



NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Seek, Serve, Embrace | Engaging with neighbors near and far in Christ's love

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost | May 24, 2026 | 10:00 am

*(*For those who are able, please stand)*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Come Holy Ghost, BWV 651" | J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

They gathered in quiet
**and then the wind picked up,
and their hair got ruffled,
and the Spirit, like little flames, danced above their heads,
and they all started talking in all sorts of languages.**

It was loud and strange,
**but in the midst of the confusion,
they knew God was behind it all.**

God was there.

God is here too.

Let us worship the Triune God.

* HYMN NO. 280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" | EBENEZER

* LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,
in the beginning of time, you moved over the face of the waters;
you breathe into every living being the breath of life.

**Come, Creator Spirit,
and renew the whole creation.**

Holy Spirit, Voice of the Prophets,
you envelope us with a passion for your truth,
and call us to ways of justice and compassion.

Come, Spirit of Righteousness.

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1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
 all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Holy Spirit, Spirit of Jesus,
by your power Jesus came to bring good news to the poor
and release to those held captive.
Holy Spirit, Advocate, Teacher,
you speak to us of our Lord and show us the depth of his love.

**Come, liberating Spirit,
and free us from the power of sin and death.**

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame,
you filled disciples with joy and courage,
empowering them to preach your Word
and share your good news.

**Come, Spirit of Truth,
dwell in us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ.**

ANTHEM

“O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit” | *Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)*

O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit into our hearts,
and lighten our understanding,
that we may dwell in the fear of thy name
all the days of our life;
that we may know thee, the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.

* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty God,
upon gathered disciples,
you poured your Spirit creating
bold tongues,
open ears,
and new communities 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 a 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.**



* **SILENT CONFESSION**

* **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Siblings in Christ,
God has poured out the
Holy Spirit upon us for the forgiveness of sins.

**We believe God will grant us new insights,
fresh resolve,
and the peace that passes all understanding.**

Friends, I declare the peace of God is ours.

Let us live as a forgiven and freed people!

* **GLORIA PATRI**

John Weaver (1937-2021)



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly



Spir - it, as it was in the _ be - gin - ning, is _



now, and will be for ev - er. A - men, a - men, a - men.

* **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Worshippers may greet one another with words of Christ's peace



WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Children are dismissed to Summer Playtime

Offerings added to the Joyful Noise Pail are for mission partner Heifer International

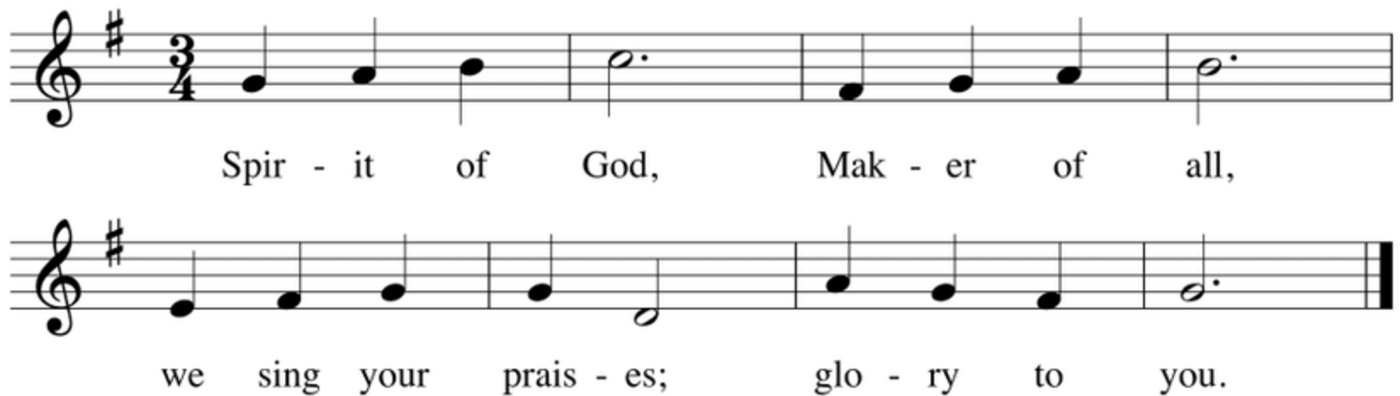
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON | HISTORY

Acts 2: 1-21 | *NT p. 119, Spark Bible p. 502*

SECOND LESSON | PSALM

Psalm 104: 24-35



Spir - it of God, Mak - er of all,
we sing your prais - es; glo - ry to you.

THIRD LESSON | GOSPEL

John 20: 19-23 | *NT. p 115, Spark Bible p. 492*

SERMON

“Breath of Life” | *Karen Herbst-Kim*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN NO. 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered” | *MUNICH*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



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1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.



OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“My Eyes for Beauty Pine” | *Herbert Howells (1892-1983); Poem by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)*

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddes grace:
No other care nor hope is mine,
To heaven I turn my face.
One splendour thence is shed
From all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.
And every gentle heart,
That burns with true desire,
Is lit from eyes that mirror part
Of that celestial fire.

* DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



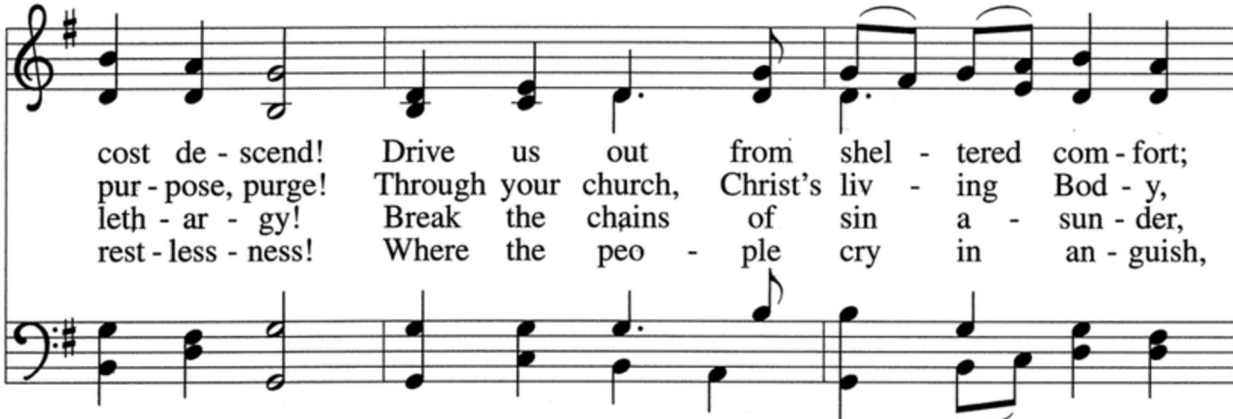
WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

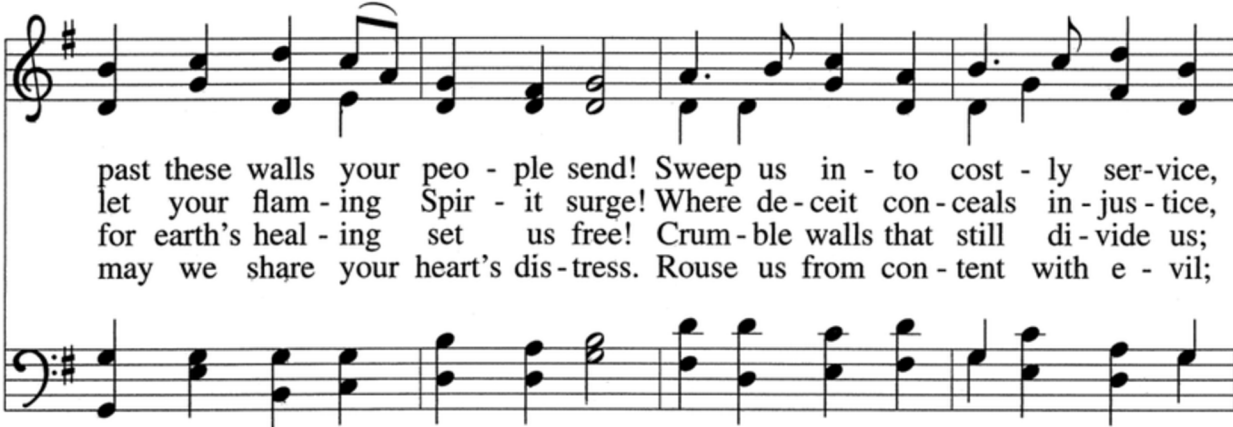
"God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" | CWM RHONDDA



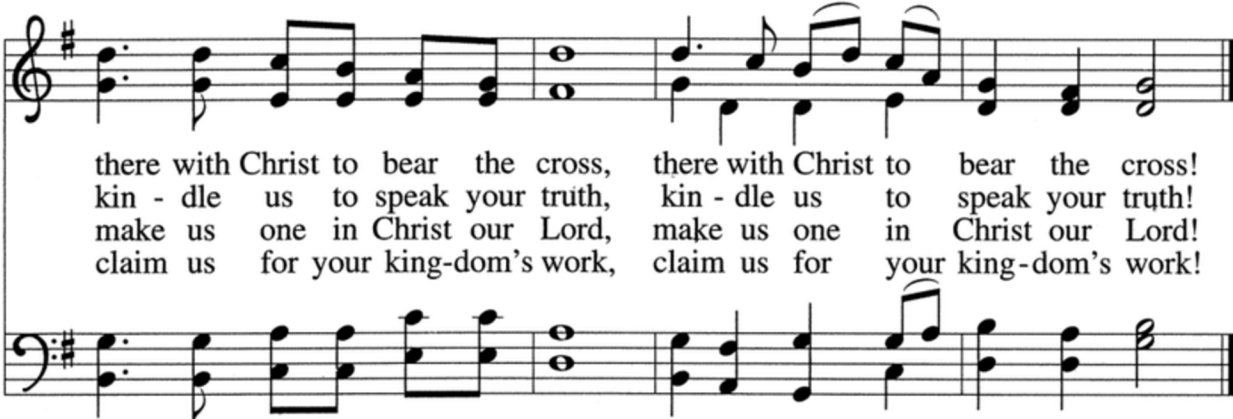
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

* BLESSING AND CHARGE

You have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Go forth empowered and equipped by the Spirit to be Christ's body,
doing Christ's work in the world.

**We will leave the past behind and share generously.
With the Spirit we can find fulfillment and live faithfully.
In the power of the Holy Spirit, nothing is impossible!**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Dona nobis pacem" (Lord, Grant Us Peace) | Ester Mägi (1922-2021)

Dona nobis pacem.

Angels flying high above us, through the quiet of the night,
Bringing peace to ev'ry person, bringing God's peace to all hearts.

Faithful souls in deepest pray'r raise their eyes and hopes toward heav'n.
Angles guide our cares and sorrows to God who knows our soul's needs.

Angels flying high above us, through the quiet of the night,
Bringing peace to ev'ry person, bringing God's peace to all hearts.
Dona nobis pacem.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Karen Herbst-Kim | *Pastor*

Brian Shivers | *Pastor*

Marko Petričić | *Organ*

Krista Wright, Katie Ray, John Wright, and Sam Spade | *Quartet*

Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ | *Cantor*

Krista Wright | *Flute*

Chancel Choir Trebles

Chancel Choir

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Artist's Statement:

"Come Holy Spirit - Pentecost" is an original illustration for the "Fire Starter" creative Bible study and kit for Bible Journaling. I write bible studies and illustrate them for a beautiful combination of Lectio and Visio Divina.

The artwork depicts the Holy Spirit descending on the Disciples gathered together at Pentecost. The study this artwork was made for, "Fire Starter", has a beautiful and meaningful title - I see the Holy Spirit as an initial Fire Starter in our hearts for a love that burns for Jesus. The artwork speaks of the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives as well, reminding us to lift our thoughts to Him: Come Holy Spirit!



IN WORSHIP

“Pentecost” comes from a Greek word meaning fiftieth day. On this day, the Holy Spirit came with wind and flame, empowering the disciples to proclaim the good news of the risen Lord to all people. Falling on the fiftieth day of the season of Easter, Pentecost represents the culmination of the church’s seven-week celebration of Christ’s resurrection. Pentecost is a day of new creation – all things transformed and made new by the Word and Breath of the living God. On this day we give particular thanks for the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, who gathers the church as the body of Christ and sends us to share in Christ’s mission throughout the world. (from *The Book of Common Worship*, 2018 Westminster John Knox Press)

The anthem “O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit,” was composed by the British Renaissance composer Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585) during the reign of Elizabeth I. It is written in a homophonic style, employing slightly delayed entrances and rhythmic deviation. The text comes from a 16th-century Protestant prayer book called *Lidley’s Prayers*, published following Elizabeth’s ascension to the throne and the reinstatement of the Edward VI prayer book. The prayer asks the Holy Spirit to send forth two of its seven gifts: understanding and fear of the Lord.

In today’s Psalm, Psalm 104, we join the psalmist in praising God for the splendor of creation. We sing of God’s Spirit breathing life upon all creatures, not human beings alone. The psalm makes known that the world is well-ordered and reliable, but on its own, it has no possibility of survival or well-being. All of that is a daily gift from Yahweh. With this awareness, the psalmist joyfully states, in verse 34: “My soul, praise the Lord God, that name be adored; Come praise God all people, and worship the Lord.”

For the Offertory, Chancel Choir trebles sing British composer Herbert Howells’ “My Eyes for Beauty Pine,” composed in 1925. Using rich harmonies, modal inflections, and carefully crafted dissonances, the piece creates a sense of yearning and transcendence. The anthem is a setting of a poem by British poet Robert Bridges (1844-1930). Herbert Howells (1892-1983) was a key figure in 20th-century English church music. His unique contribution lies in his ability to blend modern compositional techniques with the English cathedral music tradition, creating a distinctive sound that profoundly influenced subsequent generations of British composers.

Today’s final hymn, “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind,” was first published in 2000. Although the author, Herman Stuempfle, does not mention “Spirit” until midway through the second stanza, “Pentecost” is named at the beginning, and the connection is clear. Powerful images appear throughout the hymn – tempest and whirlwind, blazing and burning, earthquake and thunder, and passion without sleep. The petitions are equally powerful: “sweep us into costly service, let your flaming Spirit surge, kindle us to speak your truth, crumble walls that still divide us, and claim us for your kingdom’s work.” Hymnwriter Herman Stuempfle (1934-2017) served as president of Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg from 1976 to 1989. He was a poet, preacher, and professor, and a lifelong Lutheran who authored several books on preaching and theology.



Northminster Confirmation Class

On Sunday, May 17, 2026, Northminster Presbyterian Church celebrated the confirmation of the following youth.

Congratulations to the youth, their families, and their mentors!

Mika Asende*

Assa Byaombe*

Chanciella Chipola*

Mae Dinwiddie

Norah Ellington

Josie Hochbein*

Mears Kincaid

Charlotte King*

Lucy Mann

Scout Mann

Wade Ricchiuto

Ben Ronco

Jude Wareham

*(Those who were baptized are marked with an *)*



Events and Announcements

Summer Fun: Do Justice | Wednesdays in June | 5:15 - 8:15 pm

Dig into the concept of Justice this summer with Summer Fun! This free program is open to children aged 3 through 5th grade, with childcare available for volunteers and families. Learn more and register today!



Outdoor Worship on Ralston Commons | May 31 | 10:00 am

Next Sunday's worship will be outdoors on Ralston Commons! Bring a chair, water, an umbrella, or anything else you might need to stay cool and comfy. Livestream won't be available, but a recording will be added to our YouTube.

NPC Knits | June 1 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us in June for some knitting or crocheting with a dash of social justice! Bring your needles, yarn, and friends. All people and skill levels welcome! Contact Jill de las Alas for more information.



Grief Support Group | Mondays Through June 8 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm

This six-week group is free for adults who are grieving the death of a loved one. Providing a supportive, confidential, and compassionate environment, all are welcome to share as they feel comfortable. Learn more today.



Yoga Workshops | June 12 | 12:15 - 2:15 pm

Join us on June 12th for the "Building Resilience (vagus nerve)" yoga workshop! These two-hour intensives focus on a different subject each month. Please note that there is no workshop for July. Register today using the QR code!



Theology on Tap | June 25 | 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Pull up a chair, grab a beverage, and enjoy some conversation with pastors Karen and Brian on four Thursdays this summer! Please RSVP using the QR code, so we have a general count, but feel free to join us even if you don't!



June Mission Team Collection: Pantry Items

For the month of June, the Mission Team is collecting bottles of water, boxes of Hamburger Helper, canned tuna, Ritz crackers, and GoGo pouches for our partner, IYG! Donations can be made to the yellow bin in The Gathering Place.

The Ecumenical Yogi Blog and Podcast

A new episode is now available! Episode six, "Meet Your Fitness Professional with Susan Holewinski," can be found on our website or using the QR code. A new blog post, "Impermanence and Attachment," is also available.



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Krista Wright
Spiritual Wholeness and
Wellness Coordinator

Elisabeth Kleinsmith Russ
Family Engagement
Coordinator

Ynfinity Taylor
Bookkeeper

Steve Williams
Finance Administrator

Shiloh O'Rourke
Director of Preschool

Tim McElroy
Lead Custodian

Jonathan McGee
Custodian

Valerie Boak
Custodian

Salima Lutumika
Custodian

Rod Mail
Stephen Ministry Leader

Tony Dzwonar
Stephen Ministry Leader

Teri Thomas
Pastor Emerita

Donald R. Durrett
Associate Pastor Emeritus

Matthew 25

As a Matthew 25 congregation, we focus on building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.

Covenant Network of Presbyterians

As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we seek equity for LGBTQIA2S+ people in church and society. We welcome, honor, celebrate, and include all.

Parenting and Sensory Rooms

Behind the sanctuary in the Narthex are Parenting and Sensory Rooms.

The Parenting Room offers a private space for feeding, changing diapers, and calming children. Toys, games, and books are also available! The Sensory Room provides a quieter, darker space with tools for those with sensory needs. Both rooms have TVs for livestreaming the service via YouTube.

Fidgets and noise-dimming headphones are available outside the Sensory Room.

Children in Worship

We rejoice in all ages worshipping together! There are red worship bags available with activities as well as a quiet activity table and rocking chairs available on the east side of the sanctuary. We also have nursery care and church school happening simultaneously to worship if that is preferred.

Prayer Lists

The prayer list is available 24/7 online! Visit northminster.church/prayer

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