



100 Years
1924-2024

Pentecost
May 19, 2024
10:00 AM

Rev. Kathryn Morgan, Pastor
Megan Prescott-Ezickson, Director of Music Ministry
Darla McNulty, Liturgist

Welcome!

We hope you experience the grace of God while you worship with us.

Thank you to those serving today

Coffee Cove: Fellowship Committee

Counters: Frank Santini, Bob Simons

Liturgist: Darla McNulty

Ushers: Jim DeRose, Ted Hidell

WOW Jr. Aide: Sue Ulmer

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WOW Teacher: Bonnie McAnally

WOW Jr. Teacher: Kayla Murphy

Helpful Worship Information

Children's activity bags for use during worship are in the tie-dye bags next to the table in the Narthex. Please *clean out and return bags* after the service.

Child care for infants and young children under age 6 is provided during the service in our nursery. The nursery is located on the Main Floor, in the Rabbit Hill classroom next to the Lounge, beginning at 9:45 to 11:15AM.

Blue Prayer Request Cards are available in the pew racks and on the table in the Narthex. If you would like to request prayers, please fill one out and the ushers will collect them during our first hymn.

Please keep these members and friends in your prayers:

Anne Branton, Dana Catania, Felicia Clapper, Aria Duncan, Jim Harrington, Gussie Logue, Lisa Neff, Aletha Sciubba, Rose Marie Sharkey, Mary Smith, Nora Smith



WELCOME & LIFE IN THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Cantad al Senor, McChesney

Handbells

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the call! The flames of the Spirit are beckoning.

All: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

One: Our focus is on the future and what we might do together.

All: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

One: Wild and free, creative and refreshing, God's Spirit flows between us. Breaking barriers and making connections.

All: Come Holy Spirit for we are called to dance again!

* HYMN 289 *On Pentecost They Gathered*

CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of fire and wind, holy and powerful, mighty and mysterious, we are drawn by your Spirit to this place. As we gather and behold your glory, we become aware of our sin. You pour your Spirit upon all flesh; We try to fence her in. You speak through many languages We block out foreign accents. You make one body from all our gifts; We refuse to be connected. Lord have mercy and help us let Your Spirit in. Amen. *(Continue in silent confession.)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The Spirit bears fruit in love, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; to each the Spirit is given for the common good of all.

All: This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to be bearers of the fruit of the Spirit.

* GLORIA PATRI 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GRATITUDE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

I See the Lord, Falson

Praise Band

* DOXOLOGY 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Life-giving Spirit, bring to the bones of these gifts the flesh of our actions, and the breath of our caring, that our church and our service to others may come to life in your name. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ezekiel 37:1-12, 14 (NRSV, adapted)

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and brought me out by the Spirit and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

The God 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 God 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 God commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then God 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. 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.

SCRIPTURE READING from Acts 2 (NRSV, adapted)

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? 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, "[People] 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. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

MEDITATION

Rev. Kathryn Morgan

* **HYMN 292** *As the Wind Song*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* **HYMN 287** *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

* **BENEDICTION**

May the Loving God, Risen Christ, and Dancing Spirit fill you with all you need for the days ahead. And all God's people say, "**Amen!**"

Members, please remain in the sanctuary for a brief Congregational Meeting.

* **SENDING MUSIC**

Announcements



Congregational Meeting Today... Immediately following the worship service, we will have a brief Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing elders to unexpired terms.

Meal Donation Life Center Mission Project... First Pres provides meals for Life Center on four scheduled evenings during the year. Our next food service date is Friday, May, 31st. Actual delivery to Life Center will be handled by mission committee. We are asking the congregation to donate baked ziti per the sign up genius link found in Thursday's Weekly Newsletter email. The mission committee will provide additional sides for the meal. We ask that food is dropped off at First Pres at 5:45PM on Friday, May 31st. Contact John Reed for further information.



Mission of the Month... May's mission of the month is our own Youth Group's mission trip to Blue Theology in Coastal North Carolina. Blue theology is a place where current science in marine biology meets a theology of creation justice. Each Summer, they host youth groups to engage in experiential learning, service projects, and contemplative practice with God's marine creation. This is a very exciting opportunity for our youth to further develop their faith in relationship to God and God's creation. They can't wait to go in mid July. However, we can't go without your continued support. This year, the cost is \$450 per person. We're hoping to raise as much as we can and encourage our congregation to partially or fully sponsor a youth. You can learn more about where we are going and what we will learn there, at bluetheology.com.

WOW... Teachers and aides are needed for the month of May. Please use the links found in our Thursday Weekly Newsletter email to sign up!



Please join us for a fun-filled four days in the summer! Our VBS is for children four-years-old to going into 5th grade and will happen June 24-27, from 9:15-11:45 AM. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family (in cash or check). We hope you can join us! Use this link <https://forms.gle/kg35cwSmCRa1Ln6X9> also found in Thursday's Weekly Newsletter email to sign up! We also need volunteers to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kristen Manderachi, kmmaze@hotmail.com, or Anna Greene, annad-greene@gmail.com.

*Congratulations to Amanda Reed on her graduation
from William and Mary University this weekend!*

Women's Fellowship End of Year Picnic

Our last Women's Fellowship Luncheon of the year is
Tuesday, June 4, at 12:15 in Lambert Hall.

Please RSVP to Jeanne Richards, jrhop11@yahoo.com, or
Nancy Hartrum, nhartrum@comcast.net.

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SCHEDULE

Today, Sunday, May 19

10AM Worship
11AM Congregational Meeting
11:15AM Coffee Cove
11:30AM Deacons Meeting ~ Library
2-4PM Cub Scouts ~ FH/LH
6:30PM Tower Youth

Monday, May 20

6PM Boy Scouts ~ LH
7-8:30PM Boy Scouts ~ FH
7-9PM Boy Scouts ~ LH

Tuesday, May 21

6:30PM Girl Scouts Trp 5140 ~ FH

Wednesday, May 22

9:15AM Rabbit Hill Round-Up ~ FH
6:450PM Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

6:30PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 24

6:30PM Al-Anon ~ LH

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