

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

Seeking to see the face of Christ...
Striving to be the hands of Christ

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Mark Plemmons - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
GREETERS & USHERS: Carol Dixon and Cheryl Rice - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Jennie Compton

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in honor of my six children, fourteen
grandchildren and four great grandchildren
by MaryGail Py.



Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE (8:45) “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
(11:00) Meditation on “Veni Creatur Spiritus”
Jenny Dougan, guest organist

arr. Mark Hayes
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

People: Breathe upon us as we study your word of life.

Leader: Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

People: Cleanse us from our waywardness.

Leader: Deepen our passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: Give us voice to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 289 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you sent your Spirit as a mighty wind, but we have shut the door and bolted it, to try to keep you out. You gave us tongues of fire, but we stay quiet, and refuse to share your love. You give gifts beyond our ability but we squander them and say, “Not today,” or “How can one person make a difference?” On this day of Pentecost, forgive our feebleness. Break open the doors of resistance. Let your Spirit work within and among us. Give us courage to claim your call for our lives.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE “Spirit of the Living God” No. 288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me... Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! God’s Spirit has been poured out on all flesh,
and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided
but gathered together to build up his kingdom on earth.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “We Are One in the Spirit”

*All praise to the Father from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus God’s only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one: and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING *Luke 24:44-49*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 2: 1-13*

SERMON “Stuck in the Upper Room” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

PCUSA

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. He proclaimed God’s reign.

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who justifies us by grace
through faith, who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45) “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” No. 688

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.*

(11:00) “Down to the River to Pray” M. McDonald
Women’s Ensemble

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all joy, fill our souls to overflowing with the fullness of your grace. Release in us your Spirit's sacred gifts, that we may be equipped for every good work within your will. Within this church, empower us with every skill and resource we need to accomplish the purpose you have for us. Amen!

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2117 “Spirit of God”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE (8:45) “Hyfrydol” arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick
(11:00) “Toccata on Hyfrydol” arr. Edward L. Good

**Those who are able please stand*