

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8: 26–27



*Descending Dove
of the Holy Spirit
(North Transept)*

- ¹⁷ In the last days it will be,
God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit
upon all flesh,
and your sons and your
daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see
visions,
and your old men shall dream
dreams.
- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men
and women,
in those days I will pour out
my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2: 17–18

Abington Presbyterian Church

May 19, 2024

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship

Day of Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Pentecost Sunday
ABINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
May 19, 2024

GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

*Touch me, God's Spirit eternal,
touch me, resplendent Light;
give my life new meaning,
show me the true and right.
~ From a prayer by Pia Perhio*

PRELUDE Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist BWV 671 *Johann Sebastian Bach*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Wind of God, who awakened creation and stirred dry bones to life—
sweep through this space and enliven our worship.

Wind of God, who descended as tongues of flame and gave birth to the church—
sweep through this space and ignite our hearts.

Wind of God, who guides our ministry and equips us for service—
sweep through this space and empower our witness.

***HYMN 283** Come, O Holy Spirit, Come *WA EMIMIMO*
(* - Indicates all who are able may stand)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
We rejoice in the gifts you have given us.
Yet, we confess, we do not always use them to glorify you.
For using the gifts of your Spirit for selfish gain
instead of using them for the common good,
forgive us, O God.
For thinking too little of ourselves,
not trusting that you have given us gifts for your service,
forgive us, O God.

For believing some gifts to be better than others,
ignoring how we each build up the body of Christ,
forgive us, O God.

Spirit of the Living God,
melt us, mold us, fill us again with your power
and use us for your work so that our lives may glorify you.

***SUNG PRAYER**

Hymn #286

**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**

***RESPONSE HYMN 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

**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.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST** *Greet one another with the sign of Christ's peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Speak, Lord

Tom Trenney

You are the way, the truth, and the life.
You are our hope, our victory o'er the strife.
You are our peace, our calm upon the sea.
Bringing good news to the oppressed, you call us to set the captive free!

Refrain: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.
Speak, Lord, how we need to hear from you.
Give us courage to speak, Lord, till injustice is silent,
speak your words of love in all we say and do.

You come to heal our broken heart,
to comfort as we mourn, just mercy to impart.
You call us to preach the Gospel, dream the dream
till justice rolls down like water, righteousness like a mighty stream.

Refrain.

Give us sight to see the world through the eyes of a stranger.
Help us hear the beauty of a language not our own.
Set our hearts to beat with compassion for our neighbor.
When love each other, you are seen and known.

Refrain.

Be our strength to love in all we say and do.
O Lord, teach us to live and love like you.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All Grades are dismissed to Sunday School.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-10

OT p. 806

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION

John Sall



Refrain: 1. Choir

2. All

Verse (choir): I will make you breathe again so that you can come back to life
I will put breath in you, and you will live. (*Ezekiel 37:5-6*)

Refrain: All

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

NT p. 119

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

*HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen

THANKSGIVING and SENDING

After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY

The Storm is Passing Over

C.A. Tindley, arr. Barbara Baker

Have courage my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over. Hallelu!

***DOXOLOGY**

HYMN 606

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Veni Creator (Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire)

Nicolas De Grigny

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Sudie Niesen Thompson

Liturgist: Tiffany Clark

Children's Message: Ruth Sall

Chapel Choir: Ruth Sall and John Sall, co-directors

Chancel Choir: John Sall, director

Organ: Erik Meyer

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In need of special prayers this week: Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Judy Meissner, John and Phyllis Frazier, Robin Cupo, Laura Lafferty, Emil Kupper, Sally Hardy, Katie Link, Ted Hyczko, Jen Klauder (friend of Cindi Willis), Valerie Steigerwalt (niece of Marlyn Whyte), John Connelly (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Mary Ann Wherry, Miriam Whitten, Victor V. Johnson, Jr, Richard Decembrino family, Olive Biggs, Stephen Krewson, Carmina Gagliardi (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), David Cardwell (brother of Bob Cardwell), Thubi Kolobe (friend of Thembeke Mason), Barbara Burke (friend of Jeff Bates), Donald Wolf, Linda Doyle, John Caldwell (father of Sarah Caldwell-Berry), Amy Gould, Larry Sfinas (friend of Diane & David Faust), Lucille Paris, Michelle Feil.

Joys: Our church family would like to celebrate and share joys in our midst including the arrival of a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild in your family. Please let Susan in the office know about these happy events that we may share here.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

Abington Presbyterian Church celebrates God's infinite love and believes all people are equal in the eyes of God. We welcome all to worship and serve with us. We seek to work together to oppose intolerance, racism, and injustice that threaten the unity of humankind.

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