

Welcome!

Whether you are a long-time member, occasional worshiper, or new visitor with us, we hope that in this service you will encounter the living Christ and be strengthened by God's promises for you. Please visit our website at covenantpresstaunton.org to learn more about our ministries and Covenant life together. We are happy to have you as part of our church family today!

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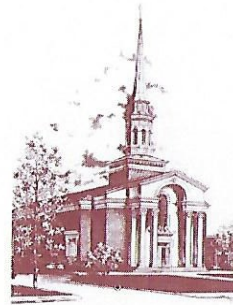
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Class of 2023	Class of 2024	Class of 2025
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*Covenant
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Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
 Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

MAY 28, 2023 10:30 AM
 PENTECOST

*As we prepare our hearts and minds for worship, please silence any mobile devices.
 This service is live streamed on Facebook.*

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Raney
Reflections on the Spirit

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....WAIRUA TAPU
As the Wind Song
WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 104)

Leader: Bless the Lord, for the Lord is great!

People: Amazing are the works of God's hands!

Leader: Sing to the Lord as long as you live! Sing praises!

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

*HYMN No. 280.....EBENEZER
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, you give us life by the breath of your Spirit, empower our living day to day, and call us to be your church. Forgive us for taking those good gifts for granted. Forgive our timid faith and our tepid faithfulness, our judgmental attitudes and our selfish actions, our recurring doubts and our persistent disobedience. Fill us with your Spirit, and kindle in us fervent faith, that we may boldly and joyfully proclaim your good news to the ends of the earth. Come, Holy Spirit, come; and hear our prayer . . . (silent confession) . . . Amen

***DECLARATION OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — Hymn No. 288**

***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.***

GROWING IN FAITH

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING.....Pg. 162of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible Numbers 11:16-17, 24-30*

SECOND READING.....Pg. 144 of the New Testament, *Pew Bible Acts 2:1-21*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON

“A FORGOTTEN DAY”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *A Brief Statement of Faith

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 the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of 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!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN No. 66.....PENTECOST**

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

SERVING IN LOVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER (...“sins”)

PENTECOST OFFERING

FOUR CENTS PER MEAL

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

DEDICATION ANTHEM.....Carter

Spirit of God

PRAYER

***HYMN No. 2117.....DOVE SONG**

Spirit of God

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***CHORAL RESPONSE.....MUNICH**

On Pentecost They Gathered

POSTLUDE.....Good

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

(Please be seated for the Postlude or exit the sanctuary quietly while the Postlude is being played.)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Liturgist: Claire Drumheller

*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.
Children’s worship notebooks are available in the Narthex.
Should you find that your child grows restless, there is childcare available in the nursery for ages 3 and under.*

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HYMN No. 280

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

***Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.***

***We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.***

***Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.***

HYMN No. 66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

***Refrain:
Every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit
moving in my heart I will pray.***

***Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
(Refrain)***

***Jordan River, chilly and cold,
it chills the body but not the soul.
There is but one train upon this track.
It runs to heaven and then right back.
(Refrain)***

HYMN No. 2117

Spirit of God

***Spirit of God, bright Wind,
breath that bids life begin,
blow as you always do;
create us anew.
Give us the breath to sing,
lifted on soaring wing,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!***

***Spirit of God, bright Dove,
grant us your peace and love,
healing upon your wings for all living things.
For when we live your peace,
captives will find release,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!***

***Spirit of God, bright Hands,
even in far-off lands
you hold all the human race
in one warm embrace.
No matter where we go,
you hold us together so,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!***

***Spirit of God, bright Flame,
send us in your holy name,
the power to heal,
to share your love everywhere.
We cannot fail or fall,
or know defeat at all,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!***

***Spirit of God in all,
we gladly hear your call,
the life in our hands that sings,
the power of your wings.
Born of your grace we rise,
love shining in our eyes,
held in your hands, borne on your wings.
Alleluia! Come, Spirit, come!***