

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ABERDEEN

May 19, 2024 at 10 am

"In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus. . . ." (Philippians 2:5, NIV)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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HYMN #398: *"THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT"*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PASSING THE PEACE, PRAYERS FOR THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life:
At the beginning of time you moved over the face of the waters;
you gave every living thing the breath of life.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the whole creation.

Holy Spirit, voice of the prophets:
You enflame men and women with a passion for your truth,
and through them you call your people
to the ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness, and burn in our hearts.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus:
By your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor
and release to those held captive.

Come, Liberating Spirit, and free us from the powers of sin and death.

Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher:
You speak to us of our Lord
and show us the depth of his love.

Come, Spirit of Truth, abide in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.

Holy Spirit, wind and flame:
You filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your Word
and to share your good news.

Come, Spirit of Power, make us bold witnesses of your redeeming love.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of peace:
You break down barriers of language, race, and culture
and heal the divisions that separate us.

Come, Reconciling Spirit, and unite us all in the love of Christ.

Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life:
At the close of the age
all creation will be renewed to sing your praises.

Come, Creator Spirit, and make us new creations in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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HYMN #326: "SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART"

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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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.

CHOIR: "HOLY, TRUE AND FAITHFUL GOD"

THE READING AND PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Sermon: *"Joyful Living: With the Mind of Christ"*

Philippians 2:1-11

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

³ Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

⁶ Though he was God,
he did not think of equality with God
as something to cling to.

⁷ Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;
he took the humble position of a slave
and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself in obedience to God
and died a criminal's death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor
and gave him the name above all other names,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

"HE IS LORD"

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE WITH OUR OFFERINGS

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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"MAY THE MIND OF CHRIST MY SAVIOR"

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By His love and pow'r controlling
All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph
Only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father,
Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort
Sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me
As the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing:
This is victory.

May we run the race before us,
Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus
As we onward go.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

- TODAY** Choir Practice (9:00 in Parlor)
 Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)
 Youth Group (12:00 noon at church)
 Hiking Group (2:00 pm at church)
- Tuesday, May 21** Tuesday Crew (9:00–11:30)
 Worship at Channel Point (10:30)
 Alzheimer’s Caregivers Support Group (1:00 pm)
 Handbell Rehearsal (5:00 pm in the Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, May 22** Quilting Group (10:30 – 2:30)
- Sunday, May 26** Sunday Worship (10:00 in the Sanctuary)

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