



Park Presbyterian Church

May 20, 2021

Weekly Park Branches

This Week's Sermon

"Tangled"

Scriptures

[Acts 2:1-21](#)

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Dear Friends in Faith,

Gomer Pyle used to say, "Surprise! Surprise!! Surprise!!!" With wide-eyed wonder, many of us might have had a similar response to the announcement from the Center for Disease Control that masks and social distancing were no longer required for fully vaccinated people in most indoor environments. Part of me wanted to leap for joy and part of me wondered, "What's next at church?"

Throughout this pandemic we've been following the CDC and state health department guidelines, so when our session met this week we discerned it best to continue to stay with the science on this journey. We will no longer be requiring masks and distancing per the above guideline.

At the same time, we will fully respect those who need to continue to wear a mask and those who choose to do so for their own comfort level. No questions will be asked. It will take some time to adjust to seeing people's full faces again in public spaces. Perhaps even further down the road is a return to handshakes and hugs.

This Sunday is Pentecost and it looks like a delightful day to worship in our outdoor setting! Wear red if you like and join us as we will have a baptism and ordain and install deacons and elders. Refreshments and fellowship time will follow our worship.

in the joy of our journey, pastor bob



Weekly Attendance From Previous Sunday

In person: 58

Online: 16

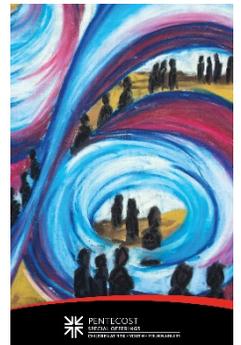
Note: online numbers report number of site visits, not unique visitors.

Sunday Worship as Park Apart

The live worship video will be available on Sunday starting at 11:00 am, and you can continue to find us anytime thereafter at <https://www.parkpres.org/swl-sunday-worship-live>. The bulletin for the service can also be found on the [Sunday Worship page](#) of our site. If you have announcements or prayer requests, please send them to Pastor Bob on Sunday morning via email: revgoossen@parkpres.org or call/text 724-464-4032.

Pentecost Special Offering

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Congregations keep 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in their communities. The remaining 60% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, with 25% going to the Young Adult Volunteer program, 25% for youth ministry and those who work with youth, and 10% for the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, which focuses on improving the quality of public education. You can donate online [here](#).



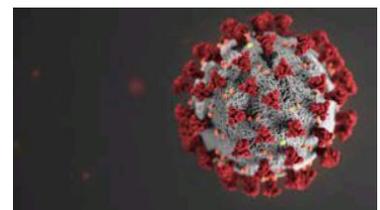
Park in the Park

This Sunday May 23, our service will be held at 11:00 am in McIntosh Park next to the church. We will celebrate Pentecost, a baptism and also ordain and install this year’s Session members and deacons. Bring your lawn chair, some tea or coffee and join us for worship! There will be a time of fellowship following the service with refreshments and bottled water available. For those of you watching at home, the service will be recorded and available later that day for viewing.

But wait, there’s more! We plan to hold worship outside once a month throughout the summer. The additional dates are as follows: June 20, July 18, August 15 and September 12. Mark your calendars now!

NEW Covid Protocol at Park

As the Covid vaccinations move forward and the CDC updates its guidelines, the session took the following action at their special May 16 meeting. Approved that those who are vaccinated no longer need to wear masks or socially distance indoors or outdoors. Masks will not be required for anyone for outdoor services, given that we can be comfortably spread about the park.



Celebrating Birthdays this Week:

Dan Humphries	22	Beverly Harry	25
Charlie O’Neill	22	Susan Cooper	26