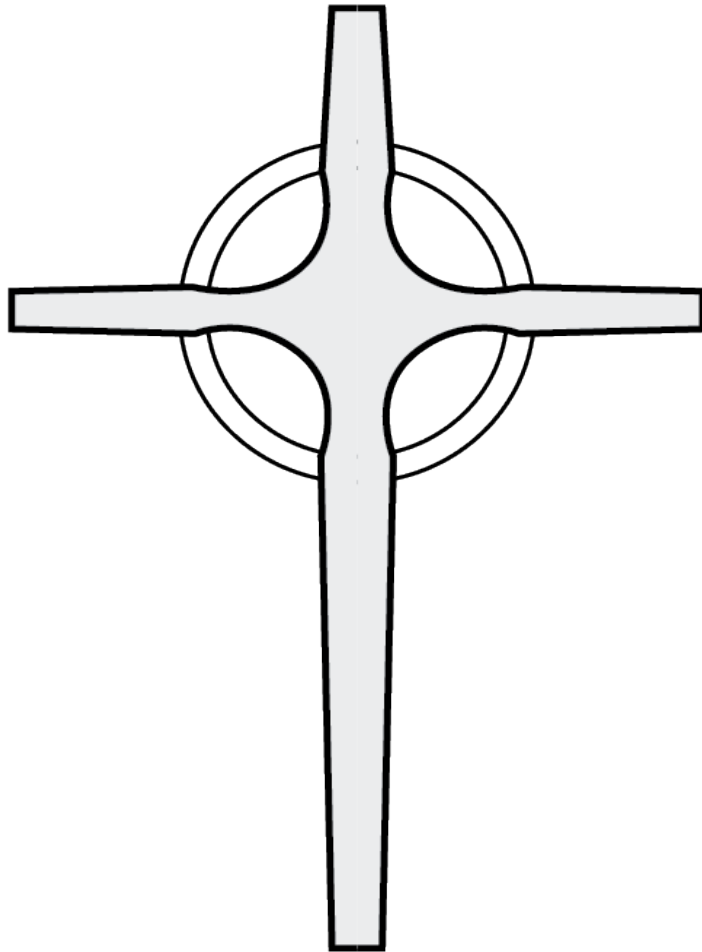


FULLY ALIVE WITH THE PASSION OF CHRIST



May 24, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday



ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

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Preparing for Worship

Pentecost Sunday marks one of the great turning points in the history of redemption. Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection and ten days after his ascension, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. Suddenly, a rushing wind filled the house, and tongues of fire rested upon each of them.

These miraculous events were the fulfillment of a promise stretching back through the prophets of the Old Testament. God declared that one day he would pour out his Spirit upon his people. The same presence that led Israel through the wilderness and filled the tabernacle now takes up residence in God's new dwelling place: His church.

John Stott wrote, "As a body without breath is a corpse, so the church without the Spirit is dead."

Today, we celebrate that the very same Spirit who was poured out upon the disciples in Jerusalem now resides within us. Therefore, prepare your heart for worship by praying:

Almighty God, on this day, through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you revealed the way of eternal life to every race and nation: Pour out this gift anew, that by the preaching of the Gospel your salvation may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*To all who are weary and need rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who fail and desire strength; to all who sin and need a Savior—
this church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners.*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me" arr. Dale Grotenhuis
Shonda Johnson, Organ

WELCOME David Yancey

*CALL TO WORSHIP **please stand if able* John 7:37-38

Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,
"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.
As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart
shall flow rivers of living water.'"

*HYMN: #129 (blue)

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" EBENEZER
Entrance of the Word and Light

*PRAYER OF ADORATION AND INVOCATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, who sent the promised Holy Spirit
to dwell within your church and empower her witness:
We confess that we resist your Spirit among us,
that we are slow to serve you
and reluctant to spread the good news of your salvation.
God, have mercy on us.
Forgive our divisions,
and by your Spirit unite us as one in Christ.
Inflame within our hearts a desire to do your will,
for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

***INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

***CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE**



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS**

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
O Lord, open our lips,
and our mouths shall show forth your praise.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri”

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Rev. Abby Gatliff

*Following the Children’s Moment, first graders and younger are invited to attend Enrichment.
Parents, please walk your children to the Children’s Hall. Second grade and older return to their parents;
please have a Children’s Worship Bag for this time.*

OFFERING OURSELVES, OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Anthem: “Come Down, O Love Divine” Ralph Vaughn Williams
Chancel Choir

*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;*

*O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION OLD HUNDRETH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Carolyn Ashworth

LESSON FROM ACTS Acts 2:1-13
NT pg. 144

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-13
NT pg. 226

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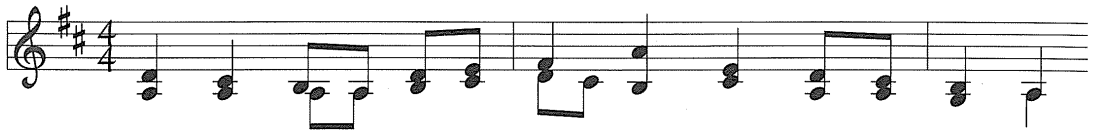
SERMON

“Gifted for the Common Good” Rev. Cort Gatliff

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: “Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” (*see next page*)

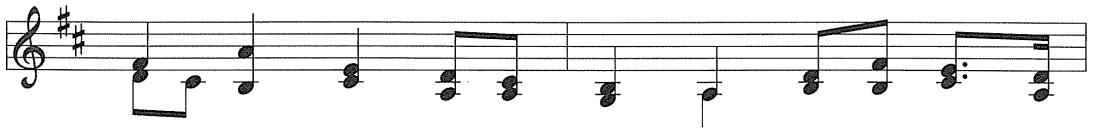
Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God



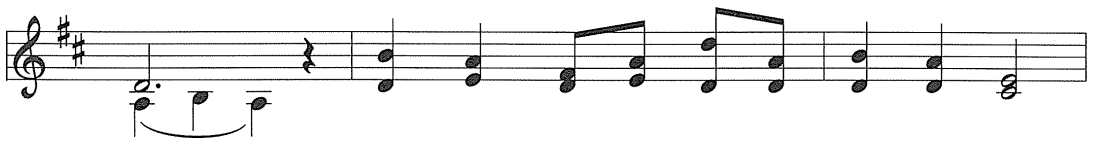
1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new life in -
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may your joy be
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to



to my will - ing soul; bring the pres - ence of the
seen in all I do: love e - nough to cov - er
all that God has made, show your pow - er once a -



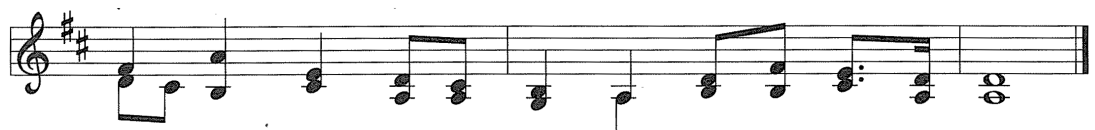
ris - en Lord to re - new my heart and make me
ev - 'ry sin in each thought, and deed, and at - ti -
gain on earth; cause your church to hun - ger for your



whole. Cause your word to come a - live in me;
tude, kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
ways. Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise;



give me faith for what I can - not see. Give me pas - sion for your
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striv - ing in - to
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice, that in u - ni - ty the



pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
works of grace; breath of God, show Christ in all I do.
face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 53: What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

First, he is, together with the Father and the Son, eternal God.

Second, he has been given to me personally,
so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me,
and will remain with me forever.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

*HYMN: #476 (blue)

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” LYONS
Recession of the Word and Light

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Allegro” from *Voluntary IV* Richard Peek



WELCOME

Getting Connected at SHPC | To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Cort Gatliff at cgatliff@southhighland.org.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Dylan David, grandson of Linda and Bob David. Dylan would have celebrated his 24th birthday this Tuesday.

At the Organ Today we welcome Shonda Johnson, filling in for the vacationing Kenny Lewis. Shonda moved to Birmingham in 2020 when her husband became pastor of Red Mountain Church. She teaches K-6 music at Westminster School at Oak Mountain and was organist at Covenant Presbyterian in St. Louis for 12 years. **Conducting the choir this morning** is our own Turner Shaw, who is currently studying music education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Events and Happenings:

- **Summer Sunday Schedule** | Today we begin our summertime schedule for Sunday mornings, with only one worship service, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Sunday School, including Youth Highland, begins at 9:00. Our summer adult option, the Coffee Pot Class, will spend **June and July** with Jesus' "I Am" statements in the gospel of John in Davis Family Hall beginning on Sunday, June 7.
- **Feed My Sheep Today** | We are receiving donations this morning for our Feed My Sheep food pantry. Please deposit your donated packages of toilet tissue in donation receptacles around the church next week. Thank you!
- **Matthew 25 Ambassadors** | SHPC is a Matthew 25 church as we intentionally seek ways to live out Jesus' instruction to love and care for our neighbors and our community. All are invited to a meeting **Tuesday, June 2** at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor, as Ambassadors of Christ's mission from our congregation. More info from [Laura Chapman](#).
- **Register for VBS** | Parents, register your kids now for SHPC's 2026 Vacation Bible School, "Rome: Paul and the Underground Church." Sessions will run June 8-11 from 9 a.m. til noon. **Register in the SHPC mobile app** or visit southhighland.org/vbs to register online.
- **Vacation Bible School Still Needs Volunteers** | VBS runs on the Holy Spirit—AND our wonderful volunteers! We need people to help decorate, shepherd campers from place to place, lead activities, and more. Learn more and register your availability **using the SHPC mobile app** or visit the VBS link on the home page at southhighland.org.
- **Summer Saturday Showers** | Before your summer calendar fills up, please consider signing up to spend a Saturday morning greeting our unhoused neighbors for Saturday Showers. **Sign up in the SHPC mobile app** or visit southhighland.org/saturday-showers. Thank you!
- **Weekly Mahjongg** | Thursday mornings beginning June 4, SHPC will host open play of Mahjongg from 9:30–11:30 in the Youth Suite. No need to make a reservation or bring anything other than an eagerness to play! Materials will be provided; if you have an extra card table to donate, let us know. There will be 3 tables each week, with more if needed. No meeting June 11 because of VBS. Come and enjoy! More info from [Isabeth Gannon](#).



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