



Bethany Presbyterian Church

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Day of Pentecost



“When Pentecost Day arrived, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.”

Acts 2:1-4 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship! Join in with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength . . . don’t hold back! Sing from your toes! Pray from your guts. Worship the Eternal Creator from your soul. It’s not about perfect music. It’s not about the perfect prayer. It’s about joining the holy roar of a community honestly wrestling with what it means to follow their Creator.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

J. PRENTISS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN OFFERING OF PEACE

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please take a moment to share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.)

* **GATHERING SONG #315:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PENTECOST

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come and move in and through us.

Whispers of hope around the corner of despair; shouts of joy at a graduation:

You are around us in every place.

The sweet breath of a baby, the remembrances of the elderly:

You speak to us through every person.

Soft breezes on a summer's day; bitter winds through frozen trees:

You are with us in every season.

The gentle lullabies of a parent; the birds singing us awake:

You sing glad songs to us.

The sudden rush of newness throwing open our sheltered fears; the gale of justice breaking down the walls of oppression:

You sweep us up in your commitment to transform all lives, all places.

In every breath, in every song, in every moment, in every tongue:

Come

Dance

Enflame

Engulf

Transform us!

* **OPENING HYMN #129:** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

EBENEZER

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

AN INVITATION TO THE WORD

The universe proclaims God's truth. God's knowledge flows night and day!

We open our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, our hearts to receive.

AN OFFERING OF SCRIPTURE: ACTS 2:1-21

This is Holy Scripture for God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 1324

AN OFFERING OF CONFESSION

We say we want change, but prefer the comfort of what we have; we long for new life, yet turn our backs on those around us. We could open our arms to others, but close them tight around our fears. Let us confess our lives to our God, as we hope for the Holy Spirit to come and dance among us. Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God,

but we prefer to splash in the puddles of temptation.

You would breathe life into us in every moment,

but we hold our breath until we turn blue, wanting to get our way.

You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence,

but we turn them in accusations towards those around us.

In your mercy, forgive us, God of grace. May your Spirit sing in our hearts, so we may invite others to dance in joy with us.

May your Spirit be the still, small voice which silences the shouts of fear and worry all around us. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion.

AN OFFERING OF SILENCE

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

In every breath we take, there is the Spirit;

in every word we speak, there is the Spirit;

in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit;
in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit.

In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*** RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE #485:** *To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory: great things He has done!*

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

OFFERTORY: *Oceans*

MACIE SMITH, DANCE

HILLSONG UNITED

*** THE DOXOLOGY:**

*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.*

OLD HUNDREDTH

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

LISTENING FOR GOD'S VOICE

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG (@ HEART) / MOMENT FOR MISSION

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Come Down, Holy Spirit*

PAUL GERHARDT / LEE DENGLER

*Come down, Holy Spirit, come. (Veni sancte spiritus.)
From the height that knows no measure,
As a gracious shower descend,
Bringing down the richest treasure,
We can wish, or God can send.
Author of the new creation,
Come, anoint us with Your power.
Make our hearts Your habitation,
With Your grace our spirits shower.
Come down, Holy Spirit, come. (Veni sancte spiritus.)*

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: ***SpiritSpace***

REV. JOHNSON

*** HYMN OF PREPARATION #316:** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

May the God of wind and flame be with you.

And also with you.

Throw open the shutters of your hearts, so God may enter.

We offer our hearts so God's joy might dance over our lives.

Take deep breaths and sing your praises to our God.

We join all people and languages in praising the One who feeds us this day.

You whispered in the silence and the Spirit tumbled forth . . . With those who dance with joy on this day, with those who long for the fresh breath of grace, we sing out songs of praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of wind and flame. All creation dances in the Spirit's arms this day. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who is anointed by the Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!

In the soft, warm breath of a baby, you come to be one of us in every way . . . As we gather to celebrate this day, as we remember the gifts Jesus shared, we sing of that faith which is a mystery:

Christ died, his last breath stolen from him; Christ was raised, the Spirit's breath bringing new life; Christ will come, breathing new grace and hope in our lives.

Here, where the bread and the cup wait, breathe your Spirit upon these gifts . . . And when our journey has ended and we are invited to with those of every time and from every place, breathe on us, very Breath of God, so we may take in great gasps of grace, to forever praise your name, and to pray as we have been taught:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God's Breath of hope has torn open the shutters of our hearts,
So that we may open them to all who long for grace and life.

Justice is the strong wind poured into us by the One who is Brother to the forgotten.

We will go into the streets of our neighborhoods to serve our sisters and brothers.

A new community is being shaped by the Holy Spirit, made up of those from every place, every tongue.

We will join hearts with those we meet, we will learn songs of joy in new languages. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD AS WE LEAVE TO SERVE

* **CLOSING HYMN:** *Come! Live in the Light!*

DAVID HAAS

* **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

* **BLESSING RESPONSE:** *We Will Go Out With Joy*

ANDREW AND HILARY DONALDSON

* **POSTLUDE:** *Share His Love With All the World*

T. WATKINS

* *Please stand in body or spirit.*

We Will Go Out with Joy 539

Leader

C F/C C G7 C

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

All

C F/C C C/G G7 C *Fine*

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain

Fsus2 C F G C

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Fsus2 C E^bsus2 Dm7 Gsus G *to Stanzas*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Our Faith Community @ Work

WORSHIP Ministry: (Lead Elders: Nancy Purcell and A. J. Campbell)

WELCOME to this service of worship at Bethany Presbyterian Church (PCUSA). Whether you are a member or a guest we are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning and pray that this time of worship will be both renewing and rewarding for you. If you have any questions about Bethany, please speak to the pastor or call the church at 336.227.4041. You can find us online through our website at www.bethanypreschurch.org; on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bethanypresbyterian; or on Twitter by following [@bpresbyterian](https://twitter.com/bpresbyterian).

“I will show love to those who were called unloved and, to those who were called ‘not-my-people’, I will say ‘you are my people’ and they will answer, ‘you are our God.’” (Hosea 2:23) Bethany Presbyterian Church is a place where the mind is nourished as well as the spirit, and where we affirm the dignity and worth of every person. As we are all created in the image of God, we believe discrimination is incompatible with Christ’s Gospel of unconditional love. While we celebrate our Presbyterian identity, we acknowledge that we are not alone on the path to understanding God. We invite conversations that move us to seek a deeper understanding of life in the Spirit. **Be who you are and be welcome here.**

For our children: Childcare is available during the entire worship hour for infants and preschool children. Children are invited and welcome to stay in the service, in whatever manner befits their person: they should feel free to squirm, whine, dance, sing, cry, pray, or otherwise make themselves known. Activities for children can be found at several locations throughout the sanctuary. See an usher if you can’t find one.

Audio and Visual Assistance: A hearing enhancement system is available for those who have a need. An usher will be happy to provide you with a receiver this morning. Large print bulletins are also available.

Please take a moment – members and guests – to sign the **Fellowship Pads** that are located on each row. If you are a guest, please share any contact information you wish to, so that we can be in touch.

Operating our audio and video systems this morning is **Rick Purcell**. Anyone wishing to join this team of volunteers please contact the church office at any time.

Audio Recordings of each Sunday’s sermons are available through a link on our website, on our Facebook page, or at www.buzzsprout.com/9198.

Resources used in this morning’s worship:

- *Ministry Matters* website (www.ministrymatters.com)
- *The Text This Week* website (www.textweek.com)

Our service this morning includes the **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**. As is our custom, we will serve by way of intinction. Please come forward to the serving elders by the middle aisle, break off a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. You may return to your seat by the side aisle.

Following worship this morning, Presbyterian Women is sponsoring a **Baked Potato Luncheon**. Please come and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship on this Pentecost Sunday!

Are you really into singing hymns! Do you miss some of the old favorites? Then you will not want to miss our **Hymn Sing** during worship on **next Sunday, May 27th**. Our service will be devoted to praising God through the singing of hymns. As you can see from the insert in the bulletin, you have one last opportunity to make suggestions for the hymns we will sing on that day. See in the insert for more information.

Do you have a smartphone? Are you on Facebook? If so, take a moment to **“check in” on Facebook**, letting your friends know that you are here at Bethany Presbyterian Church! It may seem like a small thing, but in reality, it is a wonderful message of evangelism and witness, as you let the cyber-world know what is important to you.

SERVE Ministry: (Lead Elders: Jean Payne and Sandy Cook)

ATTENTION NON-COMPUTER USERS: We realize that there are some in our congregation who do not use computers, and thus miss out on emails and other correspondence regarding prayer requests and other information. If you will let Joy know in the office, she will put you on a list to call whenever one of these emails goes out. The office number is 336.227.4041.

We are in the process of putting together a new in-house **Pictorial Directory**. We are using photographs from the previous directory, unless you indicate otherwise. To view the picture we have on file for you, you may come by the church office and Joy will show it to you, or call Joy and she will send it to you electronically. To submit a new photo, send it to Joy (office@bethanypreschurch.org) or bring a print by so it can be scanned.

Our ongoing prayer list is below. Please let the church office know if there are any changes.

Bill Faucette	Diane Miller	John & Ann Sutton
Faye Campbell	Jack Cook	Peter Slater
Frances Nolan	Polly & Dick Wilson	Joey Leake
Layla Benoklen	Teresa Wilborn	Shannon Russell
Ida Whitney	Tiffany Tauchren	Mary Moore
Rachel Poteat	Jean Berry	Barbara Cousins
Jeremy Harden	Christy Lutterloh	Pat Kennedy
Anne McDaniels	Eleanor Thompson	Donna Mitchell-Ayers
Mike Sutton	Nancy Sutton	Pete Campbell
Steward Dillard	Norma Proctor	Ben Johnson
Shelvia Russell	Family of Celeste Bayliff Agner	Ruth Younts
Ruby Martin	Levi Byrd	Diane Bullis
	Susie Hunley	

TEACH Ministry: (Lead Elders: Brandon Troxler and Karen Maxwell)

All are invited to take advantage of the several educational opportunities for all ages on Sunday mornings. Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Class (Fellowship Classroom – by ramp door)

This class is using our denomination's *Present Word* curriculum and lives up to the class name in all aspects of their life here at Bethany.

Young at Heart Class (Young at Heart Classroom – across from pastor's office)

Using the *Uniform Series*, this class engages in lively discussions pertaining to the biblically based curriculum. The class is taught by a very capable team of teachers.

Children (Upstairs – the really, really green room!)

This class for younger children is using our denomination's *We Believe* curriculum in introducing our children to the faith.

Youth (Upstairs, across from the choir room)

Using a variety of creative curricula, this class explores topics that relate to faith and adolescence.

SUPPORT Ministry: (Lead Elders: Ron Osborne, Chip Allen, and Glenn Patterson)

Copies of the **Narrative Budget** that was distributed at the recent meeting of the corporation are available in the church office or at the mailboxes.

Elders of the Month for May are **Glenn Patterson** and **Nancy Purcell**.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

- Pentecost Sunday
- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- 12:00 – Baked Potato Luncheon

Tuesday, the 22nd:

- 7:00 – *Jesus for President* Book Study

Wednesday, the 23rd:

- 7:00 – Choir Practice

Friday, the 25th – Friday, the 1st: John out

Sunday, the 27th:

- 9:45 – Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 – Worship / Hymn Sing

Session

Moderator: Rev. John W. Johnson

Clerk: Rick Purcell

Treasurer: Ron Osborne

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Nancy Purcell

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