

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Day of Pentecost

May 28, 202311:00 AM

Welcome and AnnouncementsRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

Prelude“Pastorale on Blessed Assurance” (Lau)Rita Harmon

Call to WorshipDean Wyatt  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
The wind of God, the breath of life.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Our advocate, our counselor.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Teacher of wisdom, bringer of understanding.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Intercessor with God, convictor of our sin.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Revealer of truth, indweller of believers.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

\*Hymn of Praise #408“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

\*Call to ConfessionDean Wyatt

\*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 often 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. Amen.

\*Assurance of Pardon  
Through Christ, God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us for the  
forgiveness of sins. Friends, believe the good news.  
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\*Assurance of Pardon Response #447  
We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon on the StepsPresentation of BiblesRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

\*Hymn #366“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

First ReadingNumbers 11:24-30 (Pew Bible OT p.129)

Second ReadingActs 2:1-21 (Pew Bible NT p.118)

The Word of God, for us, the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

Sermon from the Pulpit“A Bird Sermon”Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*Affirmation of Faith(from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

\*Gloria Patri #581  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayers of the Peopleconcluding with the Lord’s Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

Offertory“Hymn For Memorial Day” (arr. Ruello)Jim Simmons

\*Doxology #606  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn #279“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

\*Charge and BenedictionRev. Dr. Lynn Miller

\*Postlude“Once to Every Man and Nation” (Lani Smith)Rita Harmon

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\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.

The floral arrangement in worship today is given for the glory of God.

Please remember in prayer:  
Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Peggy Wyatt; Buck Jolley; Emma June; DeAnna Tock,  
Justina Eddy; the family of Sandra Woodlief; Alex Copeland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next week's lectionary readings are:  
Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8:1-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20.

Sunday School Offering  
2<sup>nd</sup> quarter Sunday School offering will go to the Imagination Library.

Cherokee Pregnancy Center Fundraiser  
Pick up your bottle for the Cherokee Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle  
Fundraiser in the hallway outside the sanctuary. The fundraiser continues  
through Father's Day.

Office News  
The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of Memorial Day.

Congregational Meeting  
There will be a congregational meeting on June 4 at the conclusion of  
worship for the purpose of electing the Congregational Nominating  
Committee.

THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

May 29, 1934: The Barmen Synod opens, an assembly of German pastors who  
oppose Nazi racism and adhere to the historic Reformed Confessions, and  
therefore are known as the “Confessing Church.”

May 30, 339: Death of Eusebius, called the "Father of Church History." Working  
with scraps of information from dozens of sources, Eusebius created a  
chronology of hundreds of historical events. Many of his manuscripts have  
unfortunately been lost. One volume that survived is his history of the early  
church, a copy of which is available in the LPC library (270/EUS).

May 30, 1431: Joan of Arc walks to the market square in Rouen, Normandy,  
where she is to be burned, kneels and prays for her enemies, then mounts the  
pyre of wood. As the flames leap up, she asks for a cross to be held before her.  
Her final word is “Jesus.”

June 1, 1971: Death in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, of Reinhold Niebuhr, a  
prominent neo-orthodox and realist theologian. Niebuhr taught at Union  
Theological Seminary (NY) for thirty years and wrote many influential books.  
Christians who know nothing else about him may still have recited some form  
of his popular Serenity Prayer: “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things  
I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the  
difference.”



In Memory of Our Deceased Veterans

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| Ashe, Aubrey            | Marine            |
| Allen, Clarence         | Navy              |
| Baker, William L        | Navy              |
| Bonner, JC              | Army              |
| Borthwick, Bill         | Air Force         |
| Bramlett, Morgan        | Navy              |
| Byers, Ken              | Air Force         |
| Caldwell, Ralph         | Army              |
| Carroll, Robert C.      | Army              |
| Carroll, Robert F.      | Army              |
| Carson, Roy             | Air Force         |
| Cathcart, John Jr.      | Army              |
| Clary, Raymond          | Army              |
| Cline, Dallas David     | U S Air Corp      |
| Corry, David            | Army              |
| Goodman, Robert Paul    | Air Force         |
| Groezinger, Don         | Army              |
| Hartzog, LT             | Army              |
| Helms, John             | Army              |
| Holly, Dee              | Nurse-VA Hospital |
| Holly, Don              | Army              |
| Hubbard, John           | Navy              |
| Hughes, Lionel          | Army              |
| Lovelace, Lloyd         | Army              |
| Oltman, Alfred G.       | Army              |
| Palmer, Wallace         | Army              |
| Paschal, Fred           | Army              |
| Perrin, Spence          | Army              |
| Poole, Claude           | Army              |
| Ramsey, Tom             | Navy              |
| Reeves, Delores         | Nurse-VA Hospital |
| Robelot, Paul Jr.       | Marine            |
| Sams, Miles             | Army              |
| Sams, Robert Wood       | Army Air Corps    |
| Sarratt, Robert         | Army              |
| Setzer, Rodney          | Air Force         |
| Simmons, George O. Jr.  | Air Force         |
| Sossamon, Ed DeCamp     | Army              |
| Sossamon, Frank W. Jr.  | Navy              |
| Sossamon, Louis         | Navy              |
| Sparks, Legrande M. Jr. | Army              |
| Thomson, RC             | Army              |
| Zettlemoyer, Hal        | Army              |

CALENDAR of EVENTS

**Sunday, May 28**  
9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
**Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day**  
Church Office Closed  
**Thursday, June 1**  
7:00 PM Circle 4  
**Sunday, June 4**  
9:45 AM Sunday School – Parlor  
9:45 AM Children’s Sunday School  
10:15 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
11:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
4:00 PM Yoga – FLC

**Upcoming**  
June 5 – Picturing God  
June 6 – Summer Reading  
June 7 – Ready! Set! Go! Pool Party  
June 13 – Circle 1  
June 18 – Father’s Day  
June 24 – Soup Kitchen

NEXT STEPS

- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the LimeLight
- ☐ Contribute to our hymnbook loan program (see 3/26 LimeLight for more information)
- ☐ Pick up a hard copy of the Summer Calendar

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WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF A LOVING GOD,  
GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
TOGETHER



Gebhard Fugel (1863-1939). **Pfingstspredigt** (Pentecost Sermon). Late 19th century.

Presbyterians always understand worship and the movement of the Spirit to be communal. Worship is not just individual action but the work of a community of people seeking to express their awe and wonder and thanksgiving before the Creator of the universe. When the Holy Spirit descended on the early church, the Spirit did not come upon only one individual, but upon a community of people. The Spirit isn't simply for personal consumption or advancement, but for the empowering of a community to witness to God's kingdom. Worship isn't about me and what I want and need. It is about a God who calls me to serve and who gives me the Spirit to do so. (from *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt* by Ted V. Foote and P. Alex Thornburg)