

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

GATHERING

**Prelude** "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (Powell) Rita Harmon

**Call to Worship** Becky Wheeler

The Spirit of God has brought us here.  
**The Lord has set us down here, though our bones are tired.**  
Can these dry bones live?  
**Yes! The Breath of God will revive us!**  
**The Word of God will awaken us!**  
The God we serve is the God of life,  
**the God of hope. the God of new beginnings..**  
This we trust, and by this we live.  
**Let us worship God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise #286** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession** Becky Wheeler

Triune God,  
We tell the story of the day when the Holy Spirit  
Was poured out on all people.  
It happened thousands of years ago,  
But even today we're not sure we're ready  
for your awesome power  
to blow through our lives;  
we're grown comfortable  
with our habits and our routines;  
we're afraid to face the truth  
that we do not truly live  
in the power of your Spirit.  
When we cling to our ways  
and the safety of familiar paths,  
wake us up, shake us up, heat us up,  
and breathe your life into us.  
Give us the courage  
to follow the way that is lit  
by the fire of your Spirit.  
On this Day of Pentecost,  
we pray for the audacity  
to ride the winds of change.  
And hear the sins we now name silently...

**\*Assurance of Pardon**  
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.**  
**We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**Sermon on the Steps** **Honoring Our Graduates** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**Anthem** "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" (Scott) Chancel Choir  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see,  
I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior speak.  
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see,  
I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ's sincerity.  
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly,  
Make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.  
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see,  
I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

**First Reading** Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible OT p.806)

**Second Reading** Acts 2:1-21 (Pew Bible NT p.119)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon from the Pulpit** "Pig 2.5" Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Affirmation of Faith** (From A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.4)  
**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, men, and people 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!"**  
**Amen.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith Response #582**  
**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,**  
**whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen**

**Prayers of the People** concluding with the Lord's Prayer (page 35 in hymnal)

Service of Giving

**Offertory** "To God Be the Glory" (Pethel) David Thompson

**\*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 #291** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

**\*Charge and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Lynn Miller

**\*Postlude** "Praise Him! Praise Him! (Mary McDonald) Rita Harmon

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*\*Please stand, in body or in spirit.*

The flowers in worship today are given for the glory of God.

**Please remember in prayer:**  
Barbara Jarman and the family of Butch Jarman; Seth Walker; Will Thompson;  
Liz C.; J.T. Spires; Lib Allen; Mary Fleming; Sara Setzer; Barbara Grinter; Patsy  
Spires; Kathy Miller Evans; Trish Tong; Hugh Fincher; Fran Ross; Buck Jolley;  
Justina Eddy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next week's lectionary readings are:**  
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

**Monthly Giving Opportunity**  
The May giving opportunity is the Pentecost Offering & Bottles of Joy. Please  
mark your check "Pentecost OR Bottles of Joy" & place it in the MGO box in the  
worship space or the offering plate.  
The Bottles of Joy offering runs Mother's Day through Father's Day. This  
supports the Cherokee Pregnancy Center here in Gaffney to help with  
pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and baby items. Please pick up a bottle, fill it  
with coins, cash or check & return by Father's Day.

**Wednesday Night**  
We will not have a Wednesday night program this week or next week. Be on  
the lookout for upcoming announcements about our Wednesday night  
Summer Schedule.

**VBS 2024**  
Have you ever been thrown overboard during a storm? Ever been swallowed by  
a whale? Ever sat under a plant and pouted? We'll be considering someone who  
has done all those things! Mark your calendar for July 14-16 for LPC's VBS.

## THIS WEEK IN CHURCH HISTORY

**May 19, 1780:** Some New Englanders believe Judgment Day has arrived when the sky becomes dusky at noon. The so-called New England Dark Day is believed to have been the result of smoke from forest fires, a thick fog, and cloud cover. The darkness was so complete that candles were required from noon on. The atmosphere additions did not dissipate until the middle of the next night.

**May 21, 1536:** Protestant Reformer William Farel preaches so effectively in Geneva that its people swear an oath with lifted hands "to live in the holy evangelical law and the word of God as it has been announced to us..." They also vow to set up a school for poor children and to educate their children.

**May 22, 1799:** Massachusetts native and Yale-educated Presbyterian minister Rev. Joseph Bullen meets with Chickasaw leader Levi Colbert in Mississippi, using another Chickasaw, Joseph Colbert, as interpreter to propose a mission to the Chickasaw Indians—a proposal that is well received. On June 2, 1799 he preached the first sermon in the Chickasaw Nation, also the first Presbyterian sermon in Mississippi.

### Join us in congratulating our 2024 graduates:

- **Vincent Anokye**, Medical University of South Carolina, M.P.H., concentration in Epidemiology.
- **Anna Benson**, Spartanburg Day School.
- **Garret Ross Fowler**, Gaffney Senior High School
- **Mason Jolly**, University of South Carolina Union, Associate Degree, Science.
- **Gia Lemmons**, Spartanburg Day School.
- **Katelin Mathis**, University of South Carolina, B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication, Magna Cum Laude with leadership distinction, Spanish minor.
- **Andrew McCully**, Gardner Webb University, Ed. D., Dissertation: *Teacher Perceptions of ADHD and the Impact of Using Modifications for Students Diagnosed with ADHD in a High School Mathematics Classroom.*

## MEMBERS OF THE SESSION

| Class of 2024 | Class of 2025 | Class of 2026 |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Teresa Spires | Nancy McElroy | Robin Morris  |
| Dean Wyatt    | Mimi McCully  | Barbara Cope  |

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

### Sunday, May 19

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
 10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live  
 11:45 AM Session Meeting – Conference Room  
 4:00 PM Yoga – Family Life Center

### Sunday, May 26

9:45 AM Lectionary Bites – Parlor  
 9:45 AM Chancel Choir Practice – Choir Room  
 10:30 AM Worship – Sanctuary & via Facebook Live

### Upcoming

May 27 Memorial Day – Offices closed  
 June 11 Election Day  
 June 12 Ready! Set! Go! Kickoff pool party  
 June 22 Soup Kitchen

## NEXT STEPS

- Pick up a hard copy of the LIMELight
- Pick up your directory in the Narthex.
- Call the church office if you are interested in the trip to Biltmore to see the Chihuly exhibit.

### Praying for Our Congregation

We are praying for every member of our church family.  
 Each week we invite you to pray for particular members.

This week we are praying for:

**Ann Byers**

QR code for electronic contributions:



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 GATHERING, GROWING, GIVING, AND GOING TO SERVE,  
 TOGETHER



**Pentecost.** Sadao Watanabe (Japanese, 1913–1996). 1965.  
 Hand-colored kappazuri-dyed stencil print on washi paper.

Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
 bringing life, bringing hope to the world.  
 As the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,  
 so it is with the Spirit of God.  
 --Shirley Erena Murray, "As the Wind Song," hymn 292, *Glory to God*