

Celtic believers in the British Isles used the wild goose to symbolize the Holy Spirit. Unlike the dove, which is calm and gentle, a wild goose is wild, untamed, and uncontrolled. The Holy Spirit is unpredictable too: blowing like the wind (John 3:8) and coming in power (Acts 1:8), disturbing the status quo and setting the people into a new adventure with God.



The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green

Service for the Lord's Day

**Day of Pentecost
May 31, 2020**

Gathering Around the Word

Gathering Music

Striking of the Hour

Welcome

Prelude

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams.

Even upon my servants, men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Acts 2:17-18

All Stand

Hymn 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you; God of our fathers and mothers; through trial and tempest our guide
you have been.*

When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

*With voices united our praises we offer, and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us. To you, our great Redeemer,
forever be praise.*

Confession on the Day of Pentecost includes the awareness that we have neglected the Spirit's leading.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (Unison)

Gracious God, Lord and Teacher, Holy Spirit: surprise us with your glory! These days confound and confuse us. Events upset us. We upset ourselves. Even when we set out to choose wisely, we often fail. We are restricted by our selfishness. We are limited by imaginations that can only see a little bit of the vast good you offer us every day. Forgive us, we pray. Give us time to amend our lives. Fill us with wonder and hope again, in the name of Christ our savior. Amen.

A Silence is observed for Personal Confession

Declaration of Good News

Response Hymn 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

Come down, O love Di-vine; seek out this soul of mine, and vis-it it with your own ar-dor glow-ing. O Com-for-ter, draw near; within my heart ap-pear, and kin-dle it, your ho-ly flame be-stow-ing.

Time with Young Disciples

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Reading from the First Covenant (Responsive)

Numbers 11:4- 30 (selected verses)

When the people complained intensely in the LORD's hearing, **the LORD heard and became angry.**

The riffraff among them had a strong craving. Even the Israelites cried again and said, "Who will give us meat to eat? **We remember the fish we ate in Egypt for free, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic.** Now our lives are wasting away. There is nothing but manna in front of us." The LORD was outraged, and Moses was upset. **Moses said to the LORD, "Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you would say to me, 'Carry them at the breast, as a nurse carries an unweaned child? If you're going to treat me like this, please kill me. If I've found favor in your eyes, then don't let me endure this wretched situation."**

The LORD said to Moses, "Gather before me seventy from Israel's elders, whom you know as elders and officers of the people. Take them to the meeting tent, and let them stand there with you. Then I'll descend and speak with you there. I'll take some of the spirit that is on you and place it on them. Then they will carry the burden of the people with you so that you won't bear it alone.

So Moses went out and told the people the LORD's words. He assembled seventy from the people's elders and placed them around the tent. The LORD descended in a cloud, spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and placed it on the seventy elders. When the spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but only this once.

Two men had remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the second named Medad, and the spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they hadn't gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp.

A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

Joshua, Nun's son and Moses' assistant since his youth, responded, "My master Moses, stop them!"

Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all the LORD's people were prophets with the LORD placing his spirit on them!"

God's instruction to Moses to choose wise elders is one biblical basis for elders in the Presbyterian Church.

Anthem

Come, Holy Spirit, God and Lord
Autumn Stolle, soprano

German Hymn
arr. A.D. Miller

Reading from Acts

Acts 2:1-12

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."

The untamed power of the Holy Spirit causes a scene.

Sermon

Goosed by the Spirit

Matthew Covington

Hymn 286

Breathe On Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

*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.*

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

A Declaration of Faith (5.1 and 7)

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world. By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel. By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered. By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with his church. We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life, the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people, the One who makes real in us what God has done for us.

The Spirit created readiness for the gospel where the first Christians least expected it. The Spirit often thwarted their plans and led them in new directions. They could not coerce or restrict the Spirit. We affirm the Spirit's freedom. The Holy Spirit works in the church but not on our terms or under our control. The Holy Spirit works beyond the church even among those we suspect or scorn. The Spirit is one with the Father and the Son.

We affirm the reality of God's Holy Spirit by observing what the Spirit does.

Duet

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me
Autumn Stolle, soprano Wayne Pope, baritone

Adoro te devote/arr. K. Lee Scott

Statement About Stewardship

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

Closing Hymn 625

How Great Thou Art
First and Last Verses

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!*

Benediction

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*WELCOME VISITORS! Even as we worship online, we are glad you are with us! For more information about our church, pastoral help or for prayer requests, please email our church office.
www.bgpres.org*

Our church Elders: Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, Mary Evans, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Jean Harris, Wayne Hendrix, Tim Leigh, Nathan Love, Nancy Moore, Mike Morse, Pamela Napier, Bud Schlinker, and David Sears. Our church Deacons: Angie Alexieff, Rider Allen, Rob Byrd, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Kim Ferguson, Kathleen Gildersleeve, Cathey Green, Linda Leigh, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Annette Parkerson, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison and Judy Whitson.

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Calendar

Sunday, May 31

8:30 a.m. Shalom/Fellowship (Zoom)
10:30 a.m. Worship
Livestream only
1:00 p.m. In Kahoots (fun for kids)

Monday, June 1

5:00 p.m. Round Table Pulpit (Zoom)

Tuesday, June 2

2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Deacons (Zoom)

Announcements

MEDIA PERSONNEL: David Clarke

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LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, June 7: Genesis 1:1—2:4a; Psalm 82; Corinthians 13:11–13; Matthew 28:16–20.

TODAY:

DEACONS OF THE WEEK this week are Judy Whitson and Ken Royse. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

ROUND TABLE PULPIT is meeting via Zoom, each Monday at 5:00pm. Contact the office for the information to log in.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is OPEN! The deadline is June 10, because we have to prepare materials to send to you. [Click here](#). Families with children age 3 and up are encouraged to join us for our time 'together.' Our first video will 'premiere' on June 21. Come learn about and celebrate God's Big Beautiful World! Questions? [Email Leslee](#).

THE BIBLE IN KAHOOTs! 1:00pm today all children can join Mary Evans & co for a fun time of visiting and Bible stories and fun. Need the zoom link? Email [Leslee](#) or [Mary](#). Participants will need to have a smart phone handy for the fun part!

IT IS PENTECOST SUNDAY! And while we would normally have a festive day here at church with streamers and butterflies and a meal, we are still celebrating! TAKE THOSE PICTURES SHOWING US YOUR RED ATTIRE FOR WORSHIP!

COMING UP:

NEED TO MEET? If your group (PW circle, committee/ministry) needs to meet, contact the office to get a zoom date. Meetings cannot overlap, so please call the office to get scheduled.

A WALKING SMALL GROUP is being formed and you are invited to join. Karen Watson will lead a walking group at Griffin Park starting June 16 at 10:00am. The group will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, weather permitting, for some devotion time and then walking. Enter where the park office is and meet at the shelter-you need a mask. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes. Text or email Karen to let her know you want to join this group. Karen's phone number: 270-991-5673 Karen's email address: mail@kgwatson.com

JOIN GLENN KIRKCONNELL FOR A NEW STUDY! Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm, beginning June 10, Glenn will lead discussion on the Great Courses study The City of God. This series will examine the seminal work by St. Augustine and provide rich discussion material. St. Augustine (5th century AD) was a key theologian who is important to know. FREE streaming of the video is available through the Warren County Library - sign into your account and watch each episode, then join the conversation each Wednesday. Questions? [Email Leslee Kirkconnell](#).

OTHER NEWS:

MASKS Hopefully you aren't going out much, but when you do, you need a mask! We have folk in our congregation making cloth masks, so [email](#) us. Masks need to be part of our daily wear for many months yet. And when we do decide it is safe enough for some to come back to the church to worship, masks will be required!

CAMP IN A BOX - yes this is a 'thing!' Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center in Arkansas is offering a special Camp in A Box that they will send anywhere. You get (one child/one box) activities for a week's worth of NON-SCREEN activities. Designed for children K-rising 6th. Check it out here: <https://ferncliff.org/camp-in-a-box/> Do order soon so you will get it when you want it! Ferncliff is one of our amazing Presbyterian Camp and Conference Centers! THE ORDER WINDOW WILL CLOSE SOON, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, DON'T DELAY!

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