



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FENTON

To be a loving community of faith dedicated to helping people know Jesus Christ and grow, share and serve as his disciples.

Pentecost Sunday

June 8th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

WELCOME Based on Acts 2:17-21

God will pour out the Spirit on all flesh, and our daughters and sons shall prophesy. Our old ones shall dream dreams, and our young ones shall see visions; and all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered. Come, let us call upon the name of the Lord.

INTROIT “This Is The Day That The Lord Has Made”

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 104

24 How many living things you have made, O LORD!

You have exhibited great skill in making all of them;
the earth is full of the living things you have made.

25 Over here is the deep, wide sea, which teems with innumerable swimming creatures, living things both small and large.

26 The ships travel there, and over here swims the whale you made to play in it.

27 All your creatures wait for you to provide them with food on a regular basis.

28 You give food to them and they receive it;
you open your hand and they are filled with food.

29 When you ignore them, they panic.

When you take away their life's breath, they die and return to dust.

30 When you send your life-giving breath, they are created, and you replenish the surface of the ground.

31 May the splendor of the LORD endure.

May the LORD find pleasure in the living things he has made.

32 He looks down on the earth and it shakes; he touches the mountains and they start to smolder.

33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God as long as I exist.

34 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

**35 ...Praise the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the Lord.**

OPENING PRAYER

God of life, as we prepare for worship today, help us not to take lightly the highly charged message we proclaim. Help us sense the power, beauty, and mission of your Spirit. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

HYMN PH #282 BH #313 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

CALL TO CONFESSION: —based on John 14:15-17, 21, NIV

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” Let us confess our sin to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of your love to burn away our apathy. With your warmth bend our rigidity and guide our wandering feet. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON—based on Ezekiel 36:24-28, NIV

“I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God.” Friends in Christ: by the power of the Spirit, we are united with Christ and given a new spirit. Live in the joy and peace of that assurance.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God whom we long to know, burning fire within our souls, grant to us the tongues like fire, the sound of rushing wind, your descending Holy Spirit, that in knowing your Word we might know your presence, that in following your ways we might live in your light. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:14-17

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God. **15** For you did not receive the spirit of slavery leading again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” **16** The Spirit himself bears witness to our spirit that we are God’s children. **17** And if children, then heirs (namely, heirs of God and also fellow heirs with Christ)—if indeed we suffer with him so we may also be glorified with him.

ANTHEM “Here I Am Lord”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 20:18-35

18 When they arrived, he said to them, “You yourselves know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I set foot in the province of Asia, **19** serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, and with the trials that happened to me because of the plots of the Jews. **20** You know that I did not hold back from proclaiming to you anything that would be helpful, and from teaching you publicly and from house to house, **21** testifying to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus. **22** And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem without knowing what will happen to me there, **23** except that the Holy Spirit warns me in town after town that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. **24** But I do not consider my life worth anything to myself, so that I may finish my task and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.

25 “And now I know that none of you among whom I went around proclaiming the kingdom will see me again. **26** Therefore I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of you all. **27** For I did not hold back from announcing to you the whole purpose of God. **28** Watch out for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. **29** I know that after I am gone fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Even from among your own group men will arise, teaching perversions of the truth to draw the disciples away after them. **31** Therefore be alert, remembering that night and day for three years I did not stop warning each one of you with tears. **32** And now I entrust you to God and to the message of his grace. This message is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. **33** I have desired no one’s silver or gold or clothing. **34** You yourselves know that these hands of mine provided for my needs and the needs of those who were with me. **35** By all these things, I have shown you that by working in this way we must help the weak, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus that he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

SERMON

“Spreading the Good News”

Elder Donna Anderson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**A MOMENT FOR REFLECTION**

What does being a shepherd of the church of God mean to me?

What can I do to spread the good news?

HYMN PH #288 BH #322

“Spirit of the Living God”

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

OFFERING

Let us present the bones of our gifts so that the Holy Spirit might put flesh on our actions, breath into our caring, and life into our church and our compassionate service, so that others might find new life as well.

Let us pray...

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit. We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that have been poured out upon your children. Accept us with our gifts to be living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth, through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

(If you would like a written prayer request included in our prayers today, please indicate that and an usher will collect them)

Will the Ushers Please come forward.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

TABLETALK WITH GOD'S CHILDREN

HYMN PH #839 BH #341 "Blessed Assurance Jesus is Mine"

CHARGE—based on Romans 15:13; Galatians 5:22-23, 25

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you overflow with love and hope. **Thanks be to God.**

Remember that the harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Spirit is our source of life. Let us therefore walk by the Spirit. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

POSTLUDE

Peace be with you!...and also with you!

Flowers on the Communion Table In celebration of Karen Terrill’s birthday, given by the Coffin family.