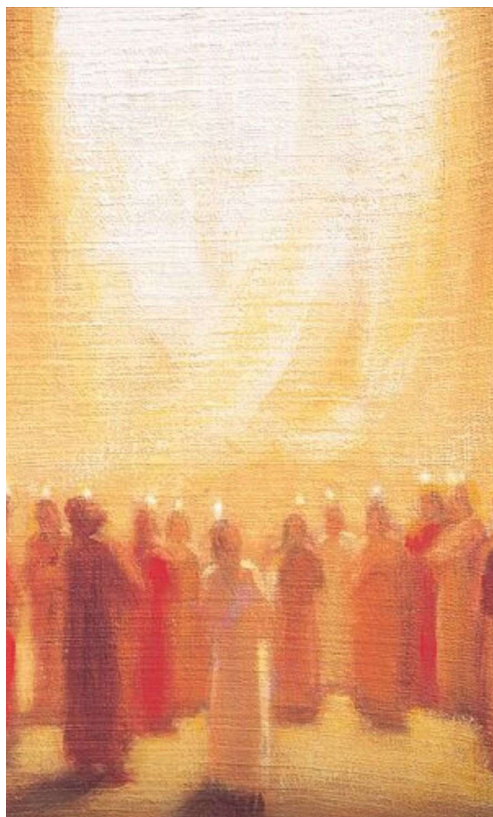


PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2024 | First Presbyterian Church, Petaluma CA



PRELUDE

Jenny Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLES (at FPC and in our homes)

Jane Shelly

We light these candles to remind ourselves of God's presence,
not only in this place, but in all places. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the living God,
visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind
that sweeps away all barriers,

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire
that set our hearts aflame,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites
the Babel of our tongues,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps
the boundaries of race and nation,

Come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above
to make our weakness strong,

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER AND SILENT LISTENING TO GOD

Let us pray. True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift,
send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind.
Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom.
Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit
can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord.

Holy Spirit of God, in this time of silence,
open our eyes to see you, and our ears to hear your voice.

***SONG** *Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord
come renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for your purity.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;
May your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin
in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least,
gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace.
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made,
Show your power once again on earth;
Cause your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
may be clear for all the world to see.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Jane Shelly

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed. Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord.

Silence, a time for personal confession.

Amen. Friends in Christ, hear the good news:
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Veni Creator Spiritus

DISCOVERY TIME

Grete Hansen

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lift High the Cross

Bell Choir

OFFERING

Pastor John

***DOXOLOGY** *(or in your preferred version)*

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

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:1-21

Jane Shelly

When the day of Pentecost had come, they 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.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTING ON THE WORD

Pastor John

*HYMN #286

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(or in your preferred version)*

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.

*CHARGE

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

From where we are
to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your reign,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

Surround us with your presence,
inspire us with your purpose,
confirm us in your love.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

***CLOSING SONG** *Go Now In Peace*

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you, each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know he will guide you in all you do.

Worship Leaders: Pastor John Chase, Worship Leader/Music Director Jane Shelly,
Organist/Pianist Jenny Smith, Student Ministries and Events Coordinator Grete Hansen,
Bell Choir, Choir, Worship Ensemble

Credits

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