

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENTECOST
MAY 28, 2023
10:00 AM



GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Prelude on 'Down Ampney'* Douglas Williams.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Something strange was happening. Something new was happening.
Tongues of fire touching people.
Tongues speaking strange languages, yet understood.
Something shifted. Something changed. Something new was happening.
Today,

Something strange is happening.

Something new is happening.

Something has shifted.

Something has changed.

The church is not what it used to be. Nor is it what it will become.

The spirit is still moving.

Let us worship, knowing that spirit is moving among us.

†HYMN 280 *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Amongst Us* EBENEZER

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Spirit of God, breath of Creation, wind of change: you pour out your spirit upon us, and we fail to see it. We are too preoccupied to feel it. We like to stay where we are. We like our comfortable, fixed positions.

Open our hearts and minds to new hopes and dreams, with the promise of new life in Christ. Forgive us for our inability to change. Give us a clear vision for tomorrow. Open our eyes to opportunities for service and love. Shake things up. Spin us around. Show us all that life can be.

(Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession.)

CHORAL PETITION 288 *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

†JOYFUL RESPONSE *On Pentecost They Gathered* MUNICH

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.**

**O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.**

WELCOME

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary. This melody is from the hymn *Come Down O Love Divine*, and the tune is by Ralph Vaughn Williams

COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

Written by a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, this hymn is meant for the celebration of Pentecost. With its solid biblical grounding (Acts 2, John 16.13, and others) this hymn recognizes that the Holy Spirit is a gift to the whole church, not just to individuals.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David McCowen

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-23

Pew Bible p. 108 (NT)

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove

Joe Cox & Jody Lindh

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-17

Pew Bible p. 111 (NT)

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SERMON

Being Moved

Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are not alone, sliding through a mystery with no guidance.

We have an Advocate who guides us with power and truth.

We do not pray alone, worried about "getting it right" or being heard.

We have an Advocate who prays with us, in deep, wordless sighs.

We do not work alone for the healing of the world.

We have an Advocate who directs our paths and reveals Christ to us.

We are born of water and fire, adopted into the family of God.

We have an Advocate who strengthens our relationship with the Holy.

We are a people of bountiful gifts and many connections.

We have an Advocate who blesses and encourages us.

We are yet coming to know more fully the height and depth and breadth of the love of God.

We have an Advocate who does not rest in revealing that truth to all creation.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY & WORLD

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

†Offertory Response 608

PRAISE GOD

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore.

†Prayer of Dedication

GOING TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

†HYMN 300

We Are One in the Spirit

ST. BRENDAN

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

After each scripture reading the reader will say, "The Word of the Lord." All are invited to respond, "Thanks be to God."

†SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC 80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Because we have been forgiven in Christ, we can forgive one another. We demonstrate this by sharing Christ's peace with one another.

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Camille LeBron Powell, Pastor
Ashley Lewis, Coordinator of Congregational Vitality
David Lukens, Director of Music
Edward Weaver, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Pat Baker, Director of Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries
Lonnelle Bruce, Director, St. Andrews School
Gretchen Perkins, Office Manager
Helen Hoang, Financial Administrator

Notes on Today's Music:

Opening Voluntary The hymn tune DOWN AMPNEY was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) and was first published in The English Hymnal (London, 1906). It was composed specifically to set the text "Come Down, O Love Divine", translated from a set of 90 hymns written by Bianco da Siena (1350-1434). The original poem is in Italian, not Latin, a sign that it was intended for the ordinary people.

The setting is by Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952). A native of Chicago, Illinois, he is an internationally recognized composer and arranger for church and school music. For 30 years he was a high school music educator and administrator, and has served several denominations as a church musician. His published works include sacred and secular choral music, concert band, orchestra, handbell ensemble, organ, piano, instrumental solo, and voice.

The text for the **Joyful Response** was written by Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008) to fill what she perceived as a lack of available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The music is a 17th century German tune which Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) harmonized for use in his oratorio *Elijah*.

The text for the **Musical Offering** was written by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), the renowned English writer of psalms and hymns with more than 800 published hymns. This setting is a collaboration of Joe Cox (b. 1954), a freelance composer and arranger, and Jody Lindh (b. 1944), an organist and composer, who served as Minister of Music at University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX for 45 years.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 28th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Lunches for Clifton
4:00 PM Dinner, Clifton Sanctuary

Monday, May 29th

Office Closed
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 30th

12:30 PM 39ers

Wednesday, May 31st

12:30 PM Lunch and Learn
5:00 PM Light of Grace

Thursday, June 1st

Friday, June 2nd

9:00 AM Church at Prayer
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, June 3rd

Sunday, June 4th

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship

PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, and place it in the offering plate, or contact the office. Please update the office about any changes in the condition of your loved ones.

Ashley Lewis on the death of her Grandmother, Margaret White

John Brooke, on the death of his father

The Johnston family on the death of husband and father, Verome

Marcia Noble's daughter, Michelle

In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:

Milly Ball at home

Peggy Benedict at home

Elinor Bryan Westminster Village

Henry Tribble The Villages

Ron Weber at home, **Betty Weber** Manor Lake

WELCOME

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

Please note your presence on the list in the narthex so that members of our church family may welcome you. Your presence is a joy for us.

The Nursery, located in the hallway between the Sanctuary and Heffner Hall, has two dedicated childcare volunteers who will stay with young children during worship. For school-age children, the PRAYground is available, near the front of the sanctuary, offering educational and interactive materials, and the Parlor is available for anyone needing a quiet moment outside of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Offering Today our congregation will participate in the PC (USA)'s Pentecost Offering, supporting ministries that benefit children and youth. 40% stays at St. Andrews to benefit ministries in our area. Donations can be made: on our giving website. Select Mission and put 'Pentecost' in the notes. Or, if giving by check to St. Andrews, please put 'Pentecost' on the Memo line.

Flowers Today are given by Mary and Charles McCowen in memory of Frances and Albert McCowen.

39ers The 39ers are a group of folks that like to meet and eat and have fellowship together and everyone is invited to attend. They are meeting at Baminelli's on Tuesday, May 30th at Noon. (2039 Crescent Centre Blvd, Tucker)

Office Closed St. Andrews' Office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29th.

As one part of the church of Jesus Christ, we are inspired and guided by Christ's vision of God's realm – one that includes all who seek to love God and neighbor.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church welcomes all people, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic situation, family status, mental or physical abilities to become part of the membership and ministry of the church.

We welcome all of each of you.

Approved and adopted by the Session of St. Andrews, August 2019

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