

Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Pentecost

May 20, 2018

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

*Holy God,
like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon
the first disciples
on the day of Pentecost,
and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared
their hearts and minds
with the message of salvation.
Send your Spirit upon your church in this
time and place,
stir up our courage, and rouse us for prophetic witness,
that we may join with them
to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power
in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to celebrate the birthday of the church, of Christ's church around the world.

We gather to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

And the wind blew. And the fire of God's Spirit touched each one.

And they ran outside to tell the world.

The followers of Jesus were filled with the Holy Spirit and shouted:

Praise be to God!

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*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Please see insert for response, Hymn 283

Holy Spirit, Creator,

In the beginning you moved over the waters.

From your breath all creation drew life.

Without you, life turns to dust.

Response

Holy Spirit, Counselor,

by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith.

You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Response

Holy Spirit, Power,

You came as fire to Jesus' disciples;

you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Response

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier,
you created us children of God;
you make us the living temple of your presence;
you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Response

Holy Spirit, Giver of life,
you guide and make holy the church you create;
you give gifts—
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and fortitude,
the spirit of knowledge and piety,
the spirit of the fear of the Lord,
that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

Response

True and only Light,
from whom comes every good gift:
Send your Spirit into our lives
with the power of a mighty wind.
Open the horizons of our minds
by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise,
for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace
and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE On Pentecost They Gathered Hymnal, No. 289

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS

**Living God, we confess
that we look for the living among the dead.
You speak to us in every language,
but we refuse to heed your Word.
You pour out the gifts of your Spirit,
but we try to contain your grace.
Forgive us; give us new life!
Breathe upon us with your mercy
and fill us with the power to proclaim
the life that death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**
(Time of silent reflection)

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

*THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

*SONG OF RESPONSE

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Jo Beth Bailey

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Trudy Beard

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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ANTHEM

Holy Spirit, Gentle Dove

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:26-16:15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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MESSAGE

One in the Holy Spirit

Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Hymnal, No. 291

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

**First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son,
is eternal God.**

**Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,
so that, through true faith,**

**he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits,
comforts me,**

and will remain with me forever.

Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q53

RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING MEMBERS—Norma and Bill Taylor

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Response:...By your grace, O God, **raise us from death to life.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Hymnal, No. 606

*DEDICATION PRAYER

SEALING THE WORD—CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... Therefore we praise you, joining the song
of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*SENDING SONG Spirit of the Living God Hymnal, No. 322

*TAKING LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the power of the Holy Spirit transform you with the healing fire that unifies
the world.

**Let the wind of the first Pentecost teach us of God's grace, love, hope,
and mystery.**

With tongues of flame may you be marked for Christ. Go out in faith and
abiding love.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

O Spirit, Sent from Heaven

*POSTLUDE

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for May 13: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.

The **Food and Shelter** item of the month for May is jelly and mac and cheese. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table.

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

Ushers for today's service are Melissa Gill and Linda Eckel.

Communion servers for today's service are Eileen Burke, Nick Lindley, Larry Upton and Charlotte Lovett.

There will be a reception for Bill and Norma Taylor following worship today.

VBS will be July 16-19 stay tuned for more information.

We will also hold a church-wide garage sale on **August 4th**, so start gathering those items that are ready to be loved by another family! More details to come.

We have a new prayer chain! Just send an email to MPCprayerchain@gmail.com with "Add Me" in the subject

SUNDAY

May 20

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Reception for Bill & Norma Taylor
5:30 P.M. – Stewardship Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY

May 23

6:30 P.M. – Chancel Choir

SUNDAY

May 27

9:30 A.M. – Sunday School
10:30 A.M. – Fellowship and Refreshments
10:55 A.M. – Worship Service
12:00 P.M. – Honoring the Graduates