

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2009

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit...” ACTS 2

God Gathers Us In Community

PRELUDE Themes and Variations on *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* Michael Burkhardt

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AN INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHORAL INTROIT *Veni Sancte Spiritus* TAIZE

To Call On The Name Of The Lord And Offer Praise

+CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Come, believers and faithful ones, sing your alleluias to God.
ALL: **Praise God who invades us with a rush of a mighty wind and fills us with fire.**
ONE: Praise God, whose Spirit is poured out upon all flesh so our sons and daughters might prophesy.
ALL: **God’s Spirit gives us good and varied gifts.**
ONE: The Spirit moves through us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.
ALL: **As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ.**
ONE: We gather to celebrate Pentecost, opening ourselves to God’s Spirit.
Let us worship God.

+ HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 461 *God Is Here!* ABBOT’S LEIGH

Awareness Of God’s Word

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, come:
ALL: **Enter our lives. Free us from all fear. Give us strength to carry on. Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day.**
ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, come:
ALL: **Give us power to be the church. Impart your many gifts to our members, that we may be the body of Christ’s presence in the world.**

ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, come:
ALL: **Free us from all fear, and renew our life together.**
ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, come:
ALL: **Bind us close together, not only with the sheep of this fold, but all Christ’s people around this city and world. Forgive the pride, prejudice, and self-righteousness which separate us from one another.**
ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, come:
ALL: **That all may be one in Christ, source of all true unity, who is with us today and always, even to the end of time. Amen**

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 333 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

To Hear And Proclaim God’s Word

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS MATTHEW 16:13-20
FIRST READING FROM THE EPISTLES EPHESIANS 1:15-23

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SECOND READING FROM THE EPISTLES COLOSSIANS 1:1-23

SERMON *Where Our Life Finds Its Purpose* Ken Letterman

To Respond To God’s Word

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves, and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus. Amen

+HYMN NO. 321 *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* SONG 13

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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS – PENTECOST OFFERING

OFFERTORY

All Earth Rejoice

Vivaldi/Hopson

+DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen**

OLD HUNDREDTH

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We Go Into The World To Serve

+HYMN NO. 430

Come Sing, O Church, In Song

DARWELL

+INVITATION, CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 127 vs. 3

Come, O Spirit

BOUNDLESS MERCY

+POSTLUDE

Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott

Dietrich Buxtehude

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 7, 2009

The Session of Evergreen Presbyterian Church, acting on the request of the Associate Pastor Nominating, calls a meeting of the congregation after worship on Sunday, June 7, 2009 for the purpose of voting to extend a call to Davis Bailey to the position of Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Evangelism and to extend a call to Julie Davis to the position of Associate Pastor for Christian Education.

INFANT AND CHILD CARE: A nursery and worship care area for preschoolers is provided on the first floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to assist you.

We Welcome all who have gathered to worship with us this day. Evergreen Presbyterian Church is a member of The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a worldwide community of Christian believers who profess their faith in Jesus Christ within the Reformed tradition. If you are without a church home or would like to explore being part of this congregation, or if you would like a visit from the pastor, please make your requests known on the Friendship Pad. The church welcomes all God's children. We hope you will consider joining with us in ministry.

Website: www.evergreenmemphis.org

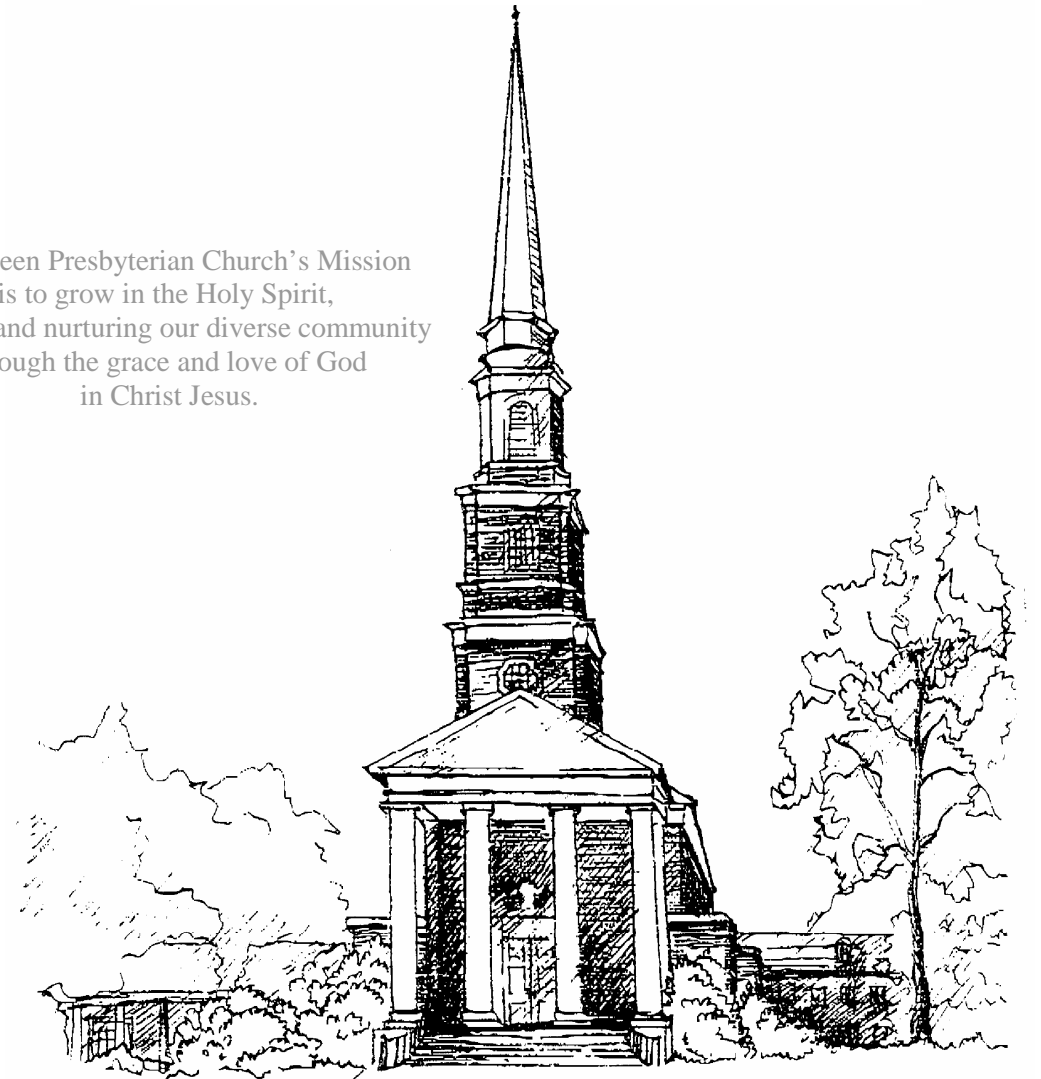


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Evergreen Presbyterian Church's Mission
is to grow in the Holy Spirit,
serving and nurturing our diverse community
through the grace and love of God
in Christ Jesus.



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Parish Associate and Rhodes College Chaplain: Rev. Walt Tennyson
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