

# *Worship at First Presbyterian Church*

*Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 10 am*

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

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Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Into your church—gathered here today,  
and scattered around the world as the family of God,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

With wisdom that opens the Scriptures and leads us into truth,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your gifts for building up the body of Christ,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Into the broken places of the world,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Where nations groan beneath injustice and violence,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Move through this world that justice may rise,  
peace may flourish, and hope may live again,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Into the hidden rooms of our own hearts,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Where fear and despair have shattered faith,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Where grief has obscured the joy of our salvation,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Where sin has dimmed what your presence should make bright,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Search our hearts, renew our minds,  
and turn us again toward obedience and joy,  
Come, Holy Spirit.

Now—Fill us with the love that casts out fear,  
Fill us, Holy Spirit.

Fill us with the courage to proclaim what we have seen and heard,  
Fill us, Holy Spirit.

Fill us with gifts we did not choose and power we cannot manufacture,  
Fill us, Holy Spirit.

Fill us until we overflow—  
into the lives of our friends and family,  
into our city, and to the ends of the earth.  
Fill us, Holy Spirit. Amen.

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HYMN #322: *SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

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*WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR*

Wonderful merciful Savior,  
Precious Redeemer and Friend,  
Who would have thought that a Lamb  
Could rescue the souls of men;  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

*You are the One that we praise;  
You are the One we adore;  
You give the healing and grace  
Our hearts always hunger for,  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,  
Spirit we long to embrace,  
You offer hope when our hearts  
Have hopelessly lost the way;  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *[Refrain]*

Almighty, infinite, Father,  
Faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us,  
Falling before Your throne;  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *[Refrain]*

*"Wonderful Merciful Savior" by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse,  
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *and* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHOIR: *ON EAGLE'S WINGS*

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 READING AND PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD
 

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 Sermon: *"The Holy Spirit and the Birth of the Church"*

## Acts 2:1–21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. <sup>7</sup> Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome <sup>11</sup> (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" <sup>12</sup> Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. <sup>15</sup> These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your young men will see visions,  
your old men will dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved."

## Acts 1:8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*The metal basket in the offering plate is for gifts to support  
our deacons' provision of care, support, and financial assistance to those in need.*

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *AND* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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HYMN #411: *ARISE, YOUR LIGHT HAS COME*

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Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones, and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## CALENDAR

TODAY	Choir Practice (9:00 in the Parlor) Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
Tuesday, May 26	Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
Wednesday, May 27	Quilting Group (10:30–2:30)
Sunday, May 31	Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary) Sharing Table (before and after the service)
LOOKING AHEAD	July 4: Red, White, and Boom July 8 and 22, August 12 and 26: Summer Lawn Concerts (6:30–8:00) August 4: National Night Out BBQ (6:00–7:30)

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