



**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, May 24, 2026**

Pentecost
Worshipping in the Sanctuary
10:00AM



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Pentecost

Welcome.

We are glad that you are here.

As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.

We celebrate that God's love and grace extend to all and affirm that each person has sacred worth.

So take a moment.

Breathe.

This service is livestreamed and recorded. People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.

Gathering Music

Trinity Song
Congregation

Sandra McCracken

Welcome and Announcements

Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Liturgist: Please stand in body or in spirit
and join me in the call to worship and opening prayer.

All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.
I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Liturgist: May my meditation be pleasing to him.
All: **For I rejoice in the Lord.**

Liturgist: Bless the Lord, O my soul!
All: **Praise the Lord!**

Hymn

On Pentecost They Gathered
Congregation

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Call to Confession

Please be seated.

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God,
we confess that we love you
and that we have not kept your commandments.
You call us to obedience, and we have fallen short.
Forgive us those times when we have done what we know to be wrong
and those times where we did not do those things we know to be right.
Fill us with your Spirit, grant us your grace,
that we might live lives of obedience that give glory to you.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Liturgist: If we confess our sins...all unrighteousness.

All: Friends, rejoice in the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Greeting Time & Passing of the Peace

Children's Message

*Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.
Please be seated.*

Blessing of the Children

All: You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24-30

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So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those

New Testament Reading

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were

Acts 2:1-21

NRSVUE

amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Gospel Reading

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

John 14: 15-21

NRSVUE

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dreaming with the Spirit

Luke Bultena, certified candidate for ordination (PCUSA)

Song *Send Down the Spirit* Marty Haugen
Congregation

Moment for Mission *Pentecost Offering*
Please be seated. Stephen Ward

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Invitation to Stewardship www.trinityarlington.org/give

Offertory & Pentecost Offering *Amber* Jeanne Cotter
Matt Wheeler, piano

Prayerful Setting of Intentions

Please take this reflection time to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.

Prayer for Dedication

All: Holy Triune God,
With astonishment, we see that you renew our strength constantly.
Open our hearts to the wind sweeping through this room.
Open our awareness to the wind sweeping through our lives.
Open our whole selves to your abundant love. Amen.

Song *Soul on Fire* Brown, Carr, Powell, Lee,
Please stand as you are able. Congregation Maher, Anderson

Benediction

Sending Music *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #700
Congregation

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.
As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

Song Lyrics

Trinity Song

Verse 1

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Holy Communion, three in one
Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Holy Communion, three in one

Verse 2

Come with your peace with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love
Come with your peace with your invitation
Bind us together in Holy Love

Verses 1 & 2 sung together

Ending

Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Holy Father, Son, and Spirit
Three-in-one, Three-in-one, Three-in-one

On Pentecost They Gathered

1 On Pentecost they gathered
quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples,
to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing,
filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire aglowing
inspired each person there.

2 The people all around them
were startled and amazed
to understand their language,
as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message,
what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen
to vanquish all our fear.

3 God pours the Holy Spirit
on all who would believe,
on women, men, and children
who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit,
bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming,
responds in every hour.

4 O Spirit, sent from heaven
on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us
in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen
and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation
glad songs of joy shall raise.

Send Down the Fire

Refrain

Send down the fire of your justice,
Send down the rains of your love:
Come, send down the spirit,
breathe life in your people,
and make us the people of God.

Verse 1

Call us to be your compassion,
teach us the song of your love;
Give us hearts that sing,
give us deeds that ring,
make us ring with the song of your love.

Refrain

Verse 2

Call us to learn of your mercy,
teach us the way of your peace;
Give us hearts that feel,
give us hands that heal,
make us walk in the way of your peace.

Refrain

Verse 3

Call us to answer oppression,
teach us the fire of your truth;
Give us righteous souls,
'til your justice rolls,
Make us burn with the fire of your truth.

Refrain

Verse 4

Call us to witness your kingdom,
give us the presence of Christ;
May your holy light
keep us shining bright,
ever shine with the presence of Christ.

Refrain

Coda

and we shall be people of God!

Soul on Fire

Chorus 1

God I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart,
'Til I am a soul on fire.
Lord I'm longing for Your ways,
I'm waiting for the day,
When I am a soul on fire

Chorus 1

Verse

Lord restore the joy I had.
I have wandered bring me back.
In this darkness lead me through
Until all I see is You, yeah.

Chorus 1

Bridge

Lord let me burn for You again.
Let me return to You again.
And Lord let me burn for You again.
And let me return to You again.

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

God I'm running for Your heart.
I'm running for Your heart.
'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups

What does the story of Pentecost challenge me to do in these days?

My intention for this week is:

Morning Prayer for the Week

Spirit of the living God,
who rushed like wind and burned like fire,
stir my spirit to speak boldly of your goodness.
When I am weary, be my strength.
When I am afraid, be my courage.
Let your presence dwell in me this day. Amen.

Evening Prayer for the Week

At the close of this day,
I ask for your healing touch to be upon me.
I know that you are a God of healing and restoration,
and I trust in your power
to bring healing.
I rest in your grace
that my body, mind and spirit may be refreshed. Amen.

Readings for the Week Acts 2:1-21

(Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words)

Questions for Reflection

1. In what ways do the intense imagery of flame and rushing wind (2:2-3) illuminate the Spirit's arrival? What truths do these specific symbols convey to us?
2. Why do you think the Holy Spirit chose the ability to speak foreign languages as the initial sign of divine empowerment?
3. When have you experienced cross-cultural understanding as a work of the Spirit?

Intentional in Community

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or a prayer partner.

Share your intentions and/or your experience of living them out with someone else in the Trinity community.

Our Thought and Prayers
Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity.

Joys:

Concerns:

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those listed below who serve in the international field. We also support them with our prayers: ***Sharon Kandel***, South Sudan; ***Mark Adams*** and ***Miriam Maldonado*** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border; ***Larry*** and ***Inge Sthresley***, Republic of Congo; ***Elmarie*** and ***Scott Parker***, Lebanon and Syria; ***Eliane Menezes*** in Guatemala, and ***Doug Dicks*** for Israel/Palestine.

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