



GUILFORD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Worship Service

May 28, 2023 | 10:00 a.m.

***United in Christ,***  
*growing in faith and love,*  
*welcoming all,*  
*serving one another and our community*

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

**WELCOME**, all who come to worship with us this day! May you discover the spirit of Christ in this place and among this church family gathered here. VISITORS will find name tags in the friendship pads on the pews. Please refrain from photography and sound recordings during worship. Our service is live-streamed and recorded. Your participation is your consent to be recorded.

*Sing! a new creation - located in the rack under the pew (green)*

*Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

#### PRELUDE

*The prelude is a time of transition, from hurried lives into the eternal presence of God.*

*At the sound of the bells, we invite you to make this a time of prayerful preparation for worship.*

+PENTECOST PROCESSION

*Psalm 19*

Benedetto Marcello

+GATHERING SONGS

*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*

*Glory to God Hymnal #285*

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Glory to God Hymnal #288*

+PRAYER OF THE DAY\*

Jansen Lasley

+CALL TO CONFESSION\*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

+ASSURANCE OF PARDON

+PRAYER RESPONSE Alleluia, alleluia. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

+PASSING THE PEACE

(Greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you.")

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION\*

FIRST LESSON    Numbers 11:24-30    O.T. pg. 129  
Holy wisdom. Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES    Kim Row

ANTHEM    *The Spirit, Like a Mighty Wind*    arr. William Rowan  
The Spirit, like a mighty wind, blows wild and fierce and strong,  
to fan the flames of kindled love, igniting hearts to song:  
*Refrain:* In swirling sound's ecstatic choir, God's grace abounds in tongues of fire!  
The Spirit, like a lightning flash, streaks through our darkened skies,  
with sudden brilliance bringing hope and sight to clouded eyes.  
The Spirit, like a surging storm, flings open every gate;  
breaks down the walls of threat and fear, sweeps clean the chug of hate.  
The Spirit, like a living breath, still courses through our lands  
when strangers speak in common voice, and nations understand.

SECOND LESSON    Acts 2:1-21    N.T. pg. 119  
Holy wisdom. Holy Word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON    "Jazz It Up!"    Dr. Fred Beck

### GIVE THANKS TO GOD

+HYMN #280    *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us*    EBENEZER

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    *Col. 1:15-20*  
**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell and through him God was please to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Spirit Song* Classic Hymn with ballad by John Wimber

+DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION and BLESSING OF LETTERS

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

+HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Heleluyan* *Glory to God Hymnal #642*  
Respond after the leader: “hele, heleluyan.”

+POSTLUDE *Fantasy on EBENEZER* Richard Purvis

**END OF WORSHIP .....BEGINNING OF SERVICE**

+Congregation is invited to stand

The second pew on the pulpit side is reserved for those who are hearing impaired.

Hearing aid devices and large print bulletins are available at the sound desk.

**\*Book of Common Worship**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The church office will be closed on May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.**

**THE LOOSE OFFERING** on the last Sunday of each month (today) will be designated to go to the Deacons' Fund. These funds are distributed at the Pastor's discretion for urgent financial needs within our congregation as well as emergency funding for needy individuals in our community.

**TODAY– The Pentecost Offering** unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by our church to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. **Please give generously.**

**Family Sunday School** will continue with Breakfast and the Bible at 9 a.m. each Sunday.

**Graduate Recognition deadline is TODAY.** If you have a fall 2022 or spring 2023 graduate in your household we would like to celebrate with you. Send the school graduated from (with degrees or honors if appropriate), future plans, and a recent picture to Kim Row at [krow@guilfordpark.org](mailto:krow@guilfordpark.org).

**Join us on June 4 as we recognize the Communion Class** participants of 2023, Graeme Walton, Caroline Conway, Josephine Peascoe, and Abby Hickling. We offer a special thank you to Caroline Walton for teaching this class.

During the months of May, June, and July, we invite our GPPC congregation to donate items to the **SPCA of the Triad**. The SPCA of the Triad is a local rescue that has cared for neglected, abandoned, and injured animals right here in our community for 28 years. A wish list of items from retailers such as Amazon, Chewy.com, and Walmart can be found on their website: **[www.triadspca.org/wish-lists](http://www.triadspca.org/wish-lists)**. For more information, see the weekly eNews.

## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, May 28**

9:00 a.m. Breakfast and the Bible

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

### **Monday, May 29**

*Memorial Day*

*Church Office closed*

7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study– Library

### **Tuesday, May 30**

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

2:00 p.m. Treasurers– Library

### **Wednesday, May 31**

7:00 a.m. Men's Book Study– Green Joe's

7:30 a.m. High School morning muffins–  
Panera

7:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study– Zoom

### **Thursday, June 1**

6:00 p.m. Guilford Park Guys– gym

### **Friday, June 2**

*Youth Beach Trip departs*

### **Sunday, June 4**

*Communion Sunday*

*Youth Beach Trip returns*

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Ushers:** Donna Barrier and Debbie Leach

**Liturgist:** Jansen Lasley

**Acolyte(s):**

**Camera operator:** Cooper Kirkpatrick

**Soundboard operator:** Michael Boulton

**Opening/Closing:** Gene Campbell / Paul Aycock

**Flower Visitation:** Marge Cromer

**FLOWERS ON THE LORD'S TABLE** today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents, by Jane and Ralph Lawrence.

**Ministers: All the members of the Church**

**Pastor:** Stephen Fearing

**Parish Associate:** Kit Schooley

**Parish Associate:** Fred Beck

**Christian Educator for Children and Youth:** Kim Row

**Director of Music Ministries and Organist:** Bill Allred

**Music Director for YES Worship Service:** Brian Fitts

**Church Administrator:** Jane Sharpe

**Congregational Nurse:** Susan Smith

**YES Accompanist:** Jordan Hart

**Preschool Director:** Rebecca Willoughby

**Missionaries we support:** Jan Feliciano in Mexico, and Tracey King-Ortega in Nicaragua

Guilford Park is an Earth Care Congregation. Today's bulletins are printed on 30% post-consumer recycled paper. Please recycle in the baskets at each exit from the sanctuary.

### GPPC Elders:

#### Class of 2023

Rebecca Conway

Rick Cromer

Martha Higgins

Sandi Otwell

Bo Rodenbough

E.B. Taylor

Cooper Kirkpatrick— youth elder

#### Class of 2024

Mary Bruce

Kay Cheshire

Lisa Jones

Jansen Lasley

Kay Owen

Don Yelton

#### Class of 2025

Katherine Glasgow

Bill Hickling

Brad Kemmerer

Leslie Loyd

Jim Lumsden

Tim Peck

Sermon/Worship Notes:

Text GPPC to  
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online.



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