

# WESLEY

## **EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Weems, Virginia

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Matthew 28:19 NIV

## June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

#### **Prelude**

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: How Great is Our God 1st

**Call to Worship** 

Pastor: Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

All: Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Pastor: Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

All: Let us prepare to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

All: Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do.

### **Opening Prayer**

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn #597: Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated 1st & last verses

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing

what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

#### Gloria Patri

#### **Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer 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 and ever. Amen.

## **Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

## **Special Collection**

#### Doxology

## **Prayer of Dedication**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### Hymn #572: Blessed Assurance 1st, & Last verses

### **Prayer for Illumination**

O God, open our hearts and minds and souls to hear your word as if for the first time. May your Holy Spirit help us experience anew the surprise and joy that your presence in the word can bring us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### Children's Church

### **Scripture Readings:**

Exodus 19:16-20 John 14:23-31 Acts 2

Sermon: Are We On Fire?

Hymn #410: Standing on the Promises 1st & last verses

Benediction

Sending Song: May the Lord, Mighty God, Bless and keep you forever

Prayers: https://www.alivingfaith.org/wp-content/uploads/Announcements/June%208.pdf; https://sapc.net/assets/Worship-Guide-2025-06-08-For-the-Website.pdf; https://fpchastings.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Bulletin-6.8.25-Pentecost-final.pdf