First Baptist Church



Growing Toward Christ

May 20, 2018

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Day of Pentecost May 20, 2018

Morning Worship

Eleven O'clock

* Please stand as you are able.

Greeting Rev. Ryan Clore

The threefold bell toll represents the doctrine of the Trinity:

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Meditation Holy One, when Christ ascended into heaven

to reign with you in power and glory, you sent the Spirit of truth to guide us

into the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us still—

preserving us from judgment,

protecting us from sin,

and leading us into righteousness,

so that we may testify to the good news:

fullness of life and joy for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior

and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prelude Mr. Jim Council

Pastorale Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship Chancel Choir

May Thy Holy Spirit Paul Tschesnokoff arr. Peter Lindsay

May Thy Holy Spirit come upon us, O Lord. Thou art our love, our love and joy divine,

O Lord, God.

May Thy Holy Spirit come upon us, O Lord.

Alleluia.

Invocation Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Praise Let Every Christian Pray LAUDES DOMINI

(Please see the hymn insert.)

Old Testament Reading Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Dr. & Mrs. Ron Walters

Joel 2:28-32

Responsive Reading: God the Spirit: Transforming Presence Congregation

God's Revelation:

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come, **People:** they were all together in one place.

Leader: And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a

violent wind,

People: and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Leader: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,

People: and a tongue rested on each of them.

All: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our Response:

Leader: Holy Spirit, sweep through my being like a mighty wind.

People: Fill and inspire me with the crackling fire of Your presence.

Leader: Heal and refresh me within the fold of Your tender wings.

People: Comfort and counsel me with wisdom and understanding.

All: Breathe into me the breath and blessing of new and abundant life.

* Offertory Hymn, No. 245

MORECAMBRE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

* Offertory Prayer Ms. Karen Dawsey

Offertory Mr. Jim Council
Spirit Dwell Among Us Benedetto Marcello

* Offertory Response, No. 253 Doxology

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

Children's Sermon Mr. Melvin Ezzell

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Clore

Worship Through Song The Chancel Choir

A Rushing, Mighty Wind arr. Lloyd Larson

A rushing, mighty wind roars through a crowded room, and tongues of fire upon their heads disperse the people's gloom.

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God's Spirit blows the wind and lights the blood-red flame. A Pentecost of tongues explodes in praise of Jesus' name.

Three thousand souls that day, in mind and heart were stirred, and these were added to the church as they believed the Word.

Lord, make our breath a wind and let our tongues be fire, and, as at that first Pentecost, Your people's lives inspire.

Gospel Reading John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 Rev. Clore

Sermon Trust the Spirit Rev. Clore

* Hymn of Commitment, No. 241 **TRENTHAM**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Benediction

* Postlude

Benediction Response The Chancel Choir **IVERSON**

Spirit of the Living God

Mr. Council Minuet in Classical Style **Armstrong Gibbs**

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Today's Responsive Reading was copied from *Celebrating Grace*, Hymnal for Baptist Worship, Celebrating Grace, Inc., Macon, GA, 2010.