



Shallotte Presbyterian Church

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Day of Pentecost | May 23, 2021

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**NOTE: If you are worshipping from home, you'll want to set up your worship space with some bread or crackers, and some kind of juice—and maybe a wind toy or ribbons tied in a knot at one end or a sock. 😊**

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## GATHERING MUSIC AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership  
Carol Kauffman, 2020 & Molly Frederick, 2021, recipients

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*(All speak words in **boldface**.)*

Breath of God, breath of life, breath of our longing:

**come, blow, inspire our hearts.**

Comforter, Disturber, Inspirer:

**come, blow, breathe life into our living.**

Advocate, Challenger, Visionary:

**come, blow, inspire our every breath.**

The Spirit is here, among and within us,

**moving us to sing and praise God.**

HYMN

*Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

MONKLAND

***Wind who makes all winds that blow—  
gusts that bend the saplings low,  
gales that heave the sea in waves,  
stirrings in the mind's deep caves—***

***Aim Your breath with steady power  
on Your church this day, this hour.***

***Raise, renew the life we've lost,  
Spirit God of Pentecost.***

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## A PENTECOST INVOCATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Renewing Spirit,  
when we confuse unity with uniformity,  
and diversity with divisiveness,  
**forgive us, O God;**  
when we speak and behave  
as if being a part of your family  
means assimilating others  
to a rigid, laws-over-love, way of living,  
**forgive us, O God;**  
when we deny and destroy  
the beauty you created in each person,  
**forgive us, O God.**  
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit  
and breathe into us the courage  
to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Through Christ,  
God has poured out the Holy Spirit upon us  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.**

### RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*To God Be the Glory*

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory: great things he has done!***

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875 P.D. TUNE: William Howard Doane, 1875 P.D.

SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 4:1-7, 5:16-26

ANTHEM *Fruitful Trees with Spirit Sowing* arr. by Francis Patrick O’Brian

Gail Thomas, soprano; Laura Viau, alto; Wayne Tillman, tenor

Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s sowing, may we ripen and increase,  
fruit to life eternal growing, rich in love and joy and peace.

Laden branches freely bearing gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
here is fruit that grows by sharing, patience, kindness, gentleness.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master, Christ our pattern and our goal,  
teach us as the years fly faster, goodness, faith, and self-control.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit’s tending, may we grow till harvests cease;  
till we taste, in life unending, heaven’s love and joy and peace.

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SERMON

“The Fruit We Bear”

Rev. Laura Viau

PRACTICES OF LOVE: GIVE LOCALLY  
SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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**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.**

Words of Institution

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The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Communion

Prayer after Communion

HYMN

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

SPIRIT

*Refrain:*

***Spirit, spirit of gentleness,  
blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness,  
stir me from placidness, Wind, wind on the sea.***

***You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,  
from the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.***

***With bold new decisions Your people arise. (Refrain)***

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BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

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From where we are now, to where you need us:

**God, we hear you call us**

From the familiarity of what we know,  
to the wonder of what will be revealed,

**Spirit, we trust you to guide us**

Because you promise to work through us - even us! -  
to transform the fabric of the world

**Jesus, we know you will walk with us,  
accompanying us, today and always. Amen.**



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*PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL. 😊*

