

SERMON NOTES:

1. The Spirit’s Invitation (vv. 16-17)

2. The Spirit’s Exhortation (vv. 18-20)

3. The Promise of God’s Grace (v. 21)



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, May 28		
9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children’s Church	Children’s Wing
12:00 PM	Youth HS Senior Lunch	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
5:15 PM	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, May 29		
Church Offices Closed - Memorial Day		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector

Tuesday, May 30		
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, May 31		
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	Stephen Ministry	Tower 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210
6:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, June 1		
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
5:15 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, June 2		
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor

Saturday, June 3		
3:00 PM	Youth Family Cookout	Off Campus

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of a month.  
The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.

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city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission  
in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,  
to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord’s Day

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

Today is Pentecost Sunday, in which we commemorate and celebrate the Church receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. Like the early Church, the Holy Spirit is poured out upon us to equip us for mission.

John Stott says, “Without the Holy Spirit, Christian discipleship would be inconceivable, even impossible. There can be no life without the Life-giver, no understanding without the Spirit of truth, no fellowship without the unity of the Spirit, no Christ-likeness of character apart from His fruit, and no effective witness without His power. As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead.”

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Spirit of God, blow far away from us . . .  
all dark despair, all deep distress,  
all groundless fears, all sinful desires,  
all Satan’s snares, all false values,  
all selfish wishes, and all wasteful worries.  
Blow into us. . .  
Your holy presence, Your living love,  
Your healing touch, Your splendid courage,  
Your mighty strength, Your perfect peace,  
Your caring concern, Your divine grace,  
and Your boundless joy.  
Blow strong, blow fresh, and blow now!  
Send times of refreshing from the presence of our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Sheep May Safely Graze” by J.S. Bach  
Wayne Estrada, trumpet & Patrick Rice, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP  
“We’ve Got the Spirit” by Pepper Choplin

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

John 7:37-39 ESV  
Pastor: On the last day of the feast,  
the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out,  
“If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.  
Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said,  
‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ”  
People: Now this He said about the Spirit,  
Whom those who believed in Him were to receive,  
for as yet the Spirit had not been given,  
because Jesus was not yet glorified.

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†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.

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Praise Ye the Father!” No. 107 (vv. 1-3)  
“Revive Thy Work, O Lord” No. 370 (vv. 1-5)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 53  
Pastor: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?  
People: First, that the Spirit,  
with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.  
Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,  
so that, through true faith,  
He makes me share in Christ and all His benefits.  
He comforts me and will remain with me forever.

CONFESSION OF SIN  
God, our heavenly Father,  
send the reviving wind of Your Spirit  
to blow away the dust of sin in our lives.  
Forgive our dullness  
in hearing and heeding Your Word.  
Create in us open ears  
that listen intently to Your voice.  
Pardon our timidity  
in commending You to others.  
Create in us bold tongues  
to declare Your excellencies.  
Restore to us the joy of our salvation  
and grant us a willing spirit  
to serve You with gladness  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Titus 3:4-7 ESV  
But when the goodness and loving kindness  
of God our Savior appeared,  
He saved us, not because of works done by us  
in righteousness, but according to His own mercy,  
by the washing of regeneration and renewal  
of the Holy Spirit,  
Whom He poured out on us richly  
through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
so that being justified by His grace  
we might become heirs  
according to the hope of eternal life.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE  
“Holy Spirit”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY  
“Thou Art Holy” by Craig Courtney

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH  
Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the  
Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON  
Revelation 22:16-21 — “The Desperation of True Love”  
“Revelation: Roadmap for Daily Life, Refuge for the Future”  
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE  
“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” No. 332 (vv. 1-4)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION  
from Revelation 22:21 ESV  
Pastor: May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.  
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE  
“Capriccio in D” by Georg Böhm  
Patrick Rice, organ

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mrs. Joan Heywood on the  
occasion of her birthday by Dr. Barry Heywood. They are also given in memory of Robert and  
Virginia Talley and Humphrey B. and Rosina Heywood, parents of Joan and Barry Heywood.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our  
homebound and hospitalized on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

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