

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Pentecost
May 23, 2021

Hearing assistance devices are available. Please ask a greeter for a receiver.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on Veni Creator Spiritus Wilbur Held
Melody for hymn *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire*

OPENING PRAYER

Spirit of truth
Whom the world can never grasp,
Touch our hearts
With the shock of your coming;
Fill us with desire
For your disturbing peace;
And fire us with longing
To speak your uncontainable word
Through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Spirit is here among us
P: within us, around us, between us.
L: The Spirit is here to strengthen us
P: bringing courage, bringing conviction.
L: The Spirit is here to move us,
P: making us sing and praise.
L: The Spirit is here.

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**P: May we feel the Spirit as we gather.
May we be fed by her fiery strength.
May we be emboldened by her powerful wind.**
L: We gather in the Spirit's arms to be nurtured as we worship.
**P: And may our worship fill us with the Spirit
as we go back out into our daily lives.**

***HYMN #278 “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”**
Amy Finka, cantor

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God’s amazing love is this: God came to us and lived among us. God walked with us and loved us. God forgave us. Even now, there is nothing we can do to make God love us any more or any less. Friends, knowing that our God is merciful and compassionate, let us confess our sins before God and each other:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*UNISON*)

**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 for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PASSING THE PEACE**

L: Those who are in Christ are a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new!
All this is from God
with whom we have been reconciled through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:17-18)

P: Thanks be to God!

(For those in the sanctuary, please greet one another with a friendly wave, or wish your neighbors peace in the comment section.)

***GLORIA PATRI** Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE VERSE "These Treasured Children"

*Come Holy Spirit, help us be
a nurturing community.
Empower us to realize
God's kingdom through our children's eyes.*

FIRST READING Romans 8:22-27

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

SECOND READING Acts 2:1-21

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

SERMON

"Happy Birthday, Church"

Margie Quinn

We Respond to God's Word

***HYMN #285**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”
Amy Finka, cantor

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

DEDICATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (*unison*)

Eternal God, each of us is a fragile miracle, evidence of your creative hands and amazing grace. We who have been crafted in your image and blessed with numerous gifts now give these material gifts to our Creator who loves and sustains us now and forever more. These gifts, Lord are brought to you in love through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts And Bear It Into the World

***HYMN #289**

“On Pentecost They Gathered”
Amy Finka, cantor

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**L: Let all God’s people say
P: Alleluia Amen.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare and Alleluia

Douglas E. Wagner

(please remain seated during the closing voluntary)

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Come, Holy Ghost,
Our Souls Inspire

1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, our souls in - spire, and light - en
 2 Thy bless - ed unc - tion from a - bove is com - fort,
 3 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, and thee, of



with ce - les - tial fire; thou the a - noint - ing
 life, and fire of love; en - a - ble with per -
 both, to be but one, that through the a - ges



Spir - it art, who dost thy seven - fold gifts im - part.
 pet - ual light the dull - ness of our mor - tal sight.
 all a - long this may be our end - less song:



4 Praise to thine e - ter - nal mer - it, Fa - ther,



Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it. A - men.

This text, originally written in Latin in the 9th century, has had long and active use, both for Pentecost and for ordinations (where it has appeared in Anglican prayer books since 1662). Though created for an older hymn, this plainchant tune has set this text from earliest days.

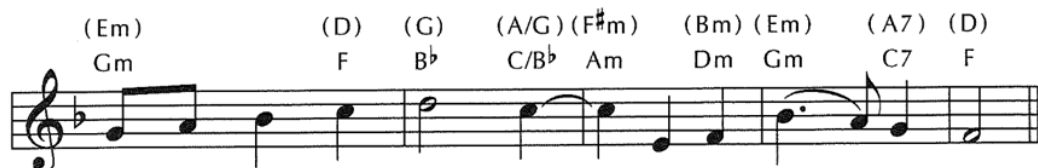
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1 Like the mur-mur of the dove's song, like the chal-lenge of her
2 To the mem-bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch-es of the
3 With the heal-ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease-less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

This text on the Holy Spirit was written to fit the pre-existing tune. The three stanzas cluster around various themes developed through a series of images and grounded in the refrain: how the Spirit comes, to whom the Spirit comes, and for what purposes the Spirit comes.

289 On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

This narrative and interpretive text was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

OUR MISSION

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

OUR VALUES AND ETHOS

- Belief in God's love and in Christ's ministry
- The desire to welcome and embrace everyone. No exceptions.
- Service to God, service to our neighbors
- God's gift of creativity

SESSION 2021

Class of 2021

Jim Hoobler
Mary Turner
David Maddox

Class of 2022

Erin Bell
Tom Byl
Jake Byl

Class of 2023

Tom Wills
Samera Zavaro
Leslee Hughes

THE CHURCH STAFF

Dena Swoner, Office Manager
Paulino Jarquin, Maintenance Manager
Dr. William Taylor, Director of Music

Parking

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You must come down 4th from Church Street. Parking in this garage is complimentary from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parking vouchers are necessary to exit the garage without having to pay. To get one, just ask one of our greeters.