

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.
⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1: 6-8



*Descending Dove
of the Holy Spirit
(North Transept)*

- ¹⁷ 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.
- ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men
and women,
in those days I will pour out
my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

Acts 2: 17-18

Abington Presbyterian Church

May 23, 2021

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Celebration Worship



Day of Pentecost

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Day of Pentecost May 23, 2021

GATHERING

The people gather wherever they may in response to God's call, offering praise in words of scripture, prayer, and song. The people acknowledge their sinfulness and receive the good news of God's forgiveness.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP *A time for quiet preparation before worship*

Sweep through our midst, Mighty Wind, to give us new breath.
Awaken our spirits, arouse our praise, set us on fire with your love.
Allow us to dream the dreams you inspire. Amen.

PRELUDE

(9:00) At Dawn
(11:00) Allemande in Bb

Sandra Eithun
George Frederick Handel

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

RECOGNITION OF JANET TEBBEL

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

God promised: I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.
Our children will prophesy, the young see visions, and the old dream dreams.
God's Spirit opens minds and hearts to make the commonplace exceptional.
We want to see, hear, and feel what the Holy Spirit intends for us.
Listen for the wind and feel the flames; be alert for God's surprises.
Come, Holy Spirit, to make all things new; light the flame of love in our lives.

*** HYMN 280**

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your Spirit moves over the waters, Gracious God, but we prefer to wander in the most arid of places. You would breathe life into us in every moment, but in a tantrum, we hold our breath, wanting to get our way. We say we want change, but we prefer the comfort of what we have. We long for new life, yet we turn our backs on those around us. We could open our arms to others, but instead, we close them tight around our fears. You would give us the words to bring hope to the despairing, to offer healing to the broken, and to share hope in the places of anger and violence, but we turn them into accusations towards those around us. In your mercy, forgive us, God of new possibilities. May your Spirit sweep us off our feet and into the arms of Jesus Christ, our Brother, our Savior, our Companion.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our alienation from God is ended. God moves powerfully in our midst bringing newness of life –
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* HYMN OF PRAISE 581 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.**

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST *Greet one another with the sign of peace.*

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

God's Word is read and its message is proclaimed in scripture, music and interpretation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Hymn 283 Come, O Holy Spirit, Come WA EMIMIMO

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:22-27

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 1:3-8; 2:1-21

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON What's Next?! *The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill*

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMANDS

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;**

**the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

WELCOME

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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

THANKSGIVING & SENDING

After the proclamation of God's Word, we respond with gratitude prepared to go into the world where we are called to live according to God's will.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

(9:00) BELL OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Patricia Cota

* HYMN 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

SPIRIT

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymn 539

We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

* POSTLUDE

(9:00) Toccata in C

Georgi Mushel

[service hymns and some announcements follow]

Worship Leaders:

Preacher: The Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

Liturgists: The Rev. Aaron Twitchell and The Rev. Dr. Jade King Bass

Children's Message: John Sall

Recorded Bells: (9:00) Joyful Ringers, Bell Trio (Nikki Rigsby, Janet Tebbel, Suzin Weber) - Janet Tebbel director

Choir: (9:00) Chapel Drum Circle

Organ: Erik Meyer

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In need of special prayers this week: Len Browna, Michael Kemp, Laura Lockhart, Sylvia Weed (mother of Kathryn Jablokow), Barbara LaNore (sister of Lynda Smyth), Sylvia Jolly, MM Harris, Herb Harris, Chris Popescu (aunt of Joanne Bates), Marty Bell (cousin of Alice Price), Elizabeth Cole (granddaughter of Nancy Webb Cole), Doris Boerner, Helen Porter (mother of Joe Porter), Janet Wells (mother of Gwen Bihn), Suzy Paravla (daughter of Susan Davis), Linda Maisenhelder, Christine Kim (wife of Stephen Kim), Will Pompilli (son of Teresa Pompilli), Phyllis Frazier, Nick Cupo, Sr., Joanne Hawkins (mother of Nick Cupo), Wayne Gibbons, Jr., Susan Arnhold (friend of Joanne and Jeff Bates), Kris and Erik Reidenbach (friends of Sally Adams), David Fryer (husband of Rabbi Shoshana Tornberg, friend of APC), Meredith Ellisor, (cousin of Craig Nicholson), Judy Meissner, Nina DiTimasso and Audrina Rose (friends of Anne-Marie Constable), Barb Kelly.

For Pastoral Care: To notify the church of an illness, hospitalization, death, or to request prayer, contact a minister or call your Deacon or the Church Office at (215) 887-4530.

APC Confirmation Class of 2020 -

Eliza Feil attends Upper Moreland High School. She is in the youth group, the bell choir, and the Chapel Choir at APC. She has volunteered for VBS and has attended summer camp at Bear Creek and Montreat. Eliza enjoys art, and plays soccer, basketball and lacrosse for her high school. She is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes and in Montgomery County Cultural Proficiency & Equity Student Ambassadors.

I believe that God knows us each individually and will love us no matter what we do.

Sean Fey attends Upper Moreland High School.

I believe in God, and his son, Jesus. I believe god is all knowing. I believe that God helps everyone through the challenges of life.

Alexandra Kupper attends Villa Joseph Marie High School. She plays school and club field hockey for Mystx and hopes to continue in college.

God is with me at all times. Everything I have is by the grace of God.

Emma Kupper is a sophomore at Lower Moreland High School where she plays field hockey and softball. She would like to be an elementary school teacher after college.

I believe in God, and that he created me and everything around me.

John McFarland has been a member of APC his whole life. He attends Wissahickon High School, where he is a member of the FBLA and Law Clubs. He enjoys watching college basketball and playing video games with his brothers.

I believe in the holy trinity. I believe that God created the Earth in his vision.

Gabriela Refentse Nhlapo is in the 10th grade at Abington Senior High School.

In my daily walk in Christianity, I try to remember the teachings of Jesus Christ and every day strive to walk closer in the manner that He would deem appropriate.

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. It contains three measures of music, each with a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are positioned below the treble staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It also features a treble and bass staff in the same key signature and time signature. The treble staff has three measures, with the second measure containing a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics continue below the treble staff. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The system concludes with a double bar line.

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the



wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,



wind, wind on the sea.



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.