



**May 24, 2026, 10:30 am**  
*Pentecost*

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

✠We rise in body or spirit.

**We say words in bold together.**

Prelude

*Spirit of God*

arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Gathering Prayer

**Holy God, like a rushing wind your Spirit moved upon the first disciples and like a purifying fire your Spirit seared their hearts and minds with the message of salvation. Send your Spirit upon your church in this time and place, stir up our courage and rouse us for prophetic witness that we may join with them to proclaim to the world your mighty deeds of power in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Introit

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (Hymn 291)

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Adam Nelen

Come, Holy Spirit, come:

**Enter our lives, free us from all fear.**

Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day and the strength to carry on:

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Bind us close together and unite us with all of Christ's people around the world:

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

✠Hymn 280

*Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*

*Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; come with Pentecostal power;  
give the church a stronger vision; help us face each crucial hour.*

*Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,  
still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.*

*We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yesteryears;  
for tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.  
In the church's pilgrim journey you have led us all the way;  
still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.*

*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.*

✠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 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

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

✠Gloria Patri (Hymn 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.***

✠Peace and Greeting

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

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: *Acts 2:1-21*

p. 143 in the pew Bible

*Psalms 104:24-34, 35b*

p. 683 in the pew Bible

Moment with the Children

Natasha Taylor, Faith Formation Coordinator

Anthem

*Oh, Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells*

Howard Helvey, arr.

Scripture Reading: *Numbers 11:24-30*

p.162 in the pew Bible

This is the word of faith that we proclaim. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Unstoppable Spirit

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠Hymn 315

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

✠Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

**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, 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.**

✠Presentation of Offerings

Gifts, tithes, and offerings may be placed in the plates at the Sanctuary entrance.

✠Doxology (Hymn 606) and Prayer of Dedication

***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.***

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Litany of Gifts *based on 1 Corinthians 12:4-13*

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them,  
**God's ministries are carried out everywhere,  
but they all originate in God's Spirit.**

God works through each person in a unique way,  
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit,  
and to all kinds of people!**

The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust,  
healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, discernment, and interpretation.

**All of these gifts have a common origin,  
handed out one by one by the Spirit of God.**

In our baptism, we are called together into the church, sealed by that same Spirit  
**Together, we are the body of Christ.**

Thanksgiving for Outgoing Officers

*Elders:* Kurt Chewning, Barb LeRoy, Betsy Lewis, Lewis Lowery, Kathy Pecka,  
Sam Valasko, Jerry Zekert

*Deacons:* Anders Bothel, Paulla Loder, Ginger Oplinger, Nancy Raines,  
Steve Spratt

*Trustee:* George G. Cralle, Jr., *Endowment:* Maryann Piersall

*Pittman and Ludwig Funds:* Vicky Wilder

Statement on Ordination and Presentation of Officers-Elect      Elder Kathy Pecka

*Elders:* Jesse Chewning, Susie Davis, Elizabeth D'Anrea, Scott Fischer,  
Ralph Lewis, Betsy Mathias, David Peterson

*Deacons:* Kim Baker, Connie Barnes, Kristen Betsill, Karen Johnson,  
Dylan Nelen

*Trustee:* Al Erkert, *Endowment:* Margaret Hardy

*Pittman and Ludwig Funds:* Dorothy Mondak

Constitutional Questions to Officers-Elect and the Congregation

Do we, the members of The Presbyterian Church, accept these women and men  
as deacons and ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this  
congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and  
to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the  
Church? **We do.**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation and the Lord's Prayer  
... **forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors** ...

Declaration of Ordination and Installation

SENDING

✠Hymn 303

*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*

*God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-sped flame and hovering dove,  
breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:  
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;  
send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.*

*Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified,  
teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:  
in your tending may all pastors learn and live a shepherd's care;  
grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.*

*Great Creator, life-bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall,  
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:  
as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts  
oversee its life steadfastly, yet not overlook its faults.*

*Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,  
deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:  
help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,  
that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.*

✠Charge and Benediction

✠Postlude

*A Thousand Tongues*

arr. William McNair



*The flowers on the pulpit are given in celebration of Pentecost. "Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love."*

***Serving in Worship Today:***

Choirmasters: Mary Ann & Larry Casey

Organist: Amy Shirk

Ushers: Bruce and Elizabeth Smith

Elevator Assistant: Sherman Brown

Sanctuary Guild: Vicky & Marty Wilder

Videographer: Vicky Wilder, Ed Foresman

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