



First Presbyterian Church of Carroll

"Serving God by Serving Others"

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Michael Fitzsimmons

Pastor Emeritus: John Rozendaal

May 23, 2010

Greeters – Jim & Becky Venner

Usher – Jolene Meyer

Offering – Mike & Pat Ruhnke

Organist – Sally Patten

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church of Carroll! We are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. If you would like to learn more about First Presbyterian or about joining please contact Pastor Mike Fitzsimmons on his cell @ 712-830-0625 or email firstpccarroll@msn.com

† *Congregation standing if able*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Words of Meditation

Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). The church is important to Him- He loved it so much that He gave His life for it (Ephesians 5:25). If we have the mind of Christ, we will love the church also, and give ourselves to it. Today we celebrate Pentecost. The name Pentecost comes from the Greek for "fiftieth day." Pentecost marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem fifty days after Easter. We celebrate today the fellowship we have at First Presbyterian Church and ask that God's Spirit continue to work in our hearts as we serve God by serving others!

Prelude

Welcome

† Call to Worship (unison)

God of all peoples, we come into your sanctuary to worship you. We come into your sanctuary to be counted among all your children. We come into your sanctuary to sing praises and to worship you. Let this be a special time that renews us and reminds us of your calling on our lives. Let us worship God.

† Hymn of Praise

"Spirit of the Living God"

Blue Hymnal #322

† Call to Confession

†Prayer of Confession

To you, O God, do I run. Before you do I humble myself, saying, "O Lord, my sins are great, yet have mercy on me out of your great mercy." The Son of God did not become man for a few small offenses, but for the sins of the world, that sinners might return to you with penitent hearts. Wherefore have mercy on me, O Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Though my sins are great, yet your mercy is greater. I ask nothing, O Lord, for my own merits, but for your name's sake, that it may be glorified.

From Thomas Cranmer, 1489-1556 Archbishop of Canterbury

†Silent Confession & Assurance of Pardon

†Congregational Response Gloria Patri

†Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

†Peace of Christ

WORD PROCLAIMED

Prayer of Illumination (unison)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, open your words to us and ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gifts of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Old Testament Reading **Psalm 10:17**

New Testament Reading **Acts 5:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:18**

Sermon: *"The Purpose of the Church"*

†Hymn of Response *"Holy Spirit, Truth Devine"* Blue Hymnal #321

Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer

Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

†Doxology

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

Postlude

Celebrations:

Today – Happy Birthday Eileen Hoover and Pastor Mike!
Happy Anniversary Bud & Lois McQueen

24th Alicen Dreesen
26th Jade Worley & Pat Sibbel



Reminder next week – no church! Visit another church and bring back ideas we can use.

**Northern Ireland Group
Garage Sale/Bake Sale on
Friday, May 28th 4-8 pm
Any donations please call Jennie Reicks
712-830-2874**