



## Bethany Presbyterian Church

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*Day of Pentecost*



There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE)

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess, Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2006), and LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.*

### TRINITY CHIMES

**PRELUDE:** *On the Day of Pentecost*

DAVID PAXTON

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING HYMN #319: Spirit (verses 1-2)**

JAMES K. MANLEY

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 the valleys of sleep,  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.

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 swept through the desert,  
you stung with the sand,  
and you goaded your people with a law and a land,  
and when they were blinded with their idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes.

**\*OPENING LITANY**

"A DAY OF HOLY CELEBRATION," JULIA SEYMOUR

Children of God, let us rejoice in the day of Pentecost! We give thanks to God  
for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

***Today is a day of holy celebration.***

Siblings in Christ, we are inheritors of the work of the church – work done by apostles  
and preachers, disciples and teachers, lay leaders and children,  
followers of the Way of Jesus and their loving neighbors.

***Today is a day of holy celebration.***

We come to this place – perhaps not recently from Mesopotamia or Cappadocia or Phrygia  
and Pamphylia – but from other states, cities, and townships. We come from states of doubt,  
rejoicing, and curiosity, drawn here together by the Holy Spirit.

***Today is a day of holy celebration.***

Peter assured those who heard the many languages of the apostles that they were not drunk,  
but overwhelmed by the power of the Spirit.

***Today is a day of holy dedication.***

Those who were gathered to celebrate the giving of the law, the Torah, were awed by the fire  
of the Spirit, pouring forth in line with the teaching of Jesus – burning away divisions  
and clearing a path for unity.

***Today is a day of holy dedication.***

The work of the Holy Spirit always brings order out of chaos – as it did in the beginning  
over the face of the darkness, on the day of Pentecost, and in the church across creation today.

***Today is a day of holy dedication.***

The Holy Spirit has been poured out and moves, unrestricted, over young and old,  
without regard to race, gender expression, physical or mental ability, or sexual orientation.

***Today is a day of holy inspiration.***

The gifts of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – are not mix and match, but are planted and nourished in the words and deeds of those who have been found by grace in the Way of Jesus.

***Today is a day of holy inspiration.***

We give thanks, with our whole hearts, bodies, and minds, for the power and pervasive love of the Holy Spirit, which guides our prayers, preserves our faith, and leads us into the path of righteousness for God's own sake. We are awed and appreciative.

***Today is a day of holy inspiration.***

**\*RESPONDING TO OUR PRAYER #319: *Spirit (verses 3-4)***

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 sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still,  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.

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 call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams,  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes,  
with bold new decisions your people arise.

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

***Thanks be to God! Amen!***

## **OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL**

### **PASS THE PEACE**

### **A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

"A BREATH OF FRESH AIR," TERI PETERSON

Let the fire of your Spirit shed light on your word, O God.  
As we open these pages, may we find a breath of fresh air,  
a word for our hearts, a light for our path. ***Amen.***

### **ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE**

**MARK 1:4-8**

PEW BIBLE, 1214

ACTS 2:1-4

PEW BIBLE, 1324

1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-13

PEW BIBLE, 1398

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY #593:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

**\*BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY #324** *Open My Eyes That I May See*

CLARA H. SCOTT

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

**Refrain:**

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes (ears, heart), illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear. **(Refrain)**

Open my mouth, and let me bear,  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share. **(Refrain)**

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"COME, HOLY SPIRIT," KATHY CRAWFORD

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

**HYMN #322:** *Spirit of the Living God*

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.

***Come, Holy Spirit,***  
into the areas of our lives  
where there is darkness  
when there should be light;  
where there is anger  
and we find it difficult  
to forgive those who,  
maybe unintentionally,  
have hurt us.

***Come, Holy Spirit,***  
into the areas of our lives  
where there are problems  
and we need your wisdom  
and how to solve them;  
where we are uncertain  
and we need your guidance  
about the way we  
should proceed.

*Silence*

***Come, Holy Spirit...***

***Come, Holy Spirit,***  
into the areas of our lives  
where there is sadness  
and we need your comfort;  
where there is pain and hurt  
and we need your healing;  
where we are afraid  
and we need your courage  
to empower us.

***Come, Holy Spirit,***  
into the areas of our lives  
where we are reluctant  
to grant you entry  
in case you want to make  
too many changes;  
where we know we are weak  
and we need your power  
to make us strong.

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**AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE**

"WE EXPLAIN AWAY," TERI PETERSON

This is the promise: "I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh – young and old, men and women, rich and poor – and all people will see."  
This promise is for you, and for all of us. No matter who we are or where we have been, the Spirit of the Living God falls fresh, with mercies new every morning. Know that you are forgiven, and let the Spirit speak through you!  
***Come, Holy Spirit! Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**\*RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE: #316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

EDWIN HATCH

Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire*

MOSES HOGAN

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"The Common"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PENTECOST LITANY

"COME, HOLY SPIRIT," JULIA SEYMOUR

The Spirit that rushes in like a violent wind  
*is also the Spirit of gentleness.*

The Spirit that tears down walls between people  
*is also the Spirit that opens hearts and minds.*

The Spirit that burnishes with fire  
*is also the Spirit that renews and creates.*

The Spirit that brings us to our knees in fear of the Lord  
*is also the Spirit that lifts us up in the light of Christ.*

The Spirit that brings a language of its own to our lips  
*is also the Spirit that carries the prayers of all to God.*

Include us in God's work.  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*

Increase our understanding.  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*

Spur us into faithful action.  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*

Burn away all that is dead within us.  
*Come, Holy Spirit.*

Strengthen us to stand with our neighbors, to fight against oppression,  
to stand for peace, to trust in God's faithfulness, and to live and die  
in Christ for the sake of the world. *Come, Holy Spirit! Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"ON THE WINGS OF YOUR SPIRIT," SCOTT CERVAS

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.*

\*CLOSING HYMN #126: *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

ISAAC WATTS

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.  
In vain we tune our formal songs,  
In vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannas languish on our tongues,  
And our devotion dies.

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!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
And that shall kindle ours.

**\*SENDING**

"A EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR PENTECOST," ELIZABETH BAXTER

Come, revealing Spirit,  
bless our unfurling  
within your presence,  
gathering us closely  
into the soft down of peace  
with blessings of love  
and joyfulness of hope  
as we continue our pilgrimage  
of becoming Spirit-filled. *Alleluia!*

**POSTLUDE:** *Go Tell the World*

ROBERT HOWELL

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*\* Please stand in body or spirit.*



# Our Faith Community @ Work

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Calling all Graduates! – Celebrating our Graduates in worship, Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Are you or is a member of your family celebrating a graduation this year? Whether you're graduating preschool, high school, college, trade school, a professional program, doctoral work, or anything in between, please let us know so we can name and celebrate you/them during our liturgy to celebrate graduates that we will have on Trinity Sunday (May 26<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day weekend).

### **Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> Women of the Church Yard Sale**

The Women of the Church Yard Sale will be in the church Fellowship Hall from 7:00am-1:00pm. Donation of items for the yard sale may be brought to the church from 9:00am-12:00 noon Monday - Friday or by calling the office to make arrangements for other drop-off times. Please leave items on the front two tables.

The Men of the Church will be serving Hot Dogs 9:00am-1:00pm.

### **S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)**

S.A.F.E.'s donation request for May is Peanut and Jelly. If you have extra plastic and paper bags, please consider donating them.

### **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Alamance Co. Mobile Library**

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30. Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share

### **Save the Date**

**Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School**  
**Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival**

## **INVITATION TO SCOUT SUMMER PROGRAM**

All youth ages 5-11 years old are invited to attend our Scout Summer Program.

- June 15<sup>th</sup> Hike at Lake Michael
- June 26<sup>th</sup> Science STEM Slam
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Hike at Jaycee Trail Reidsville
- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Hike at Bur-Mil Park Greensboro
- August End of Summer Pool Party

For more information contact:

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## This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 – Choir Practice

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday & Celebration of Graduates

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

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### Session

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