

WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David
June 8, 2014 PENTECOST



The birth of the church

The church is born of water and spirit – a birth into the new ages of God's love and grace which came to us in Jesus Christ.

As we gather:

God of wind and flame, blow into our lives.

Ignite the fire of hope, fan the flames of possibility.

Transform us into a people who share your love with a world in pain, a people who proclaim your hope into a world given to despair, a people who live as though the world can be changed into the kingdom that is to come.

Hymn: Filled with the Spirit's Power

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Prayer of Confession: *God of life, you speak the languages of pain, of sorrow, of fear, of despair. Hear all your people who speak, who wail, who whisper in these languages this day:*

those who find themselves in hospital beds, or waiting anxiously beside those beds, those who gather to say farewell to one who is traveling, or one who is moving, those who gather at graveside to say that longer farewell, those who worry about where the next meal, or the next rent cheque, will come from, those who live in places where peace is just a word, a faint hope, a distant dream,

May all those whose language is rent by pain hear you lamenting with them,

...time of silence...

God of Pentecost, God who speaks with many tongues, God who makes God-self known in many ways, fill us with Your Spirit this and every morning, hear the prayers we share using many different languages, we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, the one we call Christ, whose life, death and resurrection show us the path to the Kingdom. In his name we pray and say together: Our Father ...

Scripture: **Acts 2:1-21** 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 nation 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... in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were 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, "Men of Judea 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.'"

Prayer:

O God of creation, whose Spirit stilled the waters of chaos, whose breath filled all creatures with life, we praise you.

O God of inspiration, whose Spirit anointed kings and priests, whose power emboldened the prophets of old, we praise you.

O God of Jesus Christ, whose Spirit descended dove-like on the man of Galilee, whose glory shone in words of wisdom and deeds of love, we praise you.

O God of Pentecost, whose Spirit came to the faithful waiting at Jerusalem, whose gifts empowered the church for service and witness, we praise you.

Hymn: Let every Christian Pray

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Invitation: *We come to the table - all of us welcome.*

We invite God to be part of us - all of us breaking bread together.

We prepare to remember Jesus - all of us touched by the Spirit of truth. : We hope to be empowered by our feast - all of us with hearts burning inside like the flame of Pentecost.

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1-2) 399

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *The Lord is here. God's spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.*

(Continue in thanksgiving)

O God, giver of all that is good,

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other

Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 3-4) 399

Communion

Prayer after Communion: *Lord, pour out on us your Holy Spirit, as you poured your Spirit on your first disciples in Jerusalem;*

Sanctify us and empower us as you empowered them.

Sweep us along by the wind of your Spirit and make us bold in proclaiming your love and obeying your will. Travel with us as a daily reality in our lives and inspire the thinking and the decisions of our congregation in these days of transition. Lead us in the power of your Spirit to justice and peace.

Hymn: Spirit of the Living God)

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