

Everybody's Church



First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham

Sunday, May 19, 2024, 10:00am, Day of Pentecost

Vision Statement

As Everybody's Church we commit ourselves to serving Christ by cultivating mission, inclusion and community.

Inclusion Statement

As Everybody's Church we strive to be a faithful, open and inclusive community. We welcome the full participation of all people of any ability, gender identity, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or any other life circumstance.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Lou Nyiri

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jana Thompkins

One: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

One: Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and piety, the spirit of the fear of the Lord, that the whole creation may be transformed.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit!

All: Let us worship God!

†HYMN 280

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Hymntune: EBENEZER

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

After Time With the Younger Church, children 3 years old—5th grade will proceed to their classrooms.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Please join in reading those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

†When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or in spirit.

We are an intentionally inclusive congregation and value the richness of worshiping with all God's people. There are times in the sanctuary when shouts or other loud noises may occur. We accept these without judgment, unless they are signs of distress in need of attention.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†RESPONSE 581

“Glory Be to the Father”

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, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

One: God of power and grace, fill us with the wisdom of your word and the understanding of your Spirit.

Many: Empower us as your church to be a people with dreams and visions at work in all the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PENTECOST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

One: The word of the Lord.

Many: Thanks be to God!

CANTATA

“Feel the Spirit”

John Rutter

Chancel Choir, Nicole Joseph, soloist

- I. Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
- II. Steal Away
- III. I Got a Robe
- IV. Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child
- V. Every Time I Feel the Spirit
- VI. Deep River
- VII. When the Saints Go Marching In

*The music this morning is offered as an act of worship,
therefore, please refrain from applause.*

OFFERING INFORMATION

*Members and guests, please sign the Fellowship Pads
to let us know of your presence with us.*

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES

Confession acknowledges the reality of sin in our personal and corporate lives. This practice relieves us from the burden of sin and reminds us of the promise of God's forgiveness and grace sealed in our baptism.

Please follow along with the reading on page 119 of the New Testament in your Pew Bible.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Aria”

Flor Peeters

†THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

†HYMN 282

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

Hymntune: DOWN AMPNEY

†BENEDICTION

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Mozart

Andrew Herbruck, Director of Music Ministries, is playing the service.

Our liturgist this morning is Jana Thompkins. Jana joined the church with her husband, Ken, and son, Nicholas, in 2006 and treasures all the relationships they have built here. She is a librarian at the Michigan School of Psychology and especially enjoys being the final reviewer of each and every doctoral dissertation! In her spare time she loves playing the cello and biking with Nicholas.

The flowers today are in loving memory of Diana's father, Edgar Pugh, from Diana and Bob Moak and Edgar's granddaughter, Hadley.

Visitors, thank you for joining us today. Please sign the Fellowship Pad or use this QR code to register your attendance:



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The service of worship concludes following the postlude. Please take this time to reflect on the day’s worship.

Welcome in Christ’s name to First Presbyterian Church! You are welcome here just as you are at whatever place in your spiritual journey that you find yourself. If you have any questions about who we are, what we believe, or what we do, please ask one of our elders or pastors. They will be pleased to visit with you. Please know that you are invited to join us for coffee and goodies following the service in Calvin Hall.

280 Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us

Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church -'s pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what

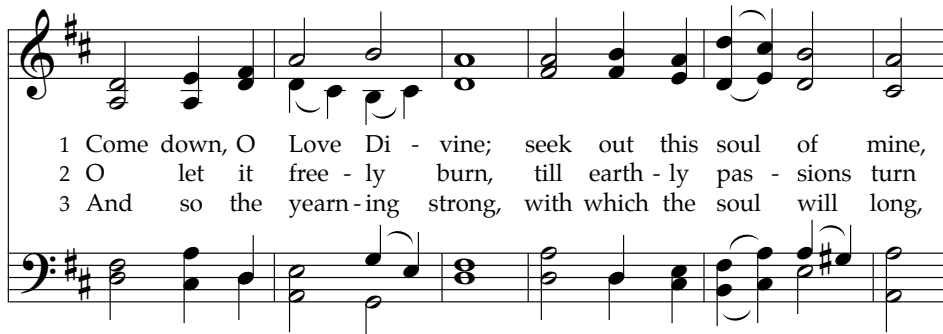
This 20th-century text was written by a Presbyterian layperson and poet, who in her later years became interested in writing hymns for the seasons of the church year and prepared a collection of them for her congregation. It pairs effectively with this sturdy Welsh tune.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

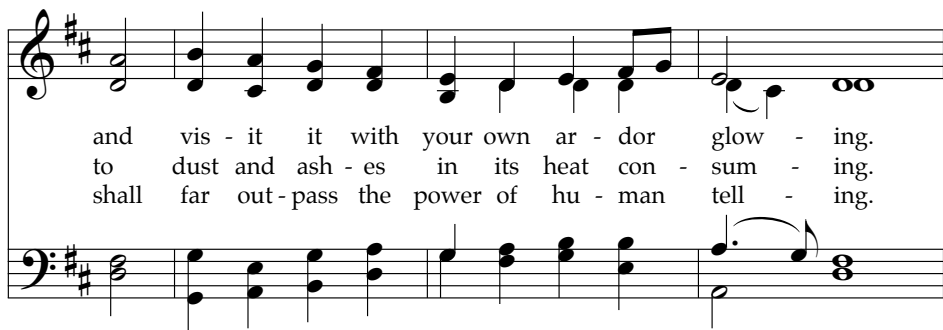
Cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to
all the way; still in pres - ence move be -
mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho -

mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

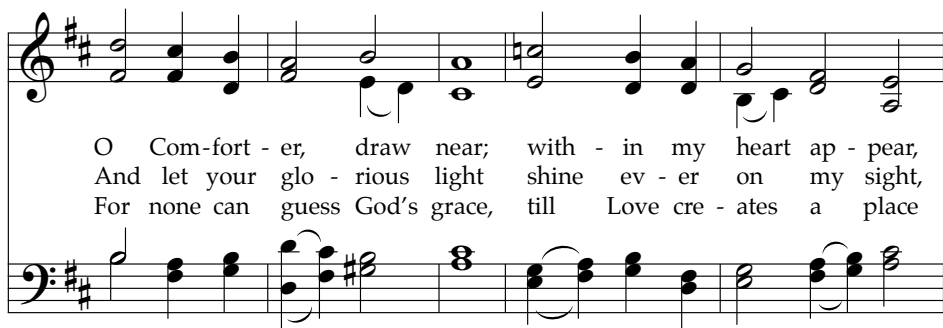
282 Come Down, O Love Divine



1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place



and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

This *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, was translated into English in the 19th century but received little notice until this tune (named for the composer's birthplace) was created for *The English Hymnal*.