

DAY OF PENTECOST

Youth Sunday 2008

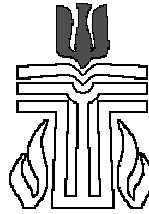


The Day of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the church. Today is the climax of the Great Fifty Days of Easter, as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit to the body of Christ---the church. The color for the Day of Pentecost is bright red.

This psalm praises God for the world and all that is in it, all creations of God. When God sends forth God's Spirit, amazing things happen! God's Spirit is active in our world, just like the wind. What do you see in the Pentecost symbol below and why?



PENTECOST SUNDAY



*YOUTH SUNDAY
MOTHER'S DAY*

First Presbyterian Church
Knoxville, TN

May 11, 2008
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted Psalm 104) AnDe Ragsdale

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great...These all look to you to give them their food in due season, when you give to them—

People: they gather it up.

Leader: When you open your hand—

People: they are filled with good things.

Leader: When you hide your face—

People: they are dismayed.

Leader: When you take away their breath—

People: they die and return to their dust.

Leader: When you send forth your spirit—

People: they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

People: May the Lord rejoice in his works!

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live!

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being!

Leader: May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Claiming the promises of God sealed in our baptism, we confess the reality of sin, on behalf of ourselves and the world.

Through God's forgiving grace, we die to sin and are raised to new life.

Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, you are invited to share signs of reconciliation through extending the peace of Christ to one another.

+HYMN #455 All Creatures of Our God and King
Lasst uns erfreuen

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION Meg Goddard
**Holy Lord, we gather together to draw nearer to you.
Often we neglect forming a personal relationship with You.
Everyday we witness Your works in the world,
but, instead, focus on our own discomforts.
In our shortsightedness, we miss opportunities
to experience joy in Your name.
In our fear, we are afraid others will call us foolish
and filled with new wine.
We hesitate to testify to You.
Come into our hearts, and fill us with Your joy.
Give us a hearty voice in singing Your praise
and an able body to do Your will.
Let us open ourselves to hear your commission,
Let us be resolved to its fulfillment.
Let us join together with brothers and sisters
of every nation who seek to do Your will.
Let us give thanks for Your abundant blessings.**

+Musical Response: #573-Lord, Have Mercy Richard Proulx
Congregation joining singing responsorially

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON Thomas Rader

+Musical Response: *Gloria Tibi* from Mass Leonard Bernstein
Women's Youth Ensemble

PASSING OF THE PEACE Leigh Henderson
Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us
forgive one another. The peace of our Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
(The peace may be exchanged.)

SPECIAL TIME WITH CHILDREN
Carrie Niceley & Julia Pender

Listen for the Word of the Lord: What are the two ways Luke, the writer of the book of Acts, describes the Holy Spirit?

Listen for the Word of the Lord: What does Paul, the writer to the church at Corinth say about the Holy Spirit in verse 13?

The text to this anthem is drawn from Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest..."

Listen for the Word of the Lord: What does the passage of John say about the Holy Spirit?

We sing the creed on this Day of Pentecost. Singing the creed reminds us that this statement of faith may also be a doxology of praise.

LESSON: Acts 2: 1-21
SERMON: Martha Myers

HYMN #322 Spirit of the Living God Daniel Iverson
PYC will sing the first time.

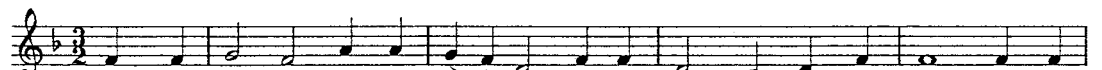
Congregation joining the second time.


LESSON: I Corinthians 12: 3b-13
SERMON: Rebekah Myers


ANTHEM: *Gloria ad modum tubae* Guillame Dufay
Women's Youth Ensemble

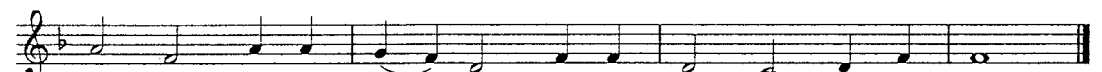
LESSON: John 7: 37-39
SERMON: "Overflowing with the Spirit" Rebecca Neely

+CREED:
Leader: Let us profess what we believe, standing and singing the words of the creed.


We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan earth and
Christ, who on the cross for - sak - en, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led, suf - fered
We be - lieve in God the Spir - it; in one Church, be - low, a - bove: saints of


heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan. We be -
un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead. We be -
God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love. So by


lieve in Christ the Sav - iour, Son of God in hu - man frame, vir - gin -
lieve in Je - sus ris - en, heav - en's king to rule and reign to the
faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - iour, Lord and friend, we shall


born, the child of Mar - y up - on whom the Spir - it came.
Fa - ther's side as - scend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY	Shelley Belcher
MINUTE FOR MISSION - Seilaz Scholarship	Doy Barron
RECOGNITION	Bryce Elliott
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	Sam Goddard
PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP BOOKS	Eliza Norrell
RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	Eliza Norrell
OFFERTORY SOLO <i>Laudate Dominum</i>	W. A. Mozart
Carrie Niceley, soprano	
DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Mary Emily Christiansen
+HYMN #129 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us	Ebenezer
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	Meg Goddard
CHORAL RESPONSE: <i>A Blessing</i>	Katie Bart Moran
Women's Youth Ensemble	
POSTLUDE	Nocturne in e minor Frederic Chopin
	Betsy Peterson, piano
	<i>Please be seated during the Postlude.</i>

The Offertory Solo is taken from a larger choral work, commonly known as Solemn Vespers. The text uses the words of Psalm 117 followed by the Gloria Patri.

What symbols of Pentecost are in the PCUSA logo?





The Day of Pentecost - Acts 2

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Remembering the Church's Birthday

Did you know that the feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It is called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost (Greek for "50th day") is celebrated by Christians 50 days after Easter, and marks the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles while they were cowering and hiding behind locked doors following Jesus' resurrection. After receiving the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, the apostles immediately went out and preached Jesus' message to everyone—even those who spoke other languages.

Pentecost was originally a Jewish feast that concluded the 50 days of Passover and celebrated the end of the barley harvest, plus the beginning of the wheat harvest. The Jewish people at Pentecost also celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai.

▲ Symbols of Pentecost

The symbols of Pentecost are wind, fire and a dove.

The first symbol—wind—is taken from the noise the apostles heard as the Spirit descended upon them (Acts 2:2).

After the wind, flames appeared and rested upon the heads of each of the apostles (Acts 2:3).

A dove serves as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. There is no mention of a dove in Acts, but we associate a dove with the Holy Spirit because of the story about Jesus' baptism: "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened [for him], and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon him" (Matthew 3:16).

▲ Celebrating Pentecost

Pentecost is one of the most important days on the Church calendar. Here are some ways that your family can help celebrate this very important day:

- Because Pentecost is the birthday of the Church, celebrate it just as you would any other birthday in your home—break out the cake and ice cream. Sing "Happy Birthday," to the church and recite a prayer for Pentecost. (i.e.- "Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; Give us words of fire and flame. Help our feeble lips to praise You, glorify Your holy name. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one: what mystery! We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity. ..PH#129; v. 3)

- Wear something red. And don't just stop at wearing red. Use a red tablecloth for dinner, eat off red paper plates, eat red foods, etc. See how many ways you can incorporate the color red in your celebration.

- Read aloud the story of Pentecost in the second chapter of Acts.

- *Fly a kite. What better way to experience the wind. (Take along an adult.)

