

June 4, 2017
Pentecost Sunday
Eleven O'clock in the Morning

Lighting of the Candles

Lloyd Jewell

*Loving God, open our hearts
so that we may feel the breath and play of your spirit
Unclench our hearts so, that we may
reach out to one another, and find embrace.
Open our lips that we may drink in the delight and wonder of life.
Unstop our ears to hear your agony in our inhumanity.
Open our eyes, so that we may see Christ in friend and stranger.
Breathe your Spirit into us,
and touch our lives with the life of Christ.¹*

Welcome

Courtney Allen

Chiming of the Hour

Luke Smith

Introit

Be Filled With the Spirit
The Chancel Choir

Mark Wilson

*Be ye filled with the Spirit, and sing with all your heart.
Bring psalms and hymns of thanksgiving to God, Almighty.
One Spirit unites God's children. It burns with a steady flame,
to gladden the hearts of the faithful
who gather to praise God's Holy Name!
Thank you God for the Spirit, the comfort you send,
to hold us ever near you, our constant guide and friend.
One hope in God's creation, unending and ever new;
body in Christ's own spirit, united His work to do. Rejoice!
Thank you God, for the faithful, who serve you ev'ry day,
and try, with loving devotion to follow Jesus' way.
One faith that love's sweet presence sustains us
through pain and strife;
One faith in a love transcending the joy in each Christian's life.
The voices of all creation are joined in the song we raise.
Sing Holy Lord, to you be thanks and praise.²*

*Call to Worship

Braeden Forester

Come Holy Spirit:
renew us and revive us,
that in our worship
and our living,
we may live a life of love
for the praise and the glory of God.¹

* Those who are able, please stand.

Elements in bold print are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

*Hymn 237

On Pentecost They Gathered

LAUDES DOMINI

*Children, please come to the lectern-side of the chancel
for the Time with Children during the final stanza.*

Time with Children

Noell Rathbun

Response 257

There's a Spirit in the Air

LAUDS

Call to Stewardship

Kaya Forester

Because God first loved us, we are made to love one another.
For the sake of the life of the world,
offer yourselves, your time, and your possessions as signs of love.
**Make us thankful every day, O God,
for the gifts that alight upon us from your bounty.
Guide us to use these offerings to your glory
for the health of your people and this creation. Amen.**

Giving of our Tithes
and Offerings

Come, Holy Ghost

Anthony Giamanco

The Lessons

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

Bryce Williams

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People

Ron Gotschalk

Let us join our hearts in prayer,
first confessing our sins before the Lord in silence.
Lord, hear our prayer.
Silence is held.

The Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Courtney Allen

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
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Sermon

The Language of Love

Call to Communion 261

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Invitation to the Table

The Lord's Supper

*You are invited to communion by intinction at the station nearest you.
Today's communion bread is gluten-free.*

Time of Response

*Hymn 253

Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness

PLEADING SAVIOR

Benediction

Courtney Allen

Postlude *Freu Dich Sehr, O Meine Seele (Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul)* Georg Böhm

A note from our pastor:

What an incredible experience “Learning from London” has been! Over the last twenty years, the Diocese of London in the Church of England has grown by fifty percent. Our class of fifteen moved all over the city to hear from and talk with priests and church leaders in the Church of England. Some were in very traditional church settings, but doing innovative work, while others had no formal building, but were “fresh expressions” of church. We came across styles of church that were distinctly liberal, Anglo-Catholic, and evangelical, with each church pursuing its own sense of call and distinct vision for itself. In each of these communities of faith, they were intentional in how they went about mission and ministry, and demonstrated clarity about their unique identity.



After a jam-packed week of church in London, I ventured north to Lindisfarne on Holy Isle for a brief time of reflection and renewal. Saint Aiden came to the tidal island in 635 CE from Iona and established a monastery which Saint Cuthbert continued until the monastery was attacked by the Vikings in 793. Virtually everything on the island is contingent upon the tide schedule because one can only access the island at low tide. Before the causeway was built in 1954, most people accessed the island by walking the “pilgrims’ way,” where wooden poles marked the safest route between the mainland and the island.

There is so much that I look forward to sharing with you in the days ahead! I am excited about delving into deeper conversation with you about our own congregational identity, our hopes for how we “do church,” and how we can extend the good news and live out the gospel in our community! I am deeply grateful for the opportunity “Learn from London” and to soak in the goodness of God at Holy Isle. Thank you for your support of my Doctor of Ministry coursework and for helping much of what I’ve studied come alive!

Peace,

Courtney

Visitors

If you are a visiting with us today, welcome! Whatever brings you to us and whoever you are, we are so glad you are here! Our prayer is that you will find Grace Baptist Church to be a place of welcome, love, and peace. Please fill out one of our visitor cards, found on the back of the pews, and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship service. They are located on the aisle side of the two large front columns on either side of the chancel. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

We give thanks for GBC member, Lynn Clayton, who directs our music today.

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²Based on Ephesians 5:18-20

Today’s cover art is titled *Pentecost* by artist Veronica Dimae.

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am Bereavement Team Meeting
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Pentecost Lunch
and Cake Auction

Sunday, June 11

9:45 am Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am Worship
12:00 pm Outreach Commission
Meeting

Wednesday, June 7

12:00 pm Bible Brunch Buddies
Potluck Lunch
6:00 pm Dinner and Variety Show

News & Notes

- June 4 Pentecost Lunch and Cake Auction
Fundraiser benefitting Children and Youth**
Join us for fellowship and bid on your favorite goodies!
- June 7 Variety Show at 6:00 pm**
Share your talents with all of us!
Sign-up outside of the church office.

Visit www.gbconline.org for all current announcements.



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