



Second Congregational UCC/First Presbyterian Church PC(USA)
Energizing downtown Rockford and beyond with God's grace

For all who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God. Rom 8:14

Pentecost Sunday
Order of Worship

June 8, 2025
10:00 am

**= please rise, whether in body or in spirit*

*No matter where you are on life's journey, no matter who you are, where you are from,
whatever doubts and joys you bring, no matter who you love, you are and always will be
welcome to worship here with SecondFirst Church!*

PRELUDE

Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist

J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Oshita

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jim Burright

Leader: How manifold are your works, O Lord!

**All: In wisdom you have made them all;
The earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: You send forth your spirit, and they are created;

All: and so you renew the face of the earth.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

All: I will praise my God while I have breath.

***HYMN 280 vs. 1-3**

Come, Holy Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

CALL TO TRANSFORMATION♦

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (unison)♦

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our shortcomings. We have ignored your word. We have rejected your gifts. We have failed in your work. Ignoring the truth of Pentecost, we exclude those different from us. We divide our loyalties, and we divide our hearts. Let your Spirit burn away our sins and fill us with faith and courage, so that we might live into the promise of this day and receive the fullness of all that you have prepared for us in Jesus Christ.

One Minute of Silent Reflection

WORDS OF GRACE♦

Leader: The Holy Spirit animates our lives,
lifting us into the presence of Christ,
And sealing our hearts in the promise of his faithful love.
Hear the good news!

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are made new.**
Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE

Leader: Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN 581

EARLY WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2: 1-21

NT 119

Reader: The Word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Come, Holy Spirit, Come!
Sanctuary Choir

S. Boersma/D. Lantz, III

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 14-17

NT 158

Reader: The Word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LATER WORD

Kin To You

*HYMN 291 vs. 1-3

Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

PASTORAL PRAYER

Please send prayer requests to Pastor Martha: martha.langford@secondfirst.org

THE 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

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING♦♦

Christian discipleship encourages us to give of our lives. During the offering, we share our financial gifts. There are many ways to give, which are listed in the announcements.

SONG OF OFFERING

Come Holy Spirit
Sanctuary Choir

V. Johnson

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)♦♦

Make us thankful every day, O God, for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty. Guide us to use these offerings to your glory for the health of your people and this creation. Amen.

*HYMN 66 vs. 1-2

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
please remain seated for the postlude

Anne K. Organ

♦ *Call to Worship. Vol 55.1*

♦♦ *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion. Yr C, Vol 1.*

Sally Baker, greeter

Wes Hegge, sound, video

John Maynard, van driver

The flowers on the chancel are given by Sally Baker in honor of her family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue prayers for **Mike Myrvold** (Steve and Peg Showers' extended family), Kevin Levy, Adam and Liam Keip, John Livermore, Keagan and Karson (Kristina Pando's niece and grandson), Sue Saunders, Katy Paterson, Nina Jawnyj (Aunt of Jess Lindblade), David Jones, Richard Cook, Rick Gallegos, Jean Reese, Joyce Pogue, John Livermore, Jeanne Page, Linda Miller, Jacob Crow (Adrian and Joshua Crow's nephew), Randy Beeman (Holly Beeman's brother), Hayden Hallberg, Lenore Lund, Kathy Moton, Ann Stites, Sally Baker, Philip and Shirley Davidson.
- And we pray for all those at home and in long-term care facilities, who may not be in worship regularly, but who remain part of our family of faith: Betty Klingensmith, Shirley Anderson, Jeanne Page, Marsha Martin, Jan Elliott, Wally Gayle, Charles Rosche.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

Jesus told his disciples, "Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me" (Matt. 18:5). We gladly welcome children in worship and feel it is important for families to worship together. Don't feel that your child must be absolutely quiet and still. Children worship through every wiggle, giggle, and hymnal drop.

For those who prefer, we offer Sunday school for preschool through elementary age children. Class begins at 10:20am on the third floor. Childcare is also available on the third floor.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

During worship, participants have opportunity to share financial gifts by placing them in the baskets at the front of each aisle. You may also mail your offering to the church office; give through the church website (secondfirst.org) using "DONATE" button, or use "Text to Give" - simply message 815.335.9911 with the message "Give \$_____" and follow the instructions.

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP GATHERING- Have you considered deepening your connection with Second/First through membership in the church? Today at 11:15 am, the church will host a gathering just for you. We will enjoy a simple lunch, share the story of how we came to Second/First, and learn about next steps for entering into membership of the congregation.

We ask that you contact the church office to sign up, so that we can prepare ample food for the meal. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Martha (815.963.8431 or martha.langford@secondfirst.org)

ROCK RIVER VALLEY PANTRY needs --- boxes of cereal, pasta, cans/jars of spaghetti sauce, and/or canned vegetables and fruits. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

INVITATION FOR WOMEN: 3RD Presbyterian's Women's Association is hosting a salad luncheon on Wednesday June 14th at 12:00 noon. Andy Gannon will be the speaker, sharing his four decades in the local media. Third Pres welcomes you to join them for this event!

DONUTS FOR DAD- Join us after church on Sunday, June 15th in the Dining Room for Donuts for Dad. All dads, sons, and father figures are welcome. We will be serving our delicious, freshly made donuts.

Calendar at a Glance

June 8, 2025- June 15, 2025

<p><u>Sunday, June 8</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:15 AM- Exploring Membership Lunch 11:30 AM- Fishing Trip 2:30 PM- Installation Service (PCUSA)</p> <p><u>Monday, June 9</u> 11:30 AM- Serious Soup 5:30 PM- Deacons/Fellowship</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, June 10</u> 7:00 AM – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:00 AM - Thrift Shop</p> <p><u>Wednesday, June 11</u> 10:00 AM – Staff Meeting</p> <p><u>Thursday, June 12</u> 7:30 PM- El Shaddai (Heritage Library)</p>	<p><u>Friday, June 13</u> Office is closed</p> <p><u>Saturday, June 14</u> 7:00 AM- Juneteenth Pancake Breakfast</p> <p><u>Sunday, June 15</u> 10:00 AM – Worship Service 10:20 AM – Sunday School 11:15 AM- Donuts for Dad 11:15 AM- FCE</p>
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