

May 28, 2023
Pentecost

PRELUDE "Saradande in c" Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:1-21 N.T. page 90

OPENING SENTENCES

Remember the promise of the Lord: Acts 2:17
God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh.
The Spirit helps us in our weakness, Rom. 8:26
interceding with sighs too deep for words.
The Spirit of God renews the earth. Ps. 104:30, 35
Bless the name of the Lord!
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

+**HYMN:** GTG #291 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" SPIRIT

CALL TO CONFESSION John 7:37-38

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.

Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS John 20:22-23
... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: GTG #288 "Spirit of the Living God" LIVING GOD
(sing three times)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... By your Spirit, O God,
transform our lives.

+ Those who are able may stand. 1

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Children are dismissed to Kids Church

INVITATION TO OFFERING 1 John 3:17

OFFERTORY "Minuet in g" Bach

+**RESPONSE:** GTG #606 OLD HUNDREDTH
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

+**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith
(United States, 1991)

In life and death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Numbers 11:24-30 O.T. page 102

PSALM Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
How manifold are your works, O LORD!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.
There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.
You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

GTG = Glory to God (purple) 2

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 N.T. page 133

GOSPEL LESSON John 7:37-39 N.T. page 76

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE Acts 2:21
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.
Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Romance" anonymous

SERMON "For the Common Good" Rev. Bill Pinches

+**HYMN:** GTG #282 "Come Down, O Love Divine" DOWN AMPNEY

+**BLESSING** 2 Cor. 13:13
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.
Amen!

+**CHARGE**
... rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Prelude No. 8" Debussy

You are invited to join us
for fellowship and refreshments
after worship in the Memorial Room.
It is not necessary to remain seated during the postlude.

SERVING US TODAY
Liturgist: Jane Hamelink
Guitar: Monte Shuck
Greeters: Brandon Leffew and Linda Peterson
Sound: Marty Subject
Livestream: Tami Chapman
Security: Steve VanDyke
Today's flowers are given by
Doreen and Barry Chapman
in memory of
those who didn't come home

TWC = The Worshiping Church (red) 3

CHURCH HISTORY IN MINIATURE

#37. Decision:

Judas, Silas, Barnabas, and Paul go to Antioch to deliver the news: Christians do not need to be circumcised or follow the law of Moses!
(Acts 15:30-35) (c. AD 49)

THE STUDY CATECHISM

Question 73. Are infants also to be baptized?

Yes. Along with their believing parents, they are included in the great hope of the gospel and belong to the people of God. Forgiveness and faith are both promised to them as gifts through Christ’s covenant with his people. These children are therefore to be received into the community by baptism, nurtured in the Word of God, and confirmed at an appropriate time by their own profession of faith.

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DAILY PRAYER

Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer (2018)

EVENTS THIS WEEK

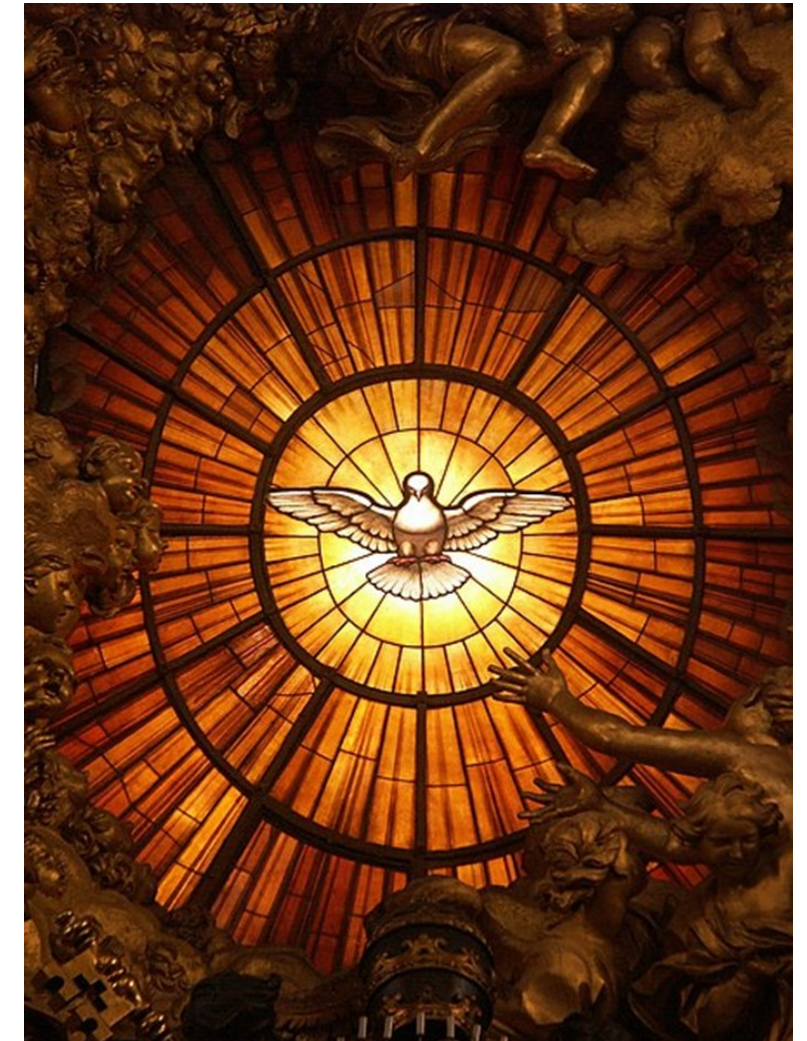
Mon.—Wed. Pastor Bill on vacation
Wednesday Lunch Packing for Advent House 10:30 am
Prayer Fellowship 12:00 pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm
Thursday Administration Committee 7:00 pm
Board of Deacons 7:00 pm
Friday Church Office closed / Pastor’s Sabbath
Saturday Yarners 10:00 am

BIRTHDAYS

Diane DeVoe May 28
Kelly Trout May 28
Ruby Simons May 29
Rex Hauser June 3

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Dove of the Holy Spirit
by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, c. 1660
Saint Peter’s Basilica, Vatican City

*The fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
(Galatians 5:22-23)*