

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Pentecost Sunday | Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 19, 2024**



“Veni Sancti Spiritus” (Adam Kossowski; London, UK)

GATHERING

Greeting

Prelude Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

Introit Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

*Call to Worship

In the stillness...In the quiet...In all that rests on our minds and hearts...

Our souls wait for you, O God.

In everything moving too quickly...

In our feelings of helplessness before all the obstacles that surround...

As anxiety abounds and needs exceed our capabilities...

Our souls wait for you, O God.

Though we cannot yet perceive the way from here...

We do not give up on each other. We do not give in to despair.

We trust in the One who has companioned life and love through the troubles of every generation.

Our hope is this: through all things, God resides with us, within us, around us.

*Hymn On Pentecost They Gathered

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Call to Reconciliation

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us

and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kin-dom to come.

silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

WORD

We Share Our Faith with the Children

Hymn Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

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Prayer for Illumination

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

First Reading

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 people 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? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of

Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—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, “Fellow Jews 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.’”

Anthem

Hail This Joyful Day’s Return

Second Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-13

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people.”

This is the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Rev. Natalie Wolf

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world
to come. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri**

#581

Prayers of the People + 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. Amen.**

Offering + Offertory

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

To give via text message through Breeze, our secure church management system, text your offering amount (e.g. \$25) to 662-330-1001. If this is your first time giving with Breeze, you will receive a link to briefly set up your online giving account. After you've done that, giving will be a...breeze!

***Doxology**

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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Blessing for Graduates

Each one of you is a special part of this congregation. No one else in the whole world is quite like you.

We are proud of you, and we love you.

As a congregation, we want to support you, and encourage in you a growing love for God.

We bless you to grow, in body and mind and spirit.

We bless you to make mistakes, and to learn from them, even if the consequences are difficult and painful.

We bless you to explore life, to be adventurous in discovering who God has created you to be.

We promise to support you with our love, counsel and prayers, and continue to walk with you on your journey of faith and life.

We hope that you will never forget that you have a home here at Trinity. Never forget that you have a place where you are known and loved. Amen.

Announcements

***Charge and Benediction**

***Musical Benediction** O Lamb of God

Shalom, y'all! Go in peace.

**Indicates rise in body or spirit.*

Worship Leadership:

Music: Elizabeth Hawkins, Bob Hawkins, + the Trinity Choir

Flowers: Nancy Losure

Liturgist: Brenda Harden

Elder on Duty: Jonathan Pote

Sources: Call to Worship: *enfleshed's* Liturgy that Matters; Prayer for

Forgiveness: *Presbyterian Outlook* and Teri McDowell Ott

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad to have you join us for worship. If you are new to Trinity, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here, and it is our hope that all who enter find a home. **If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Trinity family.** Contact Natalie with any questions or interest (pastor@trinitypcusa.org).

Children are always welcome in worship. There is a special time for children in our service called “We Share Our Faith with the Children,” after which children may go to Sunday School in the rear sanctuary classrooms with Ms. Martha + Ms. Tina (birth-kindergarten), and Ms. Rosie (1st grade-5th grade). Children are also welcome to stay in worship with their families. When we celebrate Holy Communion together (usually the first Sunday of the month), we invite the children to return to worship to participate in or witness the sacrament.

First time here? Let us know who you are by scanning this QR code and filling out the digital form. Prefer paper? Grab a blue version of this form at the welcome table (where you received a bulletin) and return the form to the elder on duty or Pastor Natalie. We promise to respect your privacy and not to spam your inbox. Thank you for trusting us with your information.



Ministers: All Members of the Church | Pastor: Rev. Natalie Wolf
Choir Director: Bob Hawkins | Pianist: Elizabeth Hawkins
Sexton: Christopher Smiley | Administrative Assistant: Alliyah Bradford
Youth Workers: Bek Carruth and Maddie Gnann
Childcare Staff: Rosie Oppedal and Martha Roskelley
Helping Hands Intake Coordinators: Henry Bell and Tina Bel

TRINITY THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 19

8:30am Choir Practice – Sanctuary
9:30am Worship – Sanctuary + Facebook Livestream
10:30am Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary + Zoom
10:30am Coffee + Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
11:00am Sunday School
4:00pm Choir Practice – Sanctuary
5:00pm Youth Group – Fellowship Hall + Youth Room

Tuesday, May 21

9:30am Yoga – Sanctuary

Thursday, May 23

9:30am Yoga – Sanctuary

Sunday, May 26

8:30am Choir Practice – Sanctuary
9:30am Worship – Sanctuary + Facebook Livestream
10:30am Coffee + Fellowship – Fellowship Hall
11:00am Sunday School

2024 Graduates

Ben Buehler (son of Mike and Alison Buehler) graduated from Starkville High School where he was “Construction Student of the Year.” He plans to study Building Construction at Mississippi State University where he has a Build Mississippi scholarship.

Lexi Graves (granddaughter of Bob and Elizabeth Hawkins) graduated with a degree in biomedical engineering from the University of Mississippi. She currently is interviewing for jobs in a variety of settings.

Lauren Hawkins (granddaughter of Bob and Elizabeth Hawkins) graduated from Tallahassee Community College. She will major in biology at Florida State University in the fall.

Anna Beth Hirshfeld (granddaughter of Bob and Elizabeth Hawkins) will graduate from North Cobb High School in Marietta, GA. She plans to study elementary education at the Mississippi University for Women, where she has a Legacy Scholarship.

Harrison Noser Lowery (grandson of Charles and Susie Lowery; son of Trent and Josephine Lowery) graduated with a degree in English from Sewanee, the University of the South.

Mae Lowery (granddaughter of Charles and Susie Lowery; daughter of Dan and Kelly Lowery) will graduate from Homewood High School in Birmingham. She will attend the University of Alabama in the fall.

Grant Peterson (son of Lynn Peterson) graduated from Mississippi State University with a B.S. in Wildlife, Forestry, and Fisheries, where he was recognized as the senior with the highest academic achievement and was chosen as the Outstanding Undergraduate Student of the Year. He was designated as a Stephen D. Lee scholar for maintaining a 4.0 throughout his college career. He

will attend Yale University in the fall where he has a scholarship to pursue a master's degree in environmental management.

Lindy Peterson (daughter of Lynn Peterson) graduated from Starkville High School with honors. She has been inducted into the Mississippi Thespian Hall of Fame. Her documentary placed first in the state at the national History Day competition. She plans to attend the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and study anthropology. She has received the Chancellor's Scholarship and has been admitted into the honors college.

Linden Stelioes-Wills (son of Alex and Anne Stelioes-Wills) graduated from Starkville High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the 30+ ACT Group. He plans to study civil engineering at Mississippi State University, where he has received a freshman academic scholarship and the Colvard Future Leaders Scholarship.

Anna Cate Underwood (granddaughter of Joe Ray and Nancy Underwood) graduated from Franklin County High School, where she received the Distinguished Academic Award and the Band Director's Award. She plans to study cinematography at Hinds Community College, where she has band and academic scholarships.