



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DAY OF PENTECOST ~ JUNE 8, 2025



Dave Debick, Music Director
Nicolette Cindric, Church Secretary

Nancy Jermann, Liturgist
Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

~ *GATHERING* ~

*When your children ask: "What do these twelve stones mean?"
Then you will let your children know: "Israel crossed over the Jordan here."*

~ Joshua 4:20-22

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT *(from John 14)*

PRELUDE WIND WHO MAKES ALL WINDS THAT BLOW Carol Doran

PENTECOST WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(1 Peter 2:4-5)*

Come to the Lord, a living stone, precious in God's sight,
like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

*LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you fluttered over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to the disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; your presence dwells in us; interceding in our weakness with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

Come, Holy Spirit!

*HYMN

COME, O SPIRIT, DWELL AMONG US

Text by Janie Alford

GTG #280

EBENEZER

CHILDREN OF GOD

BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE

*I baptize with water... [but] the one who is coming after me is stronger than I am.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ~ Matthew 3:11*

*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. *[Time of Silent Confession]*

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

~ THE WORD ~



PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE PENTECOST STORY

ACTS 2:1-21

Pew Bible p.111(NT)

HYMN

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

GTG #288

Text by Daniel Iverson

LIVING GOD

TWELVE STONES

JOSHUA 4:1-7

Pew Bible p.187(OT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

LIVING STONES

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

CONFIRMATION BY BAPTISM* AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

LIAM BARSTOW*

RYKER LENNY

FINN MCGOVERN



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*Apostle's Creed*)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Gifts for the Pentecost Special Offering should be in the designated envelopes.

***RESPONSE** DOXOLOGY GTG #606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

***HYMN** EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT GTG #66
 African American Spiritual PENTECOST

***BENEDICTION**

***SENDING** GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN GTG #541
 by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH) *Verse 1*

POSTLUDE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT'S POWER Cyril V. Taylor