



balmoral presbyterian church

service of worship



June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

11:00am

Chiming of the Hour

Bells of Balmoral

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Mark Howland

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Veni Creator Spiritus"

Linda Warren, pianist

Traditional Chant

Setting by Lani Smith

***Call to Worship**

Mary Schmitz, Liturgist

Leader: In the last days it shall come to pass God's Spirit is poured out on all flesh,

People: sons and daughters shall prophesy, young men shall see visions, and old men shall dream dreams.

Leader: On the captives, both men and women God's Spirit shall be poured out and they shall prophesy.

People: Let us call upon the name of the Lord, who alone has given us salvation.

***Gathering Song 282**

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

DOWN AMPNEY

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you poured out your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, opening ears, and a creating a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of our Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time of silence to lift personal confessions)

Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response Hymn**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever will be,

World without end. Amen. Amen

Share the Peace of Christ

Musical Offering

"Canon of Thanks"

Donald Moore

HEARING THE WORD

Children's Message

Invitation to Centering Silence

Be still. Prepare yourself to hear the Word of God.

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading

Genesis 1:1-2

Acts of the Apostles Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

Life-Giving Spirit

Silent Reflection

In the silence, attend to what the Spirit has given you.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** Song of Response 66**

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

PENTECOST

*Affirmation of Faith

Brief Statement of Faith 11.4

**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.**

**The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**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!"**

Prayer of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Moment for Mission

Offering

Please place tithes and offerings in the brass plates. Children will collect quarters to provide funds to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund. Place Pennies for Hunger in the glass jar near the sanctuary doors for our Food Pantry. Pass the Friendship Pads along the row, then pass it back down the row and greet those in your row after worship.

Offertory

"Spirit Song"
Linda Warren, pianist

John Wimber
Setting by John Carter

***Hymn 710**

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

**We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices; Lord use our hands; Lord use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.**

Prayer to Dedicate the Gifts

***Sending Song 289 (vss 1, 4, 5)**

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

MUNICH

Charge and Blessing

***Benediction Response**

"Lord Let Us Leave Now"

OLD ENGLISH TUNE

**Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.
Though we have some questions, our faith in You is sure.
We know You are with us, Your way will endure.
Lord, let us leave now, filled with You anew, and pledged to Your service in all that we do.**

Postlude

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
Linda Warren, pianist

African-American Spiritual
arr. Kurt Kaiser

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- * indicates those who are able, please stand

OUR MISSION:

*We are an open community who believes God is love and
who lives our belief through praise and service.*

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Jack Orians (15); William Warren (25); Rose Lucas (26)

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Kristen and Cliff Gurlen (8); Kay and Scott Dawson (9);
Cathy and Clinton Bailey (16); Fran and Phil Shannon (17);
Margaret Mullins and Gary Reese (27); Elizabeth Dick and Ron Serino (27)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WE THANK OUR WORSHIP LEADERS** for enhancing our worship this morning! Thank you to the Balmoral choir, directed by Ben Legett, Linda Warren, pianist, and Mary Schmitz, Liturgist.
- **EARTH CARE TIP of the MONTH for JUNE:** make a weekly trip to purchase from a local farmer's market
- **CREATION STATION:** BPC loves the children to be a part of our worship service. We invite families to allow children to join at our Creation Station which is located in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that a responsible adult sit in the back row in case a need arises.
- **PENTECOST OFFERING:** Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.
What we collect for the Pentecost Offering is divided into four ministry areas. 40% of the offering remains with our congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our community. 25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12-18, and those called to accompany them on a national level. 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer experience which supports college-aged students in serving for a year in some form of ministry globally and nationally. 10% supports the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" national initiative which motivates and inspires Presbyterians to better the lives of children by joining in God's ongoing transformation of the world by working and advocating to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education so that all children, created in the image of God, may grow into the fullness of life.
We will collect the Pentecost offering this morning during the worship service.
- **LUNCH WITH MARK:** Lunch with Mark is today following the worship service; we will have an opportunity to dialogue with Pastor Mark in Classroom A. This month's topic will be our LGBTQIA+ Ministry initiatives. Bring your lunch and your questions.
- **COFFEE-TIME SNACKS:** Don't forget to sign up for coffee-time snacks!
- **JUNE BOOK CLUB** will meet Tuesday, June 10, beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Janice Hill at 2110 Hickory Crest Drive. Kathrine Getske will lead the discussion of Erik Larson's *The Devil in the White City* - a nonfiction book that reads like exciting fiction.

- **GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:** We are collecting much needed items for our community; Please don't forget to bring your donations for:
 - The Food Pantry needs staples from our Food Cart!
 - Supplies for the Hospitality bags
 - Place used toothbrushes & empty toothpaste in the box in the Food Cart for recycling.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES ON THE CALENDAR: *(see the BPC website for more information!)*

- **TUESDAYS with TED** meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. at Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross Rd.
- **CHAIR YOGA** meets every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30pm in Classroom A
- ***(SUNDAY STUDIES will not meet until Fall)***
- ***(CHOIR REHEARSAL will be meeting at 10:15am on Sunday mornings thru June 15, then will be meeting announced as needed.)***
- **LUNCH WITH MARK**, Sunday, June 8, 12:30pm in Classroom A
- **BOOK CLUB**, Tuesday, June 10, 1:30pm at the home of Janice Hill, 2110 Hickory Crest Drive.
- **CHOIR REHEARSAL** , Sunday, June 15, 10:15am
- **WORSHIP**, Sunday, June 15, 11:00am
- **WRITER'S CIRCLE**, Monday, June 16, 1:00pm in Classroom A
- **SESSION MEETING**, Monday, June 16, 6:30pm in Classroom A
- **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**, Thursday, June 19 all day
- **THURSDAY SMALL GROUP**, Thursday June 19, 10:15am in Classroom A
- **BPC SISTERS TEA PARTY**, Friday, June 20, 5:00pm
- **WORSHIP**, Sunday, June 22, 11:00am
- **SANDWICH MAKING PROJECT**, June 22, right after Worship in Classroom A
- **WORSHIP**, Sunday, June 29, 11:00am