

Good Shepherd Church
A Baptist Reformed Fellowship
Proclaiming the God of sovereign grace
May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday

The Spirit Brings Us into God's Presence

Call to Worship

Gospel Promise:

Pastor: People of God, gathered now in the name of Jesus Christ, before our Lord ascended into heaven, he left this promise: *I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.*

People:

And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us. (Rom. 5:5)

Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.

We Praise God for the Gift of His Spirit!

Give Thanks for Whitsun* Wind and Fire

*("Whitsun" is another name for Pentecost)

Give thanks for Whitsun wind and fire!

Rejoice with heaven's hidden choir.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

See how the Pentecostal flame
blazes afar God's threefold name.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing praises to our God Most High
whose Holy Spirit prompts the cry

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Truly the Lord is present where
faithful disciples meet for prayer.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks that we, God's church, can know
the Spirit's power, as long ago.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

To hold, to heal and to uplift,
to hallow every natural gift.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Join, then, this Pentecost, in praise
for blessings poured in countless ways.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And, to a world which suffers so,
let peace and gladness overflow.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Invocation

Pastor Jeff

Pentecost Sunday Invocation

Ascribe to the Lord, oh heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
Worship the Lord in holy array. Psalm 29 :1-2

Let us pray:

Father, Lord of heaven,
who sent forth your Spirit to brood on the face of the waters,
who poured out your Spirit upon the apostles in the upper room,
flashing forth in flames of fire
that the church might come alive in spirit and truth.

Pour out upon this congregation,
gathered in the name of Christ,
that same Spirit,
that we might come alive in holiness,
that we might become brilliant impurity,
that we might catch the fire of righteousness.

To you be all glory, eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
One God, from the very beginning, even now, and as long as time shall last. Amen
(Hughes Old, Leading in Prayer)

Hymn— **O Holy Spirit, Come to Bless** (St. Colombia)

O Holy Spirit, come to bless
your waiting church, we pray:
we long to grow in holiness
as children of the day.

2 Great Gift of our ascended King,
his saving truth reveal,
our tongues inspire his praise to sing,
our hearts his love to feel.

3 O come, creator Spirit, move
as on the formless deep;
give life and order, light and love,
where now is death or sleep.

4 We offer up to you, O Lord,
ourselves to be your throne,

our every thought and deed and word
to make your glory known.

5 O Holy Spirit, Lord of might,
through you all grace is given:
grant us to know and serve aright
one God in earth and heaven.

Jubilate Hymns version based on
O Holy Ghost, Thy People Bless,
Henry Williams Baker
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The Spirit Convicts, Cleanses and Assures Us

Call to Confess- *The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.* Ps. 11:4

In the light of God's holiness and knowledge and grace let us acknowledge our sins:

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples freeing tongues, opening ears and creating your spiritual temple on earth. We confess that we sometimes hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not always listen to your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Forgive us for the times we have grieved your Holy Spirit.

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.

Words of Assurance

O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple! Psalm 65:2-4

The Spirit Hears Our Declaration in Song

I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.
1 Cor. 14:15

Hymn - **The Comforter Has Come**

O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found,
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;
Let ev'ry Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:
The Comforter has come!

Refrain:

*The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!
The Holy Ghost from Heav'n, the Father's promise giv'n;
O spread the tidings 'round, wherever man is found—
The Comforter has come!*

2 The long, long night is past, the morning breaks at last,
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,
As o'er the golden hills the day advances fast!
The Comforter has come! (Refrain)

3 Lo, the great King of kings, with healing in His wings,
To ev'ry captive soul a full deliv'rance brings;
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;
The Comforter has come! (Refrain)

4 O boundless love divine! how shall this tongue of mine
To wond'ring mortals tell the matchless grace divine—
That I, a child of hell, should in His image shine!
The Comforter has come! (Refrain)

Text- Francis Bottome
12.12.12.6 with refrain
Tune- Comforter
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The Spirit Enables Us to Understand the Word

We have received the Spirit...that we may understand what God has freely given us. 1 Cor. 2:12

First Testament- Isaiah 59:12-21

New Testament- Galatians 3:1-12

New Testament- John 16:4-15

Pastor: The Word of the Lord! **People: Thanks be to God!**

A Confession Concerning the Spirit

We believe and confess that Jesus is the Christ, the grace gift of the Father to his chosen, and that in Jesus all fullness of deity dwells and in Him we receive grace upon grace. He is the Promised One, the only mediator between God and mankind.

We believe the Holy Spirit, the Helper, is the ascended Christ's grace gift to his church, who communicates to us all the fullness that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Spirit proceeds from the Father through the Son. He is the Promise of the Father given to empower disciples of Jesus to be his witnesses.

We believe that the Holy Spirit, together with the Father and the Son, is true and eternal God. He is also given to believers, even me, to make me by true faith share in Christ and all His benefits, to comfort me, and to remain with me forever. Amen.

We Sing of the Spirit

"With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God"

Hymn - **You've Poured Out Your Spirit" (Pentecost Hymn)**

You've poured out Your Spirit, Great Father of Life,
Your presence, Your power, the Spirit of Christ,
The fruit of His triumph, the breath of His love,
The proof He has risen and reigns now above.

Your promise is given in wind and in flame,
With lives now ignited to burn in Your name.
Now loving, now holy, now bold in the truth,

Your body, Your people are one, Lord, in You.

We praise You, our Father, the Fountain of Life,
For comfort and challenge, for purpose and light.
In love we will share all the gifts You provide
That all may be blessed and our Lord glorified.

Your challenge is sounding. Our calling is clear:
To live out a gospel the needy can hear.
Lord, help us to go till all people have heard
And touch every life with the love of the Lord.

Words by Ken Bible

Music: Welsh Hymn Tune St Deno 11.11.11.11

Through the Spirit We Offer Our Prayers

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints. Ephesians 6:18

Scripture/testimony/thanksgiving/prayers

A Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Spirit Prompts Us to Thankful Giving

I will sacrifice a thank offering to you...Psa. 116:17

Hymn -Doxology 191P

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
in heaven above and earth below;
one God, three Persons, we adore —
to him be praise for evermore!*

The Spirit Opens the Word to Our Understanding

Sermon Texts: Luke 24:49; Acts 1:1-9; 2:1-36

And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Sermon: "The Promise Fulfilled"

by Wayne Conrad

Response Hymn – **When God the Spirit Came**

Meter: 6.6.8.6.6.6 Text- Timothy Dudley Smith

When God the Spirit came
upon his church outpoured
in sound of wind and sign of flame
they spread his truth abroad,
and filled with the Spirit
proclaimed that Christ is Lord.

What courage, power and grace
that youthful church displayed!
To those of every tribe and race

they witnessed unafraid,
and filled with the Spirit
they broke their bread and prayed.

They saw God's Word prevail,
his kingdom still increase,
no part of all his purpose fail,
no promised blessing cease,
and filled with the Spirit
knew love and joy and peace.

Their theme was Christ alone,
the Lord who lived and died,
who rose to his eternal throne
at God the Father's side;
and filled with the Spirit
the church was multiplied.

So to this present hour
our task is still the same,
in Pentecostal love and power
his gospel to proclaim,
and filled with the Spirit,
rejoice in Jesus' Name.

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Through the Spirit Christ Meets Us at His Table led by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Invitation

Friends in Christ, the Lord has prepared his table for his church and given us his Spirit to guide us into all truth. All who love him and trust in him alone for their salvation are now invited to come to the table of the Lord.

We come with gladness. Thanks be to God!

The Institution

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Cor. 11:23-26

Then let us do as our Lord commands. We celebrate this feast, proclaiming to all that our Lord died, is risen, ascended, and is coming again, through the power of his Spirit!

Let us confess our faith:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ ascended,
Christ will come again.**

We Offer our Praise and Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, God most high, creator of heaven and earth. You fashioned us in your own image that we might live in joyous fellowship with you. Even after we broke the bonds of that fellowship, you loved and sought us. Therefore, we offer our praise to you and sing with joy:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!***

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Lord. You came to be our Immanuel, God with us. You brought us again into fellowship with God by your victory over sin and death. You promised that you would not leave us, and indeed you sent the Spirit to be our comforter and sustainer. You gave us this joyful feast, by which we realize again our union with you and proclaim to the world your death and resurrection. Therefore, we offer our praise to you and sing with joy:

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, O Holy Spirit, our Comforter. At creation you brought order out of chaos and breathed into humankind the breath of life. You led Abraham and Sarah to the chosen land and through them called a people to be your very own. You overshadowed Mary, and she conceived a Son, who would save his people from their sins. At Pentecost you came like the rush of a mighty wind, filling the disciples from on high, giving them many tongues to declare your mighty works. You have been present with the church through many ages and in many lands, inspiring her witness to the Lord Jesus Christ.

We give you thanks, God of power and might, that you send your Spirit to us now, breathing life into your people and strengthening us with these gifts, that we may experience anew Christ's own life.

The Sharing of the Meal

Communion Song: "Come, O Everlasting Spirit" 649P

Come, O Everlasting Spirit,
bring to every thankful mind
all the Saviour's dying merit,
all his sufferings for mankind:

True Recorder of his passion,
now the living faith impart,
now reveal his great salvation,
preach his gospel to our heart.

Come, O Witness of his dying;
come, Remembrancer divine!
Let us feel your power, applying
Christ to every soul, and mine!

Text- Charles Wesley

Breaking and Sharing in the Bread

People: The Bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Pastor: Take and eat and feed upon Christ in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Pouring and Sharing in the Cup

People: The cup that we share is a participation in the blood of Christ.

Pastor: Take and drink the blood of the New Covenant.

Closing Prayer of Thanks

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that brings us food from heaven, gives us the life of your dear Son, and assures us that we belong to the company of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth.

Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship and by the power of his Holy Spirit, we may continue his work in the world, until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Spirit Sends Us Out to Serve the Lord

Hymn – “O Breath of Life”

541P

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and pow'r;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

3 O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in ev'ry part.

4 O Heart of Christ, once broken for us,
'tis there we find our strength and rest;
our broken, contrite hearts now solace,
and let your waiting church be blest.

5 Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating
while harvest fields are vast and white?
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,
equip your church to spread the light.

Text- Elizabeth Ann Porter Head
Meter 9.8.9.8 Tune- Spiritus Vitae

Benediction: *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Congregation: **Amen!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen.
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