

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

May 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come! Let us speak plainly and boldly of our faith.

Congregation: The Spirit of God descends upon us, and Christ’s promise to us is fulfilled.

Pastor: The expression of the Spirit’s power in our community is a wonder to behold.

Congregation: We each have a different voice, yet we witness God’s joy together! Amen.

Opening Prayer

How can this be, wonder-working God? You bring the gift of the Spirit to be with us. Our Comforter, our Advocate. Our Counselor, our Wisdom. These are but a few of the names we give as the Spirit speaks to our hearts. We give you thanks for the unending gifts of the Spirit. How can this be, that we have what we need when we need it? You, O God, are one and all things to us, and we raise our Hallelujahs. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: #389 Spirit of the Living God

Prayer of Confession

O God, as your Spirit filled the church on the first Pentecost day, so fill this house of worship with your presence, and fill us with your passion. You are doing a new thing, actively moving in the world. Forgive us when we act as if your stories have all been written. You hear the prayers of every language and call us to hear each other. Forgive us when we act as if your Spirit only spoke our native tongue. Wash us in your grace, O God, and illumine us with your fire. Send us out to follow your spirit and teach us to hear the prayers of all your people. In Jesus’ name, 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

3¢ a meal Sunday

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. In Jesus name, Amen.

Doxology

Hymn: #393 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Prayer for Illumination

God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your Word and the understanding of your Spirit so that we may be your church: a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Church

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 104:24-34

Romans 8:22-27

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Pentecost Power

Hymn: #591 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Benediction

Dismissal Song: May the Lord, Mighty God . .

Prayers: <https://calltoworshipjournal.org/may-19-2024-day-of-pentecost/> ,
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/service-lords-day/service-lords-day-offering/>

Announcements

Our next fellowship gathering will be held on May 26th, after the service. The theme is "potluck!"

Need suggestions for recipes for our Fellowship Sundays or other occasions? We are trying to gauge interest in developing a **Wesley Presbyterian Historic Church Cookbook**. They could be used as gifts for family and friends, and could be sold at our yard sale and Christmas Bazaar. Minimum order is 100 books with 150 recipes. Please let Cheri know if you would be interested and willing to help support this Wesley history/ fundraising project.

As you're doing your spring cleaning, please set aside items that might be donated for our yard sale and Christmas Bazaar this year.

If you would like to add anyone to the prayer list, please let Kathie Galgano know: 631-495-5050 or kathleengalgano@gmail.com. (She is not always able to catch the names mentioned in church on Sunday mornings.)