



**First Presbyterian Church
El Campo, Texas
May 24, 2026**

First Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a spiritual home that proclaims God's presence and love to all people by creating a welcoming environment for Christian spiritual growth through worship, fellowship, and education, joyfully celebrating God's love as disciples serving the community and the world.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 24, 2026

11:00 am

The Day of Pentecost

All Are Welcome to Worship at First Presbyterian Church!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Fire)* Alfred V. Fedak 2019

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

All: The wind of God, the breath of Life. Come, Holy Spirit,

One: Our Advocate, our Counselor. Come, Holy Spirit,

All: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit

One: Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: May we feel God breathing through our worship.

All: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place. Amen

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN #290 *O Day of Joy and Wonder*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Tongues of Fire (Pentecost Dance) – This vivid prelude evokes the rushing wind and flame of Pentecost. Midway through the piece, the ancient 9th-century chant *Veni Creator Spiritus* appears in a moment of calm before the music surges again with renewed energy. A melody sung by Christians for more than a thousand years becomes the still point within the swirl of wind and fire.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

HEARING OF THE WORD OF GOD

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

O Day of Joy and Wonder – This hymn celebrates the joy and mystery of Pentecost, when the Spirit's fire brought courage, unity, and new life to the Church. Its strong, rising melody mirrors the movement of the Spirit who still stirs hearts and sends God's people into the world with hope.

“In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day
of the Lord.
And everyone who calls
On the name of the Lord will be saved.”

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*
Ronda Paoletti, Soloist arr. Margaret Bonds

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 7:37-39
On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

One: God always blesses the reading
and hearing of Holy Scripture.

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Promises Fulfilled*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *On the Wind of Spirit* Mark Hayes, 2016

*THE 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. Amen.**

*OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**God of wind, word, and fire, accept our gifts to be the living praise
and witness of your love throughout all the world. Use these gifts
to create your amazing kingdom here on earth, through Jesus
Christ, who lives with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING – Come, Holy, Spirit

One: Our God—we, your people, stand ready and open to receive the
flame of your Spirit. Give us the ability to speak your truth so that
others may hear.

All: Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.

One: May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.

All: Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.

One: May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.

All: Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.

One: Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit, and
body.

All: Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.

One: Make us bold to bring light to the dark places, warmth to the cold
places, and love to the empty places.

All: Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.

One: Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to
overflowing.

All: Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.

*Breathe on Me,
Breath of God – A
quiet prayer for
renewal, this hymn
echoes the breath
of the Spirit who
brings life,
holiness, and
compassion. Its
gentle tune
supports the text's
longing for a heart
shaped by God's
love and a life
aligned with
Christ's way.*

*On the Wind of
Spirit – Drawing
on rustic, modal
colors and
folk-dance
rhythms, this
offertory carries
the earthy joy of
music shaped by
ordinary people.
Its lively turns and
"flipped" melodic
figures recall the
many voices and
cultures gathered
on the first
Pentecost,
reminding us that
the Spirit still
moves on the wind
of every tongue.*

One: Our God—we, your people, celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.

Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN # 296 *Go in Grace and Make Disciples*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

POSTLUDE *Lord, As of Old at Pentecost*
Charles Gabriel, 1912

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Kristine Shultis

Dr. Karl Paoletti, Choir Director

Ted Lashley, Music Director

Taylor and Meredith Martin, Ushers

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please sign up in the Church Narthex.

Go in Grace and Make Disciples –
Sung as a charge to the Church, this hymn sends us out in the Spirit's strength to live Christ's mission in daily life. Its bright, confident melody reflects the light and guidance God provides as we bear witness in word and de

Lord, As of Old at Pentecost – This familiar gospel hymn sends us out with the bold, prayerful spirit of Pentecost. Its forward-pressing melody carries a sense of excitement and joy, echoing the Church's longing for renewal and the empowering presence of God who still moves among us with life-giving strength.

THIS WEEK AT FPC:

Monday, May 25th

Sunday, May 31st

Office closed for Memorial Day

Worship - 11:00 a.m. – Trinity Sunday

Prayer List

Esther Bender

Colby Hauser

John Minkert

Scott Mollnar

Suzanne Hauser

Sue Zanne Urbis

Avely Miller

Gerald Grogan

Kin & Carol Halamicek



CHURCH OFFICERS

Class of 2026

Jimmy Barger

Donnie Kainer

Youth Elder: Porter Beechwood

Donnie Clapp

Mindi Snyder

Class of 2027

John Kalina

Arlette Pustejovsky

Ester Latapie

Elizabeth Rasmussen

Class of 2028

Shawn Beechwood

Melba Clapp

Debra Hamman

B.J. Swenson

CHURCH STAFF

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