSHIP

## AUGUST

- 6 - FOCUS SUNDAY, TRINITY UNITED METHODIST, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- 13 - FIRST CHURCH BIRTHDAY BASH #381! ENJOY SOME SPECIAL REFRESHMENTS AFTER WORSHIP
- 20 - ALOHA ATTIRE COMPETITION. COME DRESSED IN YOUR ALOHA BEST!
- 27 - SPECIAL COMMUNION IN CLEE PARK AFTER WORSHIP



## JULY

- 2 - FOCUS SUNDAY, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN IN ALBANY, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- 4 - (TUESDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 16 - BRING YOUR BIKE AND RIDE THE ALBANY SKYWAY AFTER WORSHIP! (WALKERS WELCOME!)
- 30 - SPECIAL COMMUNION IN CLEE PARK AFTER WORSHIP

## SEPTEMBER

- 3 - FOCUS SUNDAY, EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, **NO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH**
- 4 - (MONDAY) OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY
- 17 - LAST DRIVE-IN SERVICE
- 24 - BACK TO **IN-DOOR SERVICE**, BLESSINGS OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS



REMINDER: THIS IS JUST THE CALENDAR OF SPECIAL SUNDAYS, HOLIDAYS, AND EVENTS. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SUMMER 2023

**Hot Dog**  
**THURSDAY**  
**IS BACK!**

Join us Thursday, June 1  
from 11:30am-1:00pm  
in Clee Park  
for a free Hot Dog lunch

Please Share and Come to Help Out!

