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Growing, Serving, Celebrating



**Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026
10:00 am**



**Friends, at this stop on your life's pilgrimage
we bid you welcome
with the hope that here you will find
the love of God, which He offers
to all who seek to serve and follow Him!**

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"Be Thou My Vision"
Margaret Deahn, solo

NETTLETON
IRISH BALLAD

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

Alleluia!

Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia!

Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

*HYMN: No.81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

AUSTRIAN HYMN

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard the earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We disregard your compassion by the ways in which we unfairly judge the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from our sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation. Amen. (moment of silent confession)

RESPONSE: Hymn No. 578 "Kyrie eleison"

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son (4x)

Chri-ste e-le-i-son (4x)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 447 "We Are Forgiven"

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(Please greet those near you with words such as "The Peace of Christ be with you.")

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM: "Come, Holy Spirit"

Spiritual/arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

Chancel Choir

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill me up, wash me clean, set me free.

Like a dove, come wingin' into my soul. Like a fire, come burnin', makin' me whole. Like a wind, come rushin', takin' control. Fill me up, wash me clean, set me free.

Like a breath of heaven, fillin' me. Like a love of Jesus, savin' me.

Like the grace of God, helpin' me. Fill me up, wash me clean, set me free.

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come. Fill me up, wash me clean, set me free.

Hold me, mold me, bend me, fill my soul. Shake me, break me, mend me, make me whole. Seize me, free me, Spirit, take control. Fill me up, wash me clean, set me free. Come.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

Pew Bible (NT) p.111

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 104:24-34

Pew Bible (OT) p.525

²⁴O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷**These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;**

²⁸when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹**May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—**

³²who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

³⁴May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

*RESPONSE: Hymn No. 581 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING: John 7:37-39

Pew Bible (NT) p. 94

SERMON: "A River of The Spirit"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *from A 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, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Amen.

*HYMN: No.280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

EBENEZER

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our church family members who are in care facilities or homebound: Lois Benedict, Wayne Gardiner, Janet Hodges, Sue Kinnin, Renee Mavis, Jane Schutz, Ruth Shupe, Bob Zeeb.

Our church family members in the hospital, receiving treatments and/or recovering at home: Jared Grenzebach, Norm Kreib, Scott Kronmuller, Margaret Thayer, Bill Weikert, Paull Utter, Julie Furminger, Bonnie Beebe, Sandra Kronmuller, Betty Johnston, Jeff Deal, Lynn McConnell, Connie Allison, Lynda Large.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

Hymnal p. 35

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.

OFFERTORY: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Will L. Thompson

Margaret Deahn, solo

*DOXOLOGY: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Hymn No.609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*HYMN: No.340 "This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

arr. Laurel Hunt Pedersen



Thank you to Margaret Deahn for sharing her musical gifts with us this morning.

Minister:	Rev. Dr. Jason Cashing
Director of Music Ministry:	Kotoe Shimojo
Sunday School Superintendent:	Jenna Abel
Children's Choir:	Connie Allison
Bell Ringer:	Brandon Toczdek
Bible Carrier:	Amelia Zeeb
Acolyte:	Madison Sciolino
Lay Reader:	Jon Hickey
Greeters:	Sarah Thompson & Marsha Brauer
Ushers:	Tom Yaiko & Dave Gardiner
Nursery:	Ruth Spink & Debbie Swain
Live Stream:	Raymond Cich
Counters:	Sarah Thompson, Dave Gardiner, Paul Hornbuckle

Flowers: In memory of Kristin Johnson's father, Keith Gilliland, who celebrated his first heavenly birthday on May 20th. From Kristin, Mike, Caroline & Katie Johnson

Christ Candle: Happy Birthday, Dan Gamin, on his 85th birthday on May 26, 2026, from Patti Gamin.

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

<u>Sunday, May 24th</u>	Day Of Pentecost
8:30 am	Adult Education
	Worship/Communion - Sanctuary
9:15 am	Coffee/Fellowship - Narthex
9:20 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10 am	Worship - Sanctuary
10:15 am	Sunday School Teachers Recognition
	Nursery Care
11 am	Coffee Fellowship—Narthex

<u>Monday, May 25th</u>	Memorial Day Office Closed
9 am—2 pm	Clarence Food Pantry—Bodine Room

<u>Tuesday, May 26th</u>	
9 am	Staff Meeting

<u>Wednesday, May 27th</u>	
9 am	Loose Screws Social Club

<u>Sunday, May 31st</u>	Trinity Sunday
	Confirmation Sunday
8:30 am	Adult Education - Bodine Room
9 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10 am	Worship - Sanctuary
	Nursery Care
11 am	Coffee/Fellowship - Narthex
11:15 am	Mission Team Meeting - Green Room

Food Pantry needs this week are Tomato Paste, Regular Coffee, & Dryer Sheets. Thanks!

It's that time of year! We will soon be beginning our summer schedule of one service only on Sunday mornings. This coming week (May 24) will be the final 8:30am worship service before the summer hiatus. On Sunday, May 31, we will celebrate our Confirmands as they join the church, and on that Sunday we will begin our "one service" program for the summer months.

Sign-up sheets are now available for liturgist during our 10:00am service on Sundays during July and August. As we get closer to the fall, there will be other sign-up sheets to participate in the life of worship during those months. If you are interested in assisting to lead worship in this way, please sign up with your availability now. The sign-up sheet is on the kiosk. Thank you!

Interested in learning more about our shared Christian faith? Why not join us on Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Bodine Room. We are a small adult group of fewer than 10 who meet for an hour to explore and discuss the Bible and other relevant Christian based books. We'll be starting a new study of "Mere Christianity" by C. S. Lewis in the next few weeks. If you'd like to know more or have any questions, please contact Steve Dale at 716-634-8077.

Ride for Roswell

Thank you to everyone who has sent a donation to support cancer research but so far we're only halfway to the amount we raised last year. This is your opportunity to support cancer research if someone in your family, one of your close friends or even you have faced the challenge of cancer. Please place your donation into the church offering or mail it to Julie Furminger as soon as possible. The Clarence Christian Crusaders are depending on you and have confidence that we can reach our new goal this year in memory of our leader Bob Furminger. Checks should be made out to Roswell.

Throughout the **Month of May**, we'll be collecting items for St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Some suggestions for items that are needed and will be greatly appreciated include:

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS: Deodorant, Body Wash, Body Lotion

OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS: Ibuprofen (any brand), Tums, Orajel

PAPER PRODUCTS: Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Tissues

Nursery Update: June 28th will be the last day for nursery care for the Summer and we'll resume in September with the program year.

Take me out to the ballgame! Presbyterian is once again making its trek to the ballpark to cheer on our Buffalo Bisons!

We have a block of tickets for the game on Sunday, June 21 (1:05pm), in the same area as last year - on the first base side and under cover of the upper deck, so we should be shaded from the weather! Tickets are \$15 each, and as we have a limited number, please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk in the narthex (or by calling the church office).