



Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024 at 11:00 am

GATHERING IN FAITH

The congregation is the only place (that I can think of!) in Western culture where we develop relationships, celebrate our faith and life together, and also extend those same relationships all the way through dying and death. *Rejoicing in Lament, J. Todd Billings, 2015*

Welcome Steve Crocco
Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements.

Minute for Mission – Soups On Sherry Geis

Trinity Chimes *In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Prelude Jeff Borrebach, Cello and Organ

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling text: Timothy Rees/ music: Michael Burkhardt

*Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.*

*Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ:
You we praise with endless worship for Your gifts and fruits unpriced.*

*Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry;
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending, You we worship and extol.*

Call to Worship Steve Crocco

Leader: Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

**People: The Spirit of God descends upon us,
and Christ's promise to us is fulfilled.**

*Leader: The expression of the Spirit's power
in our community is a wonder to behold.*

**People: We each have a different voice,
yet we witness God's joy together! Amen.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us, come with Pentecostal power;
Give the church a stronger vision, help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation, Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
Still the church is called to mission that God's love shall be made known.**

**We would raise our alleluias for the grace of yester-years;
For tomorrow's unknown pathway, hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey You have led us all the way,
Still in presence move before us, fire by night and cloud by day.**

**Come, O Spirit, dwell among us; give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise You, glorify Your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in one: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas now and through eternity.**

*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Ronnie Bailey

Call to Confession

Ronnie Bailey

Prayer of Confession

**O God, as your Spirit filled the church
on the first Pentecost day,
so fill this house of worship with Your presence,
and fill us with Your passion.
You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world.
Forgive us when we act as if Your stories have all been written.
You hear the prayers of every language
and call us to hear each other.
Forgive us when we act as if Your Spirit
only spoke our native tongue.
Wash us in Your grace, O God,
and illumine us with Your fire.
Send us out to follow Your spirit
and teach us to hear the prayers of all Your people.**

...time for silent personal confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Leader: Scripture is clear: everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
God draws us together, offering salvation, forgiveness, and new life to all.
Friends hear and believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!*

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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GLORY TO GOD (Vassle)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination
 New Testament Reading
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Acts 2:1-21

Barbara Bolls
 Pew Bible, NT, page 119

As the children gather

Where Children Belong

Congregation Singing

This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
 wor - ship - ing throng. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and
 cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

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 MUSIC: James Ritchie
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RITCHIE
 Irregular

Children go to JAM after time with children.

Sermon

Happy Birthday

Tim Spring

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

*Let Every Christian Pray**Hymnal, No. 130*

**Let every Christian pray, this day and every day, come, Holy Spirit, come!
 Was not the church we love commissioned from above? Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**The Spirit brought to birth the church of Christ on earth to seek and save the lost:
 God never has withdrawn, since that tremendous dawn, the gifts at Pentecost.**

**Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour: come, Holy Spirit, come!
 Instruct, inspire, unite, and help us see Your light: come, Holy Spirit, come!**

*Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9/20)

Tim Spring

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and His gospel of reconciliation to all.

Faith Community Concerns, the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Steve Crocco

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.

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Call to Offering

Steve Crocco

A Musical Offering

Chancel Choir, Cello, Piano

Christine Pater, Piano/Jeff Borrebach, Cello

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend/arr. Lloyd Larson

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
will be that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in us.
- Keith Getty & Stuart Townend*

*Doxology

using tune: *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 Dedication

Tim Spring

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

*Hymnal, No.131
see bulletin page 6*

*Charge and Blessing

Tim Spring

Postlude

Organ

O Day Full of Grace

(in the style of a Trumpet Tune) arr. Wayne L. Wold

*O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
Bring light from our God that we may be replete in His joy this season.
God, shine for us now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts emblazon.*

*God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
That we might no more from Him be lost, all darkness for us dispelling.
His flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us all His Healing.
- Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig/trans. by Gerald Thorson*

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Thomas H. Troeger, 1983

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow— Gusts that bend the sap-lings low,
2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn— Suns a-round which plan-ets turn,
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, Move with-in our mor-tal frame.

Gales that heave the sea in waves, Stir-rings in the mind's deep caves—
Bea - cons mark-ing reefs and shoals, Shin-ing truth to guide our souls—
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, Kin-dle them with Your own fire.

Aim Your breath with stead-y power On Your church this day, this hour.
Come to us as once You came: Burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze Till our lives, our deeds and ways,

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, Fill - Your church, its breadth and length.
Speak that tongue which ev - ery land By Your grace shall un - der - stand.

This tune in a lower key, 20

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WORSHIP INFORMATION

The Day of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter, comes from the Greek word *pentekoste*. Greek-speaking Jews called the Jewish Feast of Weeks the Day of Pentecost. On this day, the Church received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2 tells how the anxious and fearful disciples, who had gathered on the Day of Pentecost, were filled with the Holy Spirit and thereafter preached boldly the gospel of Jesus Christ. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, the color of fire, representing the Holy Spirit, or red on white. The dove is also used as a visual for the Holy Spirit.

The Paschal Candle – represents the risen Christ, who passed from darkness to light, to become *the light* shining in the darkness (John 1:5), and it is the corollary of the pillar of fire in the Hebrew exodus. Traditionally, it is the largest candle used in the church and it stands at a central place. The Paschal Candle is lit throughout the **Great Fifty Days** (from Easter to Pentecost) and at Baptisms, Funerals or Memorial Services.

Flowers are given by Shane, Beth and Janine Michael in loving memory of their parents, Carl and Patricia Michael.

Sunday, May 26 – 8:30 am and 10:00 am – Trinity Sunday

Rev. Tim Spring will preach the sermon *Branding* based on John 3:1-17.

Early Worship at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary – a more intimate service, approximately 45 minutes, with a simple worship order including the sermon and two congregational hymns with piano accompaniment.

Service for The Lord's Day - at **10:00am** – in the sanctuary. This more traditional service includes a fuller liturgy, with sermon and congregational hymns. A variety of musical styles are offered by our various choirs accompanied by the pipe organ, piano and other musical instruments. **Next Sunday:** Sharing in the Ministry of Music will be the Chancel Choir with Eric Waggoner, pianist; Paul Banahasky, electric bass; Keith Parton, drums; and Laura Amos, soloist - offering a reprise of *CREDO* from Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Deacons. Please notify Joan Massack (massack720@verizon.net) if you are aware of students in our church who are graduating from high school or college.

Weekday Bible Study continues Wednesdays in the Small Group Room at 11:00am. Starting on May 8, we will turn our attention to the book of 1 John.

Men's Breakfast Fellowship - join us on Tuesday, **June 4** – Gary Rogers of the Oakmont Historical Society. will present a talk on *The Homefront, Life in Oakmont During World War II*.

OPC Film Series - Join us at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Brochures are available in the vestibules. Elevator door entrance opens at 6:15 pm. **May 31** – *A Call to Spy* (2019)

Chancel Flowers – Are you interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary some Sunday to provide beauty to worship? One or two arrangements are welcome each week and can be placed *in memory of loved ones, in celebration of an event or to honor someone*, and all to the Glory of God. **Contact Carla Lowman** (412-826-5914) to **RSVP your date** with info and wording for the bulletin. **Available dates: JUNE 2, 9, 16 and 30.**

Your OPC Family Cares About You! There are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member so we can support you in your time of need. You are loved!

Prayer Requests - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: prayers@oakmontpresby.org or contact Carol Heimerich at 412.242.1028.

Deacons - Food Donations - Thank you for your donations to the food banks at RCAC and Verona Methodist Church supporting families in our community. Please continue to place donations in the shopping carts or drop off financial donations to the office/collection plate. Questions – contact Chris Wilson at 412-779-7024. **For the month of MAY**, Deacons will be **collecting children's clothing**. The bin will be in the 5th Street vestibule. If you need something picked up contact Bobbie Lio 412-310-8807.

Senior Luncheon Celebration – June 8 This luncheon is for those who are 75 years of age and older. If you are 75 or older and did not receive an invitation, please contact Grace McGhee: 412-495-9214 or gmcghee124@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATES "Revamped" Vacation Bible School will take place June 10-13. We will meet in the evenings June 10-12; on June 13 we will spend the day at Camp Crestfield. We are looking forward to having so much fun! If you would like to volunteer, contact Ronnie with questions.

Soups On – met May 16 and made Cream of Pea & Asparagus Soup and Wedding Soup. Stop down at the kitchen freezer and take a container to a friend, neighbor, or relative who needs a cup of cheer and to see your smiling face!

Soup's On began in 2015 as a Deacons project. We will celebrate 10 years in 2025! This group gathers one morning each month to make and freeze soup which is available for anyone who needs a *cup of cheer*. Please consider joining the group on **June 20**. We will then start up again in the fall. Contact Barbara Price with questions 412-727-7695.

BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!



Beginning
May 26 through September 1
worship times will be
8:30 and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

LET THERE BE PEACE

24th Annual Jubilant Praise Concert
Sunday, May 26, 2024—4:00 pm
3:50 pm—Gathering Music begins

Featuring:

The Carnegie Brass, Chancel Choir,
JuBELLation Ringers, Piano, Organ, Percussion

A concert of sacred and patriotic selections.
We continue the tradition of honoring the *Armed Forces*
to recognize those who serve/served our country
as we celebrate our country's heroes.

Parking: on street or in the Oak Ridge Condo,
upper and lower lots (opposite corner of the church).

Oakmont Presbyterian Church

CHURCH CALENDAR

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| SUNDAY | May 19 – Day of Pentecost |
| 8:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| 9:30 am | Coffee & Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room) |
| 10:00 am | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 11:00 am | Worship (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream & children’s JAM (K-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6) |
| MONDAY | May 20 |
| 12:00 pm | AA’s (Small Group Room) |
| 7:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop #854/Cub Pack #137 (Multi-Purpose Room/Dining Room) |
| TUESDAY | May 21 |
| 6:00 pm | Deacons (Dining Room) |
| WEDNESDAY | May 22 |
| 10:00 am | Women’s AA (Dining Room) |
| 11:00 am | Bible Study (Small Group Room) |
| 12:15 pm | Staff (Small Group Room) |
| 4:30 pm | JuBELLation Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 7:00 pm | Pastor Nominating Committee Meeting (Multi-Purpose Room) |
| THURSDAY | May 23 |
| 7:00 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 8:00 pm | NA’s (Dining Room) |
| FRIDAY | May 24 |
| SATURDAY | May 25 |
| 8:00 pm | AA’s (Dining Room) |
| SUNDAY | May 26 – Trinity Sunday |
| 8:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| 9:15 am | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 10:00 am | Worship (Sanctuary) & Via Livestream & children’s JAM (K-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6) |
| 2:30 pm | Jubilant Praise Rehearsals (Sanctuary) |
| 4:00 pm | 24th Annual Jubilant Praise Concert (Sanctuary) |

OPC STAFF

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