

Day of Pentecost

May 24, 2026



WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING MUSIC

“Spirit of the Living God”

Merideth Sanders
Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. 2X

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

James Manley

(Refrain)
Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness,
Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
Then you coaxed up the mountains from valleys of sleep;
And over the eons you called to each thing,
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.
(Refrain)

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

C. Martin, C. Gabriel

1. Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home;
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.

(Refrain)
I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

2. “Let not your heart be troubled,” his tender word I hear,
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.
(Refrain)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ron Tingle
Minute for Mission—PW Birthday Offering *Laura Janson*

CHIMING THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save” arr. Charles Callahan
Diane Combs, organ

***CALL TO WORSHIP, responsive & Candle Lighting**
Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,
come, Holy Spirit.

With tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,
come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,
come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,
come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,
come, Holy Spirit.

*OPENING HYMN “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us” #280

**1. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.**

**2. We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**3. Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you, glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One : what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

*PRAYER OF ADORATION CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, unison
Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. You empowered your people to dream dreams and to have visions. We confess that our dreams and visions are often lost in the midst of our fears. Forgive us. Open our hearts and lives to the power of the Spirit among us. Breathe your Spirit into us, O God, that we may find new life. Transform our lives by the power of your Spirit. Fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people as we face the challenges before us. May we follow where you lead for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

:: A Moment of Silence for Personal Prayer & Reflection ::

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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, in unison** -from the Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

:: PASSING THE PEACE ::

*And now, as people who are loved and forgiven by the grace of God,
we pass the peace of Christ, remembering God's command to love
and forgive one another.*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM: “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Greg Gilpin
Sanctuary Choir

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21 *Dave Crane*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

SERMON: “Oh, The Places You'll Go!”
Rev. Dr. Jody Welker, Bridge Interim Pastor

:: Prayer for Memorial Day Sunday ::

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.



WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" #279

1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.
2. In vain we tune our formal songs;
in vain we strive to rise;
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.
3. Dear Lord, and shall we ever live
at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!
4. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With all thy quickening powers;
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Spirit Song" arr. Joel Raney
Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN "We Are One in the Spirit" #300

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
(Refrain)
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
(Refrain)
3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
(Refrain)



4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Eternal Father, Strong to Save" #8, Vs. 1 + 3

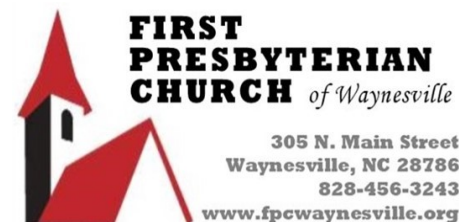
1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
Upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease,
And gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

POSTLUDE "God Bless Our Native Land"
Diane Combs arr. Charles Callahan

* Please stand as you are able for these portions of the service.



If you are visiting today, we're delighted to have you!
Please stay on after worship for
cake, coffee and conversation
in the Fellowship Hall.



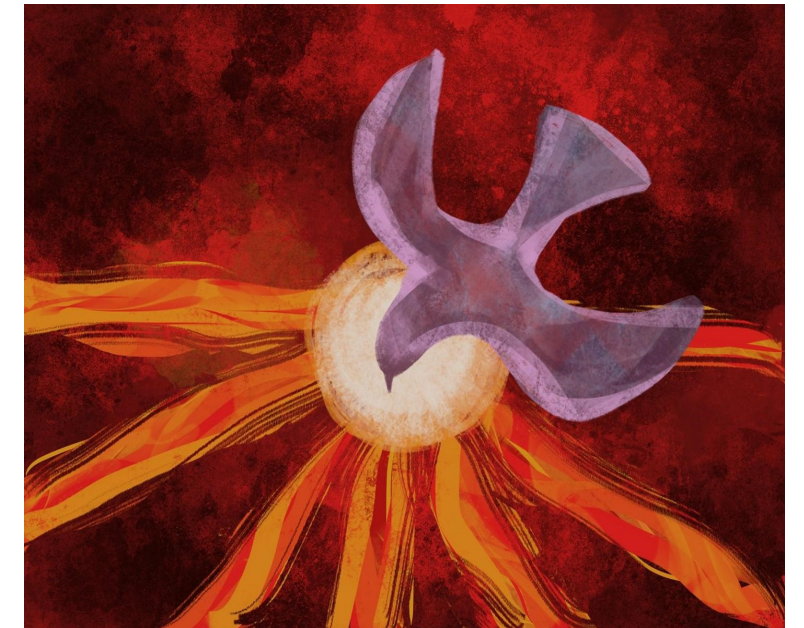
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DAY OF PENTECOST



"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."
—Acts 2:1-4



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