May 23, 2021 Order of Worship 10:15 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Do you hear it,

the sound of rushing wind beginning to fill this house?

Do you see it,

the glowing pillars of fire reflecting in every pair of eyes?

Do you feel it,

God moving in this place, calling us to worship?

The spirit has come! The church is born!

Let us worship God with thanksgiving!

• Sounds of Faith - #280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

Prayer of Confession

The Spirit of God helps us in our weakness, interceding with sighs too deep for words. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day,

so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion.

You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world.

Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written.

You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other.

Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue.

Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire.

Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people.

Hear the good news of God's promise: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

• Congregational Response - #288 Spirit Of The Living God

Children's Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

The word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem - Come, Spirit, Come......Mary Kay Beall

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation -

- Sounds of Hope #290 O Day of Joy and Wonder
- Affirmation of Faith

(From the *Confession of 1967* in the *PCUSA Book of Confessions*)

God the Holy Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become witnesses to Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all. Amen.

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

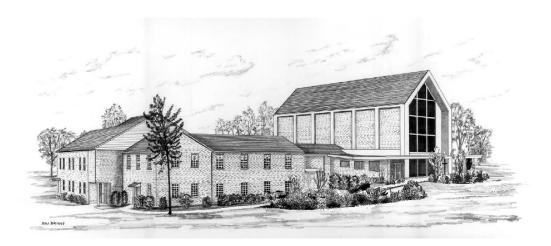
...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

- Sounds of Love #66 Every Time I Feel The Spirit
- Benediction
- Postlude

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Donelson Presbyterian Church

Sharing the Love of Christ



We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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