



First Baptist Church

J E F F E R S O N C I T Y T E N N E S S E E

May 19, 2024

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

10:45 am

Day of Pentecost

Welcome/Opportunities for Service

Chad Hartsock

Invocation

Major Treadway

When was the last time that we heard the wind of your Spirit roar through this place?

When was the last time your fire lit up this room?

When was the last time we took you at your word and met together in expectation
of your Spirit filling this place, and these lives with your Glory and Power?

Lord, you challenge us with Pentecost.

Do we believe that this was a once in eternity experience, never to be repeated?

That the Holy Spirit was poured out on your followers for a single purpose,
and ended the work at that instant?

If so, then maybe that is why the Church seems so powerless in this age,
helpless when faced with the needs both spiritual and physical, that we see in the world.

Lord, as we meet together, and celebrate once again the memory of that first Pentecost,
may it be for us as it was then a moment of empowerment,
an awareness of your Glory in this dark world, a life changing experience. Amen.**

Prelude

Come Christians, Join to Sing

arr. McMichael

Julia Bass, flute; Alice Stuart, cello; Angie France, piano

Call to Worship

Chad Hartsock and People

Spirit of life

ALL: Fill our emptiness with your fullness

Spirit of power

ALL: Stir our hearts afresh

Spirit of love

ALL: Touch us, and through us, our neighbor

Spirit of Creativity

ALL: Enable and empower the gifts you have given

Spirit of Eternity

ALL: Draw us ever deeper into your Kingdom.**

*Hymn of Praise 225

On Pentecost They Gathered

ST. THEODULPH

(Children meet your leader during the last stanza at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study)

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

John Burton

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, "Prophecy 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, "Prophecy 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."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn of Action 242

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

MORNING SONG

Prayer of Confession

Peggy Dalton

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open hearts, 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 ignite within us desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Response 231

Breathe on Me

TRUETT

Offertory Prayer

Ray Dalton

Offertory

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Alice Stuart, cello; Angie France, organ

arr. DeCesare

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 people 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, "Fellow Jews 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.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God
Alice Stuart, cello; Worship Ensemble

arr. Duren

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Sermon

Spirit Breath Wind

Major Treadway

Time of Response and Reflection

Spirit Song

arr. Wolaver

*Hymn of Departing 521

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

*Benediction

Major Treadway

*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.

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THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

Sunday, May 19

2:00pm Church Advisory Council Meeting/214
5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, May 20

5:00pm Genealogy Society Meeting/Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall
8:00pm Upper Room Ladies Bible Study/Zoom

Tuesday, May 21

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

Wednesday, May 22

9:30am Women's Bible Study/301
4:00pm Meditation Practice Group/Prayer Rm
5:00pm Youth Gathering/214
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper (Chicken Meal)/Fellowship Hall
6:00pm Common Prayer, Bible Study/Music Ste
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

Thursday, May 23

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles
6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 24—Church Office Closed

Sunday, May 26

9:30am Bible Study Classes for Adults/Various Rooms
10:00am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary
10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook and Youtube
10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room 119, 1st-5th grade Room 218
5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

Monday, May 27—Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

Welcome to First Baptist Church! Our membership is open to all persons regardless of race, social status, gender, and sexual identity and affirms our motto, "Breaking down barriers to proclaim the love of Christ".

CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant
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