

Wycliffe Presbyterian Church

WELCOME - To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who are strangers and seek fellowship - welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Wycliffe is following Christ to renew our church & the community.

Join in this mission through worship, by connecting with others, by contributing your talents and resources in service to others, and through cultivating your spiritual and emotional health.

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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 ... (Acts 2:1 - 4)

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The Day of Pentecost

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Rev. Garrett Bugg, pastor

*"When God sends forth the Spirit, all creation comes to be."
(Psalm 104:30)*

Welcome & Announcements
(please sign & pass the red Friendship pad)

OPENING PRAYER

***When the Day of Pentecost had come,
they were all gathered in one place . . .***

ROMANS 8:22-27

*We know that the whole creation has been groaning
in labor pains until now;*

**and not only the creation, but we ourselves,
who have the first fruits of the Spirit.**

*We groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the
redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.*

**Now hope that is seen, is not hope.
For who hopes for what is seen?**

*But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.*

**Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,
but that very spirit intercedes
with sighs too deep for words.**

*And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the
mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the
saints according to the will of God.*

***HYMN 280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"**

***Share the Peace of Christ**

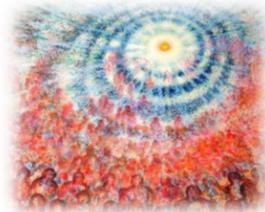
Children's Time with the Pastor



WE SEEK GOD'S MERCY (all read the bold)

Holy God, Maker of all - **Have mercy on us.**
 Jesus Christ, servant of the poor - **Have mercy on us.**
 Holy Spirit, Breath of life - **Have mercy on us.**

(a time of silent confession)



All sing Ho - ly Spir - it breathe on me; — sum- mon out what I shall

be. **Make my life your liv- ing fire 'til Je - sus comes.** (repeat)

The Assurance of God's Grace & Pardon and all say: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Hear these words from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (12:3b-13)

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and rested on each one. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages about God's deeds of power as the Spirit gave them ability. Those present were astonished and said ~

Congregation (in "your" language) -

We can hear! . . . What does this mean?

People from many different places heard the disciples speaking in their own language. And Peter said "this is just what God said through the prophet Joel - 'I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters will offer prophesy, and the young shall see visions, and the old shall dream dreams. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"



Proclamation in Song

"O Thou Who Camest from Above"

C. Wesley/P. Stopford

O Thou who camest from above the pure celestial fire to impart, kindle the flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart. There let it for thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my hearts desire to work and speak and think for thee; still let me guard the holy fire, and still stir up thy gift in me. Still let me prove thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat; till death thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

Scripture ~ **John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**
The Word of God is Opened to Us
 Rev. Garrett Bugg



The offering is received as all sing ~

HYMN 292 "As the Wind Song" (choir sings the first stanza; all join on the second; seated)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER followed by **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (p. 35, hymnal)

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH IN THE HOLY THREE-IN-ONE (remain seated & all read the bold)



We believe in God~

Whose Spirit chose a wandering people for his own, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius, and many others, called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

We believe in Jesus Christ ~

Who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, and preached that God loved Syrians; attracted to his cause Greeks and Romans, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, had his mind changed by a Phoenician, and his cross shouldered by an African; and ascended above his native land that he might be present in every place.

We believe in the Holy Spirit ~

Who at Pentecost proved that heaven's gifts are poured over all; who in the baptism of an Ethiopian denied racism a foothold in faith; and who, in the Ancient World, founded churches across cultures.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus ~

yet we affirm that God may choose to show his face in different guises.

For the Kingdom of God is bigger than the Church, and the love of God is beyond our understanding ~

Therefore, we celebrate that God's ways are not our ways; that God knows whom he chooses, and that, as in Jesus, God's surprises surpass all human expectation.

***HYMN 295 "Go to the World!"**

***BENEDICTION**

***ALL SING "The Celtic Alleluia"** (Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!) - repeat