

Day of Pentecost  
Sunday | May 24 | 2026  
9:30 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.



Wiggin, Mark. *Pentecost*, 2012. Private Collection, United Kingdom

**Preacher**

Jim Ferry

**Liturgists**

Grier Booker Richards | Austin Vernon

**Musicians**

Eric Nanz, Eric Wall, Adult Choir, Handbell Choir, OnPoint Band

**Additional Leaders**

Anne Galliher

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## Gathering

*\* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit.*

**Words in bold** are for everyone to say or sing.

The sounds of bells summon us to gather for worship.

PRELUDE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

arr. Jason Krug

INTROIT

Jeffrey Rickard, composer

Come thou, Lord, Creator Spirit, tune the humble heart to thee.  
From the flame of love now kindle flame in spirits born for thee.

Thou the Maker of thy children; thou the orb of liberty;  
thou the treasure we do cherish; thou our hope and destiny.

Come thou, Lord, in all thy splendor; let the wall of temple ring.  
Seraphs' cry allow to render clear the anthem we would sing.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Spirit of the living God, visit us again this Day of Pentecost,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With love that overlaps the boundaries of our lives,  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With power from above to make our weakness strong,  
**Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.**

\*HYMN 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

EBENEZER  
(tune of "Come, Thou Fount")

\*CONFESSION AND  
ASSURANCE OF  
GOD'S GRACE

**Holy Spirit, some of us are not sure we're ready for your awesome power to blow through our lives. Perhaps we've grown comfortable with our familiar beliefs and our routines. So, when we cling to our ways and the safety of familiar paths, wake us up, shake us up, beat us up, and breathe your life into us. Walk with us, O God, and give us the courage to follow the way that is lit by the fire of your Spirit. This Day of Pentecost, we pray for the audacity to ride the winds of your incredible, transforming grace. Amen.**

*(Time for silent prayer.)*

\*PEACE           The peace of Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

RESPONSE       Kuna Kucheza

Ku-na ku-che-za, ku-che-za, Al-le-lu-ia! Ku-na ku-che-za, kwa a-ja-bu, Al-le-lu-ia!

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Ku-che-za, ku-che-za, Al-le-lu-ia! Ku-na ku-che-za, kwa a-ja-bu, Al-le-lu-ia!

TIME WITH YOUNG  
DISCIPLES

## We Proclaim God's Word

PRAYER FOR  
ILLUMINATION

Speak, O Lord Getty/Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word; take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority: words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us: truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity; and by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

READING Genesis 1:1-5

READING Acts 2:1-21

SERMON Wishful Thinking!?

## We Respond to God's Word

\*HYMN 292

As the Wind Song

WAIRUA TAPU

PRAYERS OF  
THE PEOPLE

**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.**

OFFERINGS

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

arr. Jason Krug



Scan to give Offerings

\*AFFIRMATION  
OF FAITH

from *The Confession of Belhar*

**We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest  
in the church as the community of believers who have been  
reconciled with God and with one another: that God has entrusted  
the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus  
Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the  
light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a  
peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to  
the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.  
Amen.**

## We Go In God's Name

\*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Scan to make a Prayer Request



Scan to give to Four Pillars

*During worship, children are welcome to explore and play with items from the crates and bookcases in KidsPoint.  
Those who prefer to stay in their seats are welcome to bring items back with them.*

[Click here or scan below to view updates to the Sanctuary renovations!](#)



The bridge and Carol Copeland courtyard are temporarily closed due to construction.  
You can enter via Pickard or Geneva Hall.

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## *Joys* & CONCERNS

### NEW PRESBYTERIANS

**Livy Randolph Battle**, May 15, child of Haley and Staats Battle, grandchild of Romy and Player Barefoot, grandchild of Carol and Richard Battle

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Kathy and Mike Dils** on the marriage of their child, Elizabeth Dils to Jeffrey Walker, April 25

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,  
email Lindsay Dew at [ldew@whitememorial.org](mailto:ldew@whitememorial.org) or Lisa Crumpler at [lcrumpler@whitememorial.org](mailto:lcrumpler@whitememorial.org).

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized, email Caroline Parker at [cparker@whitememorial.org](mailto:cparker@whitememorial.org) or call 919-834-3424 during regular business hours so our pastoral staff can reach out. If you have an urgent pastoral care need that is outside of normal business hours, call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-606-4593.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*



## Sunday, May 24

### Monday, May 25

- Church offices closed
- All Are Welcome

### Tuesday, May 26

- Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
- Women's Breakfast/Circle
- Gentle Yoga

### Wednesday, May 27

- Lectio Divina
- Yin Yoga
- Note in the Pocket
- Wednesday Together Dinner

### Thursday, May 28

- Note in the Pocket
- Pet Loss Support Group

### Friday, May 29

### Saturday, May 30

## Looking at the week and beyond

You can find details on these and other events on our website and church calendar.  
[whitememorial.org/events](http://whitememorial.org/events) | Register for events: [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register)

### PET LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursdays | 7:00–8:30 p.m. | C300**

Support for those grieving a companion animal. All are welcome.

### ALL ARE WELCOME

**Monday, May 25**

**7:00 p.m. | Davidson Chapel**

All Are Welcome is a faith-based small group that offers worship, fellowship, and emotional and spiritual support for LGBTQ+ adults. You're invited to participate in the group as we create a safe space of welcome and engagement. For more information, contact Kathy Hart at [hartmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:hartmusic1@gmail.com) or Lee Hunter at [lhunter@whitememorial.org](mailto:lhunter@whitememorial.org).

### ART & MUSIC HEALING

**Sunday, May 31**

**12:10 - 2:15 p.m. | C200**

This interactive workshop, presented by Artist Ummah & Art by Noni, combines guided breathwork, calming instrumental music, and expressive art-making to help participants relax, reconnect with themselves, and experience creativity in a welcoming church community setting. All are welcome—no art experience is needed!

### BAPTISM & BELONGING

**Sunday, June 14**

**9:30 a.m. | R400**

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to present their children for Baptism.

### MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION

**August 14-16**

Limited spots available! Designed for women at every stage of life, this retreat offers space to breathe, reflect, and be renewed—grounded in community and anchored in God's faithful presence. The cost for the weekend including meals, retreat fees, and lodging is \$400.00/person. To learn more, contact Beth Moore. **Registration closes June 25th.**

### GRADUATION SUNDAY:

**JUNE 7, 2026**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 GRADS

#### Graduation breakfast

**9:30 a.m. | Pickard Hall**

For high school seniors and their parents and siblings.

**Worship | 11:00 a.m. | Main Hall**

To honor our graduating seniors.

### CONFIRMATION 2026-27

#### REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

**Monday, June 1**

Registration for the 2026-2027 Confirmation class will open on June 1 for rising 8th graders. We are excited to journey alongside this next group of confirmands as they grow in faith and community.

### BACKPACK BUDDIES + OBERLIN ROAD DRIVE-THRU FOOD PANTRY Ongoing Collection

Help provide weekend meals and food for local families and students. Donate or volunteer via the church website.

# Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

Deacons can be found around Main Hall to offer a friendly greeting, answer questions and provide directions. New members are received after attending the *Believing & Belonging @WMPC* class. Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join) or contact Lindsay Dew at [ldew@whitememorial.org](mailto:ldew@whitememorial.org).

## Things to Know

### Restrooms

are located outside of Main Hall

### Nursery

Childcare is available for children up to four years old

### Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages

### Refreshments

Coffee and water stations are located outside the Main Hall

### Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system available in the Main Hall

### AED/NARCAN

Available in Main Hall, Lobby in Ross, Lobby in Calvin and 3rd floor Luther

### Live Streaming

Services available at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org), Facebook and YouTube

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

After Hours Pastor On Call: 919-605-4593



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## 280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

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

This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

## GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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.

## As the Wind Song

## 風之頌



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the  
 1 風之頌 林 中 吹 送, 輕 風  
 2 彩之虹, 雨 後 高 懸, 生 之



stir - ring of the breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 hope that's born a - gain, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 送, 心 中 振 動, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹  
 盼, 人 間 再 現, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God, as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the  
 God, as the green in the spring, as a  
 送; 心 溫 暖, 奇 異 難 明, 風 浪  
 送; 春 天 裡, 青 山 綠 水, 線 上



voice with - in the storm, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 kite on a string, so it is with the Spir - it of  
 中, 靜 聽 主 聲, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹  
 繫 飛 揚 風 箏, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹



God. Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has  
 God, mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come  
 送; 眼 不 見, 心 未 明, 風 來 去 何  
 送; 大 地 萬 象 更 新, 和 平 終 寶

Reversing the usual order, this hymn began with the music rather than the words. The composer (from Singapore) sent this tune to the author (in New Zealand) to see what text it might inspire from her. She also suggested the tune name, a Maori phrase meaning "Holy Spirit."

## GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing power to the world,  
 true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,  
 縱 給 世 人 賜 生 命 加 力 量;  
 現 給 世 人 帶 來 愛 和 禮 物;



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -  
 as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the  
 火 之 舌, 跳 動 飛 舞, 心 深 處, 朝 思 暮  
 燴 之 醇, 俏 然 膨 升, 盛 宴 上, 醇 香 美



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.  
 想, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。  
 酒, 上 主 的 靈 如 風 吹 送。

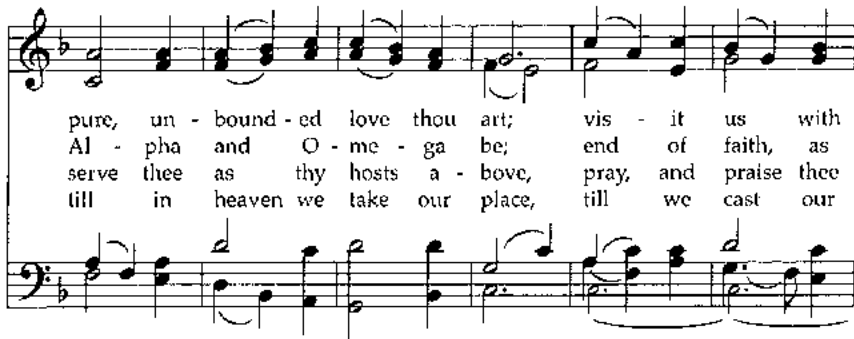
## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.