

****DOXOLOGY #592**

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.

****PRAYER of DEDICATION (Unison)**

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

****HYMN of SENDING #275**

“God of Our Life”

****CHARGE and BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” African-American

POSTLUDE “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” Williams

PASTOR: Rev. Bob Thomson GUEST PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Steve Shive
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Wendy Dryden ORGANIST: Eleanor Lane
CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR: Ashley Braisted
SPECIAL MUSIC: 1st Five: Kevin Bohnenblust,
Ernie and Melinda Brazzale, Cori Cooper, and Eleanor Lane

Rev. Dr. Steve Shive - Greetings! I was born and raised in Chattanooga, TN, and lived there for nineteen years. My freshman year in college, my parents moved to Greenville, SC. I am a graduate of Auburn University, Columbia Theological Seminary and Union Presbyterian Seminary.

I am a pastoral leader who rallies people around a shared and agreed upon vision that seeks to be in alignment with God’s hopes and dreams and the people’s passion, skills, and gifts. I am a certified ICF Coach, focusing primarily on team, vision and values, and leadership development. I, also, am living out the dream of the Sabbath Center, which offers retreats for spiritual seekers to provide the space for solitude, silence, and contemplative practices. My life purpose is, “to coach and cook up adventures in collaboration and transformation.”

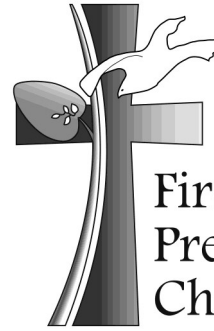
I have been married to my wife, Doris, for 37 years; our home is outside Fort Collins, CO. We have two children. In my spare time, I love to travel, read, garden, and experiment with culinary arts. I am an avid hiker and find the beauty and silence of nature golden. Upon my retirement, I am planning to walk the complete Camino de Santiago.

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As followers of Jesus Christ, under the authority of the Bible, our mission is:
~ Glorifying and worshiping God
~ Baptizing and strengthening disciples
~ Loving and serving all people



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Pentecost

May 19, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.
**“A Still Small Voice or
Loud, Clanging Thunder?”**
*Red: Symbolizes Fire,
the Symbol of the Holy Spirit*

****Those who are able are invited to stand.**

PRELUDE “Jesus, I Come” Stebbins

PRESENTATION of the LIGHT of CHRIST

TOLLING of the BELLS

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE for MISSION *Brenda Wilson*

GATHERING AROUND the WORD of GOD

INTROIT “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Jackson/Hatch

CALL to WORSHIP *Cadie Cooper*

Leader: Surprising One, coming to us in ways we least expect it, open us to your dynamic presence.

People: Awaken us, Surprising One!

Leader: Perceptive Guide, always available to direct our ways, advise us in our decision-making.

People: Awaken us, Perceptive Guide!

Leader: Source of Power, providing stamina and strength, support us when we are weak and vulnerable.

People: Awaken us, Spirit of Power!

Leader: Arousing One, stirring up what is dead or stale within us, awaken our stagnant, sleeping selves into life.

People: Awaken us, Arousing One!

Leader: Divine Transformer, stimulating inner change and societal justice, grant us both patience and courage.

People: Awaken us, Divine Transformer!

Leader: Bearer of Love, never ending font of beauty and compassion, may we share goodness generously!

People: Awaken us, Bearer of Love!

Leader: Let us pray....

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PRAYER of PRAISE (Unison)

God in heaven, you are holy and powerful, you surprised and amazed your disciples at Pentecost with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We praise you for the Spirit who still fills our lives and hearts. Send your mighty Holy Spirit on us as we worship; fill us with joy and excitement, empower us to share the Good News with the world. Amen.

**HYMN of PRAISE #128

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

**CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God’s faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

God of new life, our spirits were made to soar, yet often our lives are grounded. We rely more on the judgments and opinions of others than on your prompts and nudges. Our concern most often is for personal safety and comfort rather than for pursuing your love and justice. We try to live ordered, predictable and planned lives, yet the winds of the Spirit blow where they will and invite us into unexpected places! Forgive us, help us to awaken to the Spirit. Help us to take a Spirit-ed step this week into the life in which you are calling us! For the sake of Christ and His way of life! (Time of Silent Personal Confession) Amen.

**ASSURANCE of PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PASSING of the PEACE

“The Peace of Christ be with you.” “And also with you.”

**GLORIA PATRI #579

LISTENING for the WORD of GOD

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Cadie Cooper

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-13 (pg. 284)

The Word of the Lord

Cadie Cooper

Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Holy Spirit, Come”

Keveren/Williams

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:1-12 (pg. 885)

TIME for CHILDREN

Teacher Recognition

Ashley Braisted

(Children may go upstairs for Sunday School.)

INTERPRETATION of the WORD

“A Still Small Voice or Loud, Clanging Thunder?” *Rev. Dr. Steve Shive*

RESPONDING to the WORD of GOD

**HYMN of RESPONSE #126 “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

**CONFESSION of FAITH - Heidelberg Catechism

In his divinity, majesty, grace, and by the Holy Spirit, Christ is not absent from us for a moment. By the Spirit’s power, we make the goal of our lives not earthly things, but the things above -where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Through the Holy Spirit, Christ pours out his gifts from heaven upon us his members. The Spirit, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God. The Spirit has been given to us personally, so that by true faith, the Spirit empowers us to share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts us, and remains with us forever.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and 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.

RESPONSE

“Sevenfold Amen”

Stainer

GIVING OF OURSELVES to GOD:

Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. We will sacrifice a thank offering to God and call on the name of the Lord. Let each of us use the gifts we have received, faithfully sharing God’s grace in many forms.

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“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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