

Worship Guide for First Baptist Church on Fifth

Sunday, May 31, 2020 + Winston-Salem, NC
Pentecost Sunday



Holy Spirit Coming | He Qi

This Worship Guide is for you: for the worship of God today, for words and practices and images to sustain you through the week, for engagement with your families and communities, for hope in even the deepest places of despair.

It's Pentecost Sunday, when the gathered community of Christians beheld a mighty rushing wind among them, God's Spirit blazing blessing and breath in their midst. Language burst forth. Power descended upon them all. Sons and daughters began to prophecy. A church was born. May such a mystery enliven us and loosen our lips to proclaim good news!

Blessings on your worship, beloved community!



Pentecost Mosaic | Holger Schue

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Prelude

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Invitation to Worship

Welcome to worship with First on Fifth on this Pentecost Sunday!

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Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

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Prayer for Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts
and homes with your presence.

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Hymn: *On Pentecost They Gathered*

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
a band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
and tongues of fire glowing inspired each person there.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all those who believe,
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us hearts to listen and tongues aflame with praise,
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.



Pentecost | Judith Tutin

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Passing the Peace

Turn to those around you -- your family, your
pets, your neighbors, your friends --
and share these words:
May the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

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Anthem

Upon This Rock

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New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

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Call to Prayer
Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

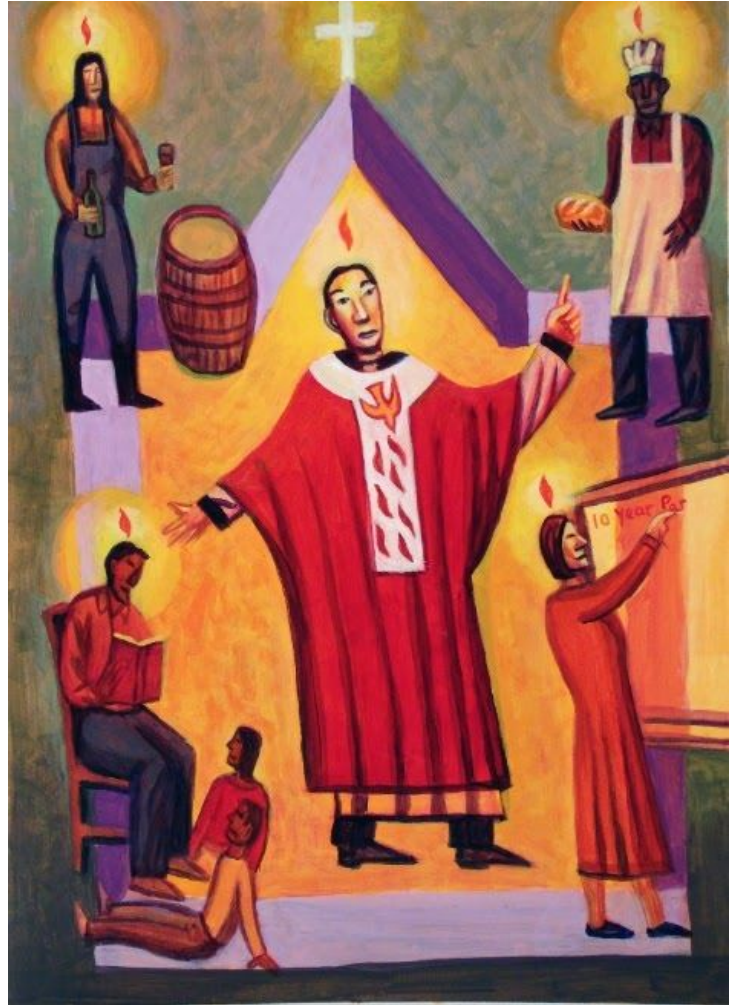
Prayer of Confession

When the Spirit of God breathes upon us, all things are made new. By the Spirit of Pentecost let us confess our sins.

Dwelling God, your promise of abiding, unending presence with us is one we can't possibly imagine. In our doubt, we keep only the commandments we find painless. In our defense, we limit our love to those with whom we agree. In our despair, we fear who we don't understand or what we don't know. In our dread, we try to bind up what you have set loose in the world. Forgive us, Loving God. Like your Holy Spirit, set us free to breathe life into the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

By the grace and mercy of a God whose love knows no boundaries, hear now this good news: you have been forgiven!
Thanks be to God!



Pentecost Community | James B. Janknegt

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Signs of New Life

*On this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the signs of new life springing forth in our church
-- a powerful reminder of resurrection hope!*

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Prayers for 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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

I Will Pour Out My Spirit on All My People | Marianne Gonzalez-Sims

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Homily

Testimony: Breathing Together

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Hymn: *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*

Wind who makes all winds that blow, gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves, stirrings in the mind's deep caves,
aim your breath with steady power on your church, this day, this hour.

Raise, renew the life we've lost, Spirit God of Pentecost.

Holy Spirit, Wind and Flame, move within our mortal frame.

Make our hearts an altar pyre. Kindle them with your own fire.

Breathe and blow upon that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways
speak that tongue which every land by your grace shall understand.

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below!
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
O praise God, O praise God,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Benediction

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