

Service for the Lord's Day
Woodland Presbyterian Church and
Paw Creek Presbyterian Church • May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

Welcome

*The love of God has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us - Thanks be to God!*

Call to Worship

God declares:
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young shall see visions,
and your old shall dream dreams.
Even upon the slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

Hymn 408

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us with your love;
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive Till you know him in his fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."
"Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, Filling us with your love;
And for these blessings We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel. Empower us with that same Spirit to witness to your redeeming love and draw all people to you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples 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? 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, "Men 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. 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.'

Homily

My soul says yes

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with announcements and prayer concerns; and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer*

Charge and Benediction

On Pentecost Sunday it is the custom of our two churches to worship together as we celebrate our shared history, the special spiritual gifts of our two individual communities, and the ministry that we share, through God's grace, to Paw Creek, to Charlotte and to the world. This year, our worship together takes place though God's gift of live streaming. We welcome all who join us in this way! Our preacher today is the Rev. Gloria Bolden of Woodland Church, and our music is provided by Mr. Donald Crawford and members of the Woodland Church choir.