

Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024

Leading in Worship Today

Welcome and Announcements
 Prelude Christopher A. McCroskey

Call To Worship "God Is So Good" Choir
 Centering Words

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" 384

Opening Prayer
 The Lord's Prayer 895

Proclamation of the Word
 Prayer of Illumination

"Let the Children Come!"
(Those 3 years of age through 8 years of age may go to Children's Church.)

Epistle Reading Romans 8:22-27 Pages 149-150 (N.T.)
 Psalter Psalm 104:1-13, 24-35 826-827

*Hymn "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" 420

Gospel Reading John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15 Page 106 (N.T.)

Anthem "Follow Rain and Rivers" Choir

New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-21 Pages 113-114 (N.T.)
 Sermon "Spirit of Wind and Breath" Rev. John Jordan

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" 881

*Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" 70

Pastoral Prayer
 Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
 Offertory Christopher A. McCroskey

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95

*Hymn "O Spirit of the Living God" 539

*Dismissal With Benediction
 *Benediction Response "May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and Keep You" Choir

*The Congregation May Stand

Pastor: John D. Jordan AV Director: Marie Stiles
 Music Director: Christopher A. McCroskey AV Assistant: Chris Derrick
 Time Together: Joyce Robinson; Slone Taylor

VISITORS ARE WELCOME in the service of worship! Please make use of the visitor's tags (located in the pew backs) to help us better welcome you as a visitor to Trinity this morning. We ask that you also please fill in the pew pad as it passes to register your attendance with us. **Large print hymnals** are available from the ushers.

You may join as a member into the life and work of this congregation by Confession of Faith or by Transfer of Membership from another church. If you would be interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.

TODAY'S LOVELY FLOWERS are given to the **Glory of God** and in loving memory of **Jewel Percy**.

“AS MEMBERS OF THIS CONGREGATION, WE WILL FAITHFULLY PARTICIPATE IN ITS MINISTRIES BY OUR PRAYERS...

English Pearcy Patsy Zeigler Charlie Hooker Kaye Floyd Patsy Shuler Becky Derrick
Erin Derrick John Ballentine Jimmy Grahl Latson Lewis Pam Turner

Shut-Ins: Esther Carter; Gillett Hipp; Linda Maloch; Jean Raynor; Claudia Sineath; Jan Weaver

Family and Friends: **Mary Perry** (friend of Marty Johnson); **Chantel Griffin** (sister of Erin Derrick); **Russell Eubanks** (son-in-law of Jo Ann Heiting); **Malcolm Skipper** (grandfather of Matthew Skipper); **Bryan Collard** (brother-in-law of Mary Sue Lewis); **Charlyn McNeill** (sister of Mary Sue Lewis); **Elizabeth Kelsey & Jamie Barnett** (friends of John & Kay Jordan); **Lawrence Gilbert** (friend of Becky Derrick); **Bob Bohnstengel** (spouse of Jo Ann Heiting's cousin); **Missy Abrams** (stepdaughter of Lissa Abrams); **Mary Davis** (daughter of Bob & Libby Strickland); **Gloria Erd** (friend of Lynn Martin); **Pearl Geddens** (mother of Tom Geddens); **Ross Deal** (grandson of Mary Kamoroff); **Nancy Wilson** (friend of Jeanette Hornsby); **David Turner** (brother of Pam Turner); **Ernie & Betsey Hendrix, Chip Mixon** (friends of Tommy Gleaton); **Ron & Janet Walker** (friends of Tommy & Chris Gleaton); **Merit Takach** (friend of Joyce and Brent Robinson); **James Boggs** (father of Claire Boggs); **Stacy Coggins** (daughter of Steve Aiello); **Bill Areheart** (friend of Bonnie Ramsey); **David Grandshaw** (brother-in-law of Edwa Meek); **Robert Bradley** (Business Associate of Simon Ross); **Gary Becton** (friend of Mark Branham); **Florence Lee Carter, Monnie Tiller** (friends of Chris Derrick); **Adrin & Linda Hargett** (stepfather and stepmom of Christopher McCroskey); **Haidee Baehr** (friends of Ruth Frady); **Denise Paul, Scott & Karen Nelson** (cousins of Gale Frady); **Dan Conner, Max Johnson** (friends of Gale Frady); **Bernardo Velasquez, Walt & Janet Beck** (friends of Jo Ann Heiting); **Adam Lavender** (son of Phil Lavender)

If you have a friend or family member on the Prayer List, we ask you to please keep us updated. If no word is received, we will trust that our prayers have been answered and remove the name. To update us, please call the office or e-mail us at trinityumcwc@sc.rr.com.

OUR PRESENCE ...

In-Person Attendance 05/12 SS: 10 Worship: 34

OUR GIFTS ...

General Fund 05/12 \$ 3,645.54 Epworth Mother's Day Offering \$ 727.00

OUR SERVICE ...

OUR WITNESS."

Upcoming Events

The Exercise Class will not meet this week.

TODAY Administrative Team Meeting following Worship

05/22 Wednesday's Words, 11:30 a.m.

Choir, 6 p.m.

T.a.G., 7 p.m.

05/23 GLIA Articles Due

Trinity Ladies Group at Nick's House of Pizza Restaurant, 6 p.m.

05/24 Office Closed

FH Reserved

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Readings for May 26

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalms 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17



Ministers

Pastor

Resident Bishop

District Superintendent

The Congregation

John D. Jordan

Jonathan Holston

Rev. Fran M. Elrod

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision is to Connect, Nurture, Inspire and Transform



*All of them
were filled with
the Holy Spirit...*

Acts 2:4, NRSV

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Spirit of Wind and Breath

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Acts 2:1-21 & John 15:26-27, 16: 4b-15

Day of Pentecost

Pentecost was one of three Jewish pilgrimage festivals. It was a celebration of the completion of the wheat harvest held fifty days after Passover. Diaspora Jews worldwide would come to Jerusalem to worship and give offerings at the Temple.

For Christians, Pentecost is the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated fifty days after Easter and ends the Easter Season. We focus on the Holy Spirit and its work.

Both the passages from John and Acts reveal the work of the Spirit. In John, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive the Paraclete, John's term for the Holy Spirit. This term has multiple meanings. We see many of these in Jesus' final discourse in John.

The Holy Spirit is the continuing presence of Jesus in the world. In Chapter 14, Jesus promised he would not leave the disciples orphaned. After Jesus ascended, he would send the Paraclete. Jesus would be with the disciples even after his ascension through the giving of the Holy Spirit. Jesus remains with us and in the world today via the Spirit.

In the creation story in Genesis 2, God breathes life into the adam. The Hebrew word *ruach* and the Greek word *pneuma* mean breath, wind, and spirit. Thus, the Spirit gives life. In John 3:5, Jesus speaks of being born of water and Spirit. The Spirit gives life in this world through the water of the womb. The Spirit gives new life through a restored relationship with God. The Spirit restores our relationship with God, giving us new life.

The Spirit will expose the world and the world's perception of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The world sees sin as do's and don'ts, but in John's theology, sin is not trusting Jesus completely. Righteousness is the restored relationship with God, not doing right as the world defines. The ruler of the world, Satan, has already been condemned by God. Therefore, judgment will be by God's grace, mercy, and love. Judgment will be based on our trust in Jesus and our relationship with God, not our actions.

The Spirit teaches. The Spirit helps us to mesh the teaching of Jesus with our experience. The Spirit interprets the word of God in our context. There is much more we know today about the world and our physical makeup that was unknown two thousand years ago. The Spirit helps to fuse our scientific knowledge with scripture and theology.

The Spirit guides us. The Spirit is that little impulse to call somebody. The Spirit places us in opportunities to demonstrate the teaching of Jesus. A couple of times, I have been behind someone in the grocery store who was a little short, and I had the money to cover their shortage. The Spirit guides us to the ways God wants us to serve.

The Spirit provides comfort. The Spirit reminds the disciples of the presence of Jesus. The Spirit lets us know the presence of Jesus and, I believe, our loved ones who have gone before us.

The Spirit empowers. Those disciples huddled in the upper room on that Pentecost could not go out and speak to the crowd. They did not speak their language, literally. The Spirit empowered them and enabled them to speak in the languages of the crowd. The Spirit also enabled the crowd to hear the disciple's message. The Spirit gave the disciples the tools and the courage they needed to witness to the crowd.

The Spirit gives us the ability and courage to testify to the working of God in our lives. The Spirit gives us the words to say and what to do to show God's love. The Spirit definitely gives me the words to preach each Sunday. The reality is that it is not us giving witness but the Spirit through us.

Though the Spirit does even more, I want to end this enumeration of what the Spirit does with the most crucial work of the Spirit. The Spirit comes when the disciples are gathered as a community. Jesus spent more of his ministry preparing the disciples to become a community than he did healing and preaching. The Spirit builds the community of disciples. The Spirit adds to the community; three thousand on that Pentecost. That Pentecost marks the birth of the Church.

The Spirit builds community. The Spirit brings people together as the Body of Christ. The Spirit smashes the barriers we create to categorize people. The Spirit shows us the truth that we are all children of God. We are all brothers and sisters. The Spirit gives us the power to love despite our differences of opinion. The Spirit gives us the ability to love God and all our neighbors completely.

The Spirit is using us to be witnesses to the power of God. The Spirit empowers us to transform the world. The Spirit is bringing the whole world into a single community, a single Kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

The Spirit comes to all of us. We may wonder how do we know. How do we receive the Holy Spirit? We tend to look to the Pentecost story. We think of rushing wind and tongues like fire. We think the Spirit comes in a dramatic, spectacular fashion. We are immediately transformed and given great power. Except that does not often happen.

The resurrected Jesus appears to the disciples in John, chapter 20. Verse 22 reads, "When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'" Jesus breathes the Spirit into the disciples. Jesus breathes out the Spirit, the disciples breathe in the Spirit.

The Spirit is given through the life-affirming act of breathing. We live as we breathe. The Spirit enters into us with every breath we take. We receive the Holy Spirit continually as we breathe. Throughout our lives, we are being baptized with the Holy Spirit. We are given the power to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus every day and in every place. We are given the power to be witnesses of God's love. We are given the power to love all people and break down barriers that separate us.

We may not have the ability with words but we have a much greater ability the Spirit gives every one of us. The Spirit gives love, God's love for us. As God loves us, we love all our neighbors. We bring others into God's community, the Church. With the Spirit of love, we transform the world and bring about God's kingdom on Earth.