

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" Acts 2

## DAY OF PENTECOST

*The World is on Fire*



## Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

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### Mission Statement

"Ebensburg Presbyterians  
are Christians giving help  
and hope to all by sharing God's love."

## GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING SENTENCES** (*Responsively*) [worshiptraining.com](http://worshiptraining.com)

"As we gather for worship this Pentecost Sunday, we want to place ourselves before God, to be birthed anew with the breath of God's benevolent life through his Holy Spirit. We want to be led to Pentecost but wish to do so without preempting the history of the Spirit's work in Israel. Today we worship God the Holy Spirit by beginning at the beginning, with the hovering, birthing Spirit of creation."

**We worship a creative, an abundant and glorious God,  
who is seen in the vast array of creation! Alleluia!**

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2 *Page 1*

When God began creating the heavens and the earth, the earth was a shapeless, chaotic mass, with the Spirit of God brooding over the dark vapors.

\* HYMN# 515 God of our Fathers Whose Hand (vs 1-2)

CALL TO CONFESSIONS:<sup>1</sup>

*1 Peter 5:7*

God pours out the Spirit upon us,  
but we do not always welcome God's gifts.  
Let us confess our doubts and fears,  
that we might find forgiveness and newness of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (*Responsively*)

**Infinite God,  
you come to us in many colors, shapes, and languages.  
You speak to each of us in the way we can understand.  
You reach out to us and meet us where we are.  
But we are quick to limit you  
to what we can understand and control.  
Forgive us,**

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<sup>1</sup> CTW 561A

**and set your Spirit loose among us.  
Challenge us, surprise us,  
and open us to your power,  
that we might know you more deeply,  
follow you more faithfully,  
and love more fully. Amen (silent Prayer)**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (*Responsibly*)

*John 17*

Scripture is clear:

everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

God draws us together, offering salvation,  
forgiveness, and new life to all.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

\*GLORIA PATRI

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (*responsively*)

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also, with you.**  
(*Please share the peace of Christ with those around.*)

CHOIR ANTHEM

SECOND READING

Psalm 104:24–34 *Page 483*

THIRD READING

Numbers 11:24–30 *Page 114*

\*HYMN# 510 O Beautiful of Spacious Skies (vs 1-2)

THIRD READING

John 20:19–23 *Page 883*

FOURTH READING

John 7:37–39 *Page 869*

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Acts 2:1–21 *Page 885*

### **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMNS# 11 Holy, Holy, Holy

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20*

**God the Holy Spirit**

**fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life.**

**The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church  
as the community in which people are reconciled  
to God and to one another.**

**The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness  
as they forgive one another**

**and to enjoy the peace of God**

**as they make peace among themselves.**

**In spite of their sin,**

**the Spirit gives people power**

**to become representatives of Jesus Christ**

**and his gospel of reconciliation to all.**

PRAYER 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.**

INVITATION & PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### **SENDING**

\*HYMNS# 521 Eternal Father, Strong to save

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Isaiah 6:8

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

**And I said, “Here I am; send me!” AMEN.**

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Major Repair Project

The Session leadership agreed on restoring storm windows of our church to help preserve stained-glass windows. The bid from Servpro of \$76,000 was accepted and the work will begin as the weather allows. We need your prayers and prayerfully, please consider donating to the Major Repair Fund. Contact pastor Owar or one of our leaders.

### THE 75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary celebration of Pine Springs

Presbytery of Redstone invites us to a presbytery-wide Worship service at Pine Springs on Sunday, July 16, 2023 @ 10 am for the rededication of Pine Springs "Log Chapel." This event is free and *there will be Picnic after the service*. However, the presbytery asks churches to RSV to know how many are attending to help with food preparation.

Holy Communion Service: Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

VBS @ Ebensburg Methodist Church—Sunday thru Thursday (June 4-8, 2023). Registration before or one June 4<sup>th</sup> both in-person or on [www.ebensburgmethodist.org](http://www.ebensburgmethodist.org) or on Facebook page.

Bible2020 Program—Bible Study Program, Wednesdays @7pm

Women's Association First Presbyterian Church, Johnstown—warmly invites ladies to join them for an AFTERNOON TEA on Monday, June 19, 2023 A2 12:00 PM. Please RSV by June 12 to Caroline, church secretary, at 814-536-8141

### May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 7 Lucas Taylor

May 8 Happy Anniversary—*Becky Carlin & Ralph Shuey*

May 11 Kayt Makosy Williamson

May 14 Owar Ojha Ojulu

May 21 Ojha Owar Ojha

May 23 Kevin McKenrick,  
Chase Forberger

May 24 Neil McKenrick

May 26 David Sowers

May 28 Happy Anniversary *Roger & Laura McGill*

May 29 Sarah Elizabeth Segear

May 31 Jim Stratton

### You may join our church in one of three ways:

**Transfer** from another congregation; **Reaffirm** your faith if you have not been an active church member recently; **Profess** Jesus as Savior and Lord.

*Please talk to the pastor or one of the leaders*

## PRAYER LIST

If you have any names, you would like added to the Prayer List, please call the church office at 472-6920 or place the names in the Offering

Baskets near each of the front entrances. Thank you.

Eva Tomb

Ray McKim

Jim Estep

Ramona McKim

Candi Elam

Ben & Patricia Tuchi

Peter & Margaret Funch

Albie

Tom R.

Joe P

Erin M.

Marty F.

Claudette Segear

John Fedora

Sharon Westrick

Ruthan Noderer

Gloria P.

Mary R. ``

Father Pat Kirsch

Bob & Mary Clare Stofko

Richard McKim

Phil Brulia