

THEY SAW WHAT  
SEEMED TO BE  
TONGUES  
OF FIRE  
THAT SEPARATED  
AND CAME TO REST  
ON EACH OF THEM.



ACTS 2:3, NIV

**THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE**

*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit  
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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May 23, 2021 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude

“Come, Holy Spirit”

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalms 104*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

**People: These all look to you to give them their food  
in due season;**

Leader: When you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand,

they are filled with good things.

**People: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.**

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;

and you renew the face of the ground.

**People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works –**

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

**People: May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn

“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, you send us the Spirit of courage, but we have been afraid. You send us the Spirit of truth, but we cling to our illusions. You send us the Spirit of healing, but we cannot let go of our hurts. Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again: shake our hearts, set our souls on fire with your love: send us out into the world rejoicing in your power. We hold out to you all our particular burdens of guilt and sin, and we ask for your help to live the way of your justice and love. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

Reception of New Members

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Gospel Lesson

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Anthem

“The Upper Room”

By Russell Nagy

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

New Testament Lesson

Acts 2:1-14

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Brief Statement of Faith)*

**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, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

\*Hymn # 492                      “Spirit of the Living God”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...*debts...and debtors...*”)

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)*

*(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn # 461                      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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This morning we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

WE WELCOME six new members to the congregation this morning. They include: James and Christine Antis, Kathy Mooney, Greg and Marlene Shirley and Mel Woodring. Please be sure to greet our newest members.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Eli and Brylea Borbonus; Streaming, Mark Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of our granddaughter, Taylor Ednie for her college graduation by Lee and Bunny Ednie.

THIS MORNING we celebrate Pentecost Sunday. On this day each year we receive the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering will be retained by our congregation and be used to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support these ministries through the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

GRANNIES will meet Monday in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE will be held Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. SS Simon and Jude Church will host the worship service scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

WE WOULD like to schedule special music for the summer worship services. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing musical gifts with us, please contact Cindy Borbonus or the church office, 724-459-7991.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE would like to assemble a list of elders and deacons who are comfortable serving communion. If you would be willing to volunteer to serve the sacrament, please contact Gene Artman.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will begin Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Our worship hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Our choirs and Sunday School will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Please mark your calendars.

THIS SUMMER the Christian Education Committee is considering an online Staycation VBS program. Using stories from the Old and New Testaments you will see the ways that God provides food for the world and how God uses us to help feed a hungry world. We want to be sure you understand this program requires the parent(s) to participate with the child(ren). If you haven't responded yet, please let the church office know if your family would be or would not be interested in participating.

#### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
<i>Pentecost</i>		New Members Unite
<i>Sunday</i>		In-House and Online
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Saturday</b>	11:30 a.m.	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship In-House and Online

## **“Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”**

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
In these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
In vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannas languish on our tongues,  
And our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live  
At this poor dying rate?  
Our love so faint, so cold to Thee,  
And Thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
With all Thy quickening powers;  
Come, shed abroad a Savior’s love,  
And that shall kindle ours. Amen.

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## **“Spirit of The Living God”**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:  
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

Daniel Iverson | Michael Alfred Baughen

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## **“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”**

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what-e'er you love,  
And do what you would do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with you I will one will,  
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
so that your will is mine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glow with your fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with you the perfect life  
Of your eternity.

Edwin Hatch | Robert Jackson

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