

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Holy Spirit, counselor, comforter, revealer of truth, bring a new Pentecost upon and among us, so that we will be empowered to witness to the world the good news of God's love in ways both ancient and new; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE

"The Ash Grove"
Don Burleson, Recorder

arr. Callahan

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

The day of Pentecost has come. Will the works of God be known among us today?

We are living in a valley of dry bones. All around and within us is loss upon loss.

God comes to us as a gentle breath or violent wind. Catch your breath, God's breath, and live.

There are stirrings deep within that give us hope. See how the Spirit dances among us, linking us to one another and to God!

The fires of God's love dispel life's shadows. God's Spirit is here to give us new life.

Surely God is in us and around us. May the glory of God be known among us today!

HYMN (GTG) 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"
Verses 1-2

(Darwall's 148th)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not care for spiritual surprises. We prefer the comfort of routines well-tried. We want to sit in "our" seats, and sing "our" songs, and welcome those who are willing to come to us. We want to keep you inside our buildings, our traditions, and our hearts. Forgive us for worrying when you crack open a window or crying out in alarm when you throw open the door. Forgive us for our reluctance to step with you outside of the boundaries of our comfort zones and experience and into the newness of your grace. By your Spirit, help us to serve you with creativity, imagination, and love more than we serve our fear or the familiar, so that your way will be our way in every time and place, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Lamentations 3:19-24; OT Page 766

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:1-12; NT Page 119

SERMON

"What Does It Mean?"

Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”
Bill McWhirter, Voice

Atkinson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Declaration of Faith* 1977; Ch. 5, ¶2)

The Holy Spirit renews the community of faith. Israel did not cease to be God's people. Yet out of Israel a new people was formed. The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ. They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life. We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal. We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings. We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Wayne Rinick and Marilyn Stommel

Prayer institution of the week: Baltimore Presbytery (Baltimore, MD)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG – VIDEO[†]

“We'll Be Together Again”

Dougie MacLean

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“We Are One in the Spirit”
Suzann Barthold, Organ

Scholtes

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Carolyn Kuffel (301-464-0623) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

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The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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