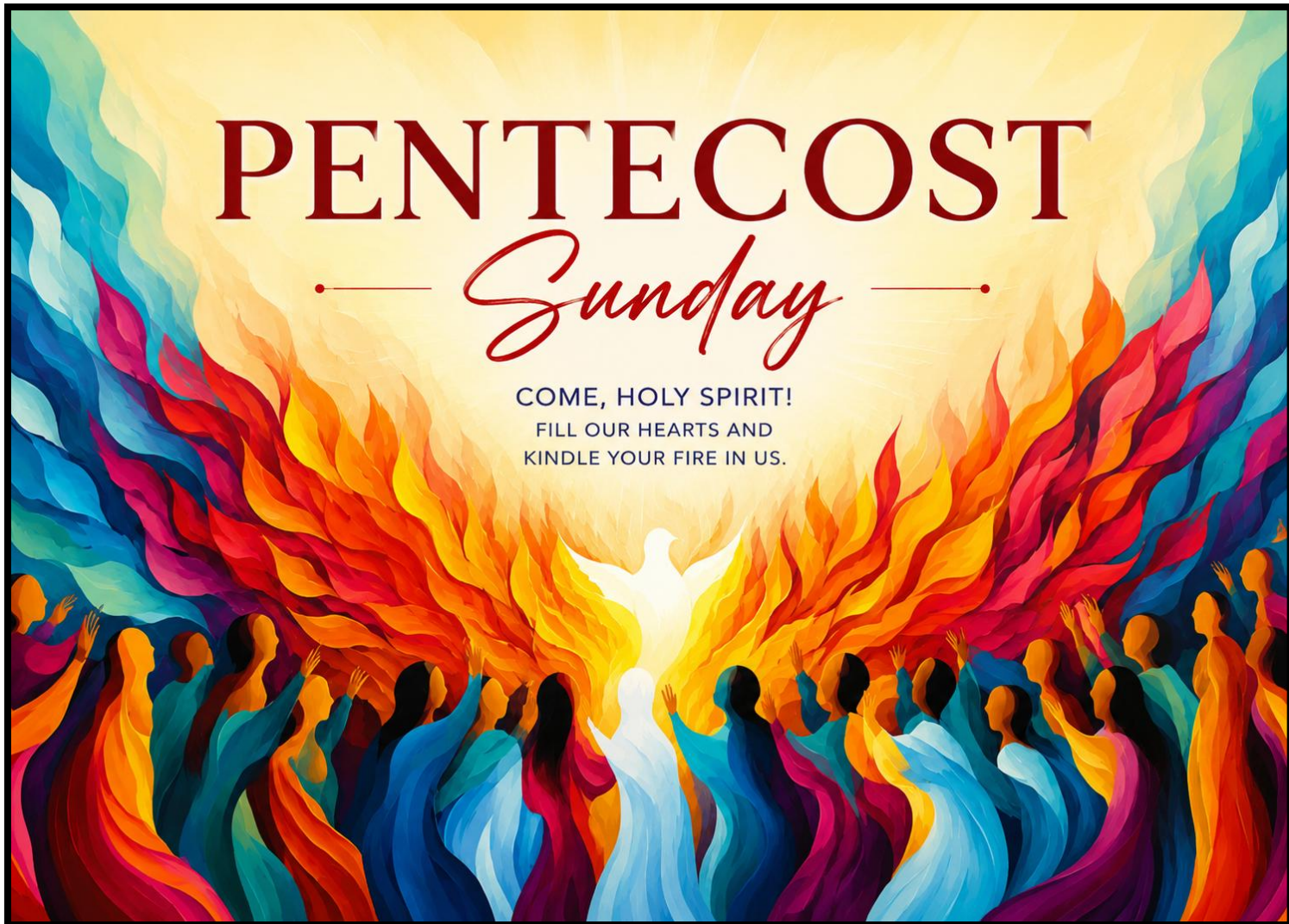


PENTECOST

Sunday

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!
FILL OUR HEARTS AND
KINDLE YOUR FIRE IN US.



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Worship

May 24, 2026 10:30 am

Welcome to our worship and fellowship.

If you are visiting, please sign our guest book, and we will pray for you.

** Stand, as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Kevin Dupuis

*WELCOME

Jeff White

*INTROIT **Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

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*CALL to Worship (using Galatians 5:22, 23)

leader & people

Pentecost is today! It was a Jewish festival of barley harvest and the giving of the Law.

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell with us today.

On one Pentecost, fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, the Church was born.

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell with us today.

We celebrate the empowering and communicating Spirit of God among the people.

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell with us today.

We worship, getting in touch with God's Spirit who makes us

loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled.

There is no law against behaving in any of these ways.

Come, Holy Spirit, dwell with us today.

* SONG

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

(John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs © 1982)

PRAYER of Invocation (*Celebrate God's Presence*, 2000, p. 203)

in unison

Come Holy Spirit, come. Come into our place of worship this day.

Come into each heart, each prayer, each song, each life here today

so that we may live and love with purpose, courage, and enthusiasm,

serving our world. Amen

SONG "Be still and Know" vs. 1, 2 (Tom Fettke; Lee Herrington © 1986 by Word Music)

1. Be still and know that I am God. [x3] | 2. I am the Lord that healeth thee. [x3]

The Lord's PRAYER

Maria Coates, Shuting Yang

SONG **Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One,**

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. [repeat all]

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us. [repeat all]

Give thanks.

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PSALM 104:24, 28-31 (CEV)

leader & people

Our Lord, by your wisdom you made so many things;
the whole earth is covered with your living creatures.
All of these depend on you to provide them with food,
and you feed each one with your own hand, until they are full.
But when you turn away, they are terrified;
when you end their life, they die and rot.
You created all of them by your Spirit,
and you give new life to the earth.
Our Lord, we pray that your glory will last forever
and that you will be pleased with what you have done.

HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

vs. 1-2 (Graham Kendrick © 1987 Make Way Music)

**1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us:
Shine on me, Shine on me.**

**2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me,
consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me.**

**Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father’s glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!**

STORY TIME

(Children’s activity sheets are available in the Foyer. There are also Classrooms upstairs.)

HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” vs. 3

**As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine.....**

FIRST Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Cynthia McCarthy

CHOIR

“I Will Sing Unto the Lord”

GOSPEL

John 20:19-23

Derek Livingstone

*HYMN

“Spirit, Open My Heart” (Ruth Duck, 1994)
**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

1. **God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that’s kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.**

2. **Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.**

3. **May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.**

SERMON

“A Spirit of Forgiveness”

Jeff White

SILENT Meditation

OFFERING

*RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, evermore.
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.**

(Fairhill)

CELEBRATION of Ministry

PRAYERS for All

*HYMN

“We Are Marching”
**We are marching in the light of God [X4]
We are marching, marching, we are marching, Oo,
We are marching in the light of God [X2]**

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**Si-ya-hamb’ e-kukha-nyen’ kwen-khos’ [X4]
Si-ya-hamba, hamba, si-ya-hamba, Oo
Si-ya-hamb’ e-kukha-nyen’ kwen-khos’ [X2]**

BENEDICTION

*CHORAL Blessing

**Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

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POSTLUDE

[You may remain seated to hear the postlude music.]

Kevin Dupuis

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Best wishes to Ed Colquhoun who is turning **80** this week! To help him celebrate this milestone, enjoy a piece of birthday cake in the Vestry following this morning's service.

Board of Trustees will meet **today, May 24**, following the morning service.

Congregational Meeting next Sunday, **May 31**, to review/approve the recommendations of the Board of Trustees (Re: Roof Proposal)

Bluegrass Is Back! The Spinney Brothers Bluegrass Band returns to FBC **TODAY, May 24, 2:00–4:00 pm!**

Introduction to Christianity: Interested in church membership or learning more about the Baptist tradition? Join Rev. Jeff White for this **4-week study series** on **Tuesdays** from **3:30 – 5:00 pm**, beginning **May 26**.

Offerings for Sunday, May 17

Envelopes	\$1,135.00
Plate	\$ 113.00
Restoration	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$1,235.00

Pre-Authorized Offerings for April
\$1,045.00

Schedule for Sunday, May 24 – Monday, June 1

- Sun., 24 10:30 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Meeting of the Board of Trustees
- 2:00 pm Spinney Brothers Concert
- Mon., 25 11:00 am Prayer Time
- Tue., 26 3:30 pm Introduction to Christianity
- Thur., 28 10:00 am Deacons Meeting
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- Sun., 31 10:30 am Worship Service
- Congregational Meeting: Re: Roofing Proposal
- Mon., 1 11:00 am Prayer Time
- 4:00 pm IODE