

# *First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho*

May 24, 2026, 11:00 a.m., Pentecost

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Mickey Hemingway, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, people of God, for the Spirit is moving among us. Today we remember the rushing wind, the tongues of fire, and the birth of a community that chose to live as one.

**We come, ready to be shaped by the Spirit, ready to choose one another in love.**

On that first Pentecost, strangers became family, barriers fell, and voices rose together in praise.

**We choose that same way today— to welcome, to listen, to serve, and to belong.**

The Spirit calls us out of isolation into connection, out of fear into trust, out of “me” into “we.”

**We will be a Spirit-filled people, bound together in Christ, choosing community over division, and love over indifference.**

Come, let us worship the God who gathers us, the Christ who unites us, and the Spirit who empowers us to be one.

**We come as one body, many members, one Spirit, ready to worship and ready to live as God’s community.**

\*OPENING HYMN #128 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

\*OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

\*SUNG RESPONSE #577 “Glory Be to the Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen....*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Acts 2:1-21 (FNV)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT If we can play games online with people from around the world, then surely we can make peace here on earth as it is online and in heaven.

WORDS OF WITNESS “God’s Way of Choosing to Listen and Choosing Connection”  
Catherine Lyle, Pastor

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #326 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Lord in your mercy...**hear our 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.*

OFFERING, OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #593 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*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. Amen....*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #322 “Spirit of the Living God” (sing twice through)

\*CHARGE, BENEDICTION, FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We are a congregation of people  
**Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.**

POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

## WORDS TO SONGS

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### 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 a glowing  
Inspired each person there.

The people all around them  
Were startled and amazed  
To understand their language,  
As Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message,  
What great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen  
To vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit  
On all who would 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 ears to listen

And tongues aflame with praise,  
So folk of every nation  
Glad songs of joy shall raise.

### Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King;  
All, all Thine own: soul, heart, and strength and mind?  
I see Thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,  
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

### Spirit of the Living God (sing twice through)

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me,  
Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me.

