

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** “The Apostles’ Creed” (*unison*)
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!

Sent Out as God’s People in the World

✠ **Closing Song #63** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

✠ **BLESSING & CHARGE / VISION & MISSION** (*responsively*)

To walk in the light of God;

making JESUS known is FIRST at First!

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠ **POSTLUDE**

Following today’s service please join us in the upstairs hall for coffee & conversation.



If you are **visiting** today, we thank you for coming and hope you return soon.

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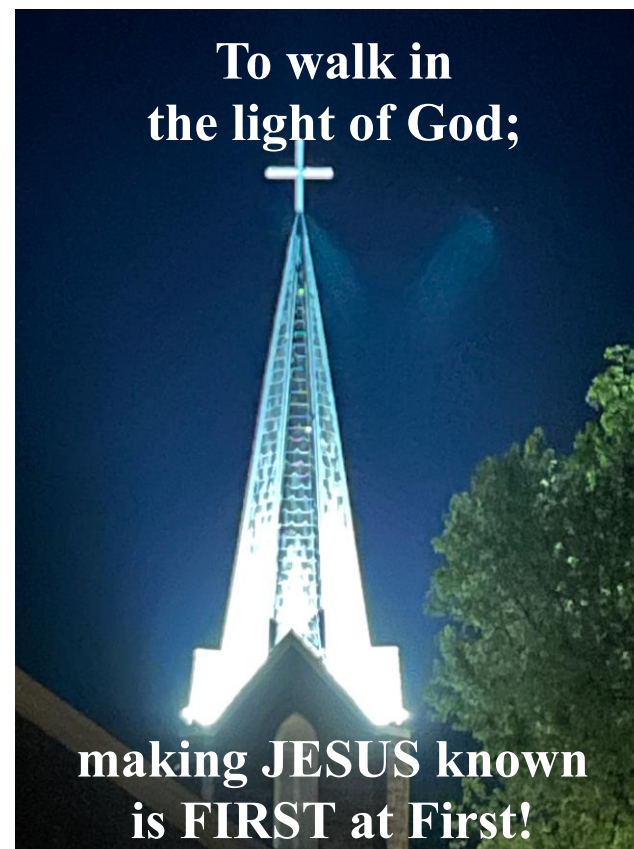
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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Musician: Marcia Brannon

Officer Assisting: Jean Johnson

Coordinator of Vocal Leaders: Kathy Wallace

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford

May 19, 2024 – **Pentecost Sunday** - 11am

Before worship begins, please read the bulletin insert for pertinent information.

Worship Resources in pews referred to in this bulletin: large print NIV Bibles (*black*) & Hymnals: *green (Celebration)* & *red (The Hymnbook)*.

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE STEEPLE BELL & CHIMES

WELCOME by Jean Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS (*See insert.*)

PRELUDE

† stand as able

† **CALL TO WORSHIP:** Psalm 143:5 (*responsively*)

I remember the days of long ago;

I meditate on all your works & consider what your hands have done.

† **Opening Song #151** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (*unison*)

(Pause in silent confession.)

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (*responsively*)

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Amen.

† **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** (*unison*) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

† **CALL TO GOD'S WORD:** John 10:35 & Romans 4:3 (*unison*)
"Scripture cannot be set aside... What does Scripture say?"

† **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:**

NEW TESTAMENT: *Gospel of: Mark 16:17-20* pp. 1454-5

"And these **signs will accompany those who believe:** In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Letter: James 4:14-15a pp. 1725

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil the name of the Lord. Ane the prayer offed in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up..."

OLD TESTAMENT: *Wisdom: Ecclesiastes 3:1-3a* pp. 952

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and time to heal..."

SERMON Takeaway: "Signs Will Accompany Those Who Believe"

by the Reverend Dr. Janet Hufford.

Response to God's Word

† **Song of Response #403** "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

PRAYERS of JOYS & CONCERNS followed by **LORD'S PRAYER** (*unison*)

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.

SECONDS FOR STEWARDSHIP

OFFERTORY (*Receptacles for offerings are found at each exit.*)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **DOXOLOGY:** (*unison*) 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. Amen.