

\* THE HYMN 320

*The Lone, Wild Bird*

\* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* THE CHORAL RESPONSE *Veni, Sancte Spiritus (Come, Holy Spirit)* Berthier  
(sung in Latin, German, Spanish, Italian and French)



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WORSHIP MAY 23, 2010

DAY OF PENTECOST

Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE GATHERING

Mary Miller Brueggemann

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE

Walter Huff, organist

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise to the Lord who creates in abundance!

People: **O God, in wisdom you made all your works; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Leader: You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; you renew the face of the ground.

People: **May the glory of the Lord endure forever. May the Lord rejoice in all creation.**

Leader: I will sing praise to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. - from Psalm 104

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 474 *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

Melinda Sandkam

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*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.  
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, toddlers 18 months through two years in Room 012.*

- Elder on call: Bill Southwood 404.876.3181
- Deacon on call: Betsy Holland 404.216.6398
- Ushers: Kathy and Alan Bremer, Kim Perez, Shari Tant
- Coffee and Conversation Host: Debbie Fox
- Greeters: Leslie Prince, Jane Stack, Gail Kitchens
- Counters: Daisy Ottmann, Van Crisco
- Infant Volunteer: Laura Fillyaw
- Toddler/Two's Volunteer: Emy Riley
- Three's Volunteers: Brooke Williams, Tia Bartis
- Pre-K Volunteers: Jim and Melanie McKelvey
- K-1st Grade Volunteers: Jill and Bryan Davis
- 2nd-3rd Grade Volunteer: Julie Zook

**Staff**

- Christopher Henry .....Associate Pastor/Acting Head of Staff
- Mary Miller Brueggemann.....Pastoral Assistant
- Robert Gray.....Assistant to the Minister
- Walter Huff.....Organist/Choirmaster
- Melinda Sandkam .....Program Director
- Sarah Tomaka..... Preschool Director
- Brittney Jaynes.....Children's Choir Director
- Marcy Meredith.....Music Administrator
- Anna Best.....Office Administrator
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\*(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, who sent the promised power of the Holy Spirit to fill disciples with willing faith: we confess that we have held back the force of your Spirit among us; that we have been slow to serve you, and reluctant to spread the good news of your love. God, have mercy on us. Forgive our divisions, and by your Spirit draw us together. Renew us. Make us bold by your Holy Spirit and guide us to share our gifts for the common good. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A MOMENT OF SILENCE** *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

**THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 280)

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

**\* THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 2-11 are invited to leave after the Peace of Christ for special classes. Three-year-olds are in Room 208; Pre-K in 011; K - 1st grade in 001; 2nd - 3rd grade in 003; 4th - 6th grade in 005.)*

**THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Joel 2:28-32  
(page 799 in the pew Bible) Katie Davis

**THE ANTHEM**

Let Thy Blessed Spirit  
Let Thy blessed spirit come upon me, O Lord. Alleluia. Tschesnokoff

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Acts 8:14-25 (page 118 in the pew Bible)

**THE SERMON**

“The Most Beautiful Shining Fire” Rev. Dr. Thomas Evans  
*The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:15*

**\* THE HYMN 321** *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

**\* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Brief Statement of Faith-Presbyterian Church (USA)*

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 one body of Christ, 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!

**THE OFFERTORY**

*I Will Sing with the Spirit* Rutter

I will sing with the spirit: Alleluia. And I will sing with the understanding also: Alleluia.  
- from I Corinthians 14:15

**\* THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION** (Hymn 592)