

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!

The flowers today are given by Seth Ward
in honor of the birth of the church.

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Covenant Presbyterian Church

Striving to be Faithful Disciples of Christ:
Worshiping with Joy, Growing in Faith, Serving in Love

JUNE 8, 2025
DAY OF PENTECOST

10:30 AM

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

STRIVING TO BE FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

PRELUDE.....Diemer
Loving Spirit

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT.....Berthier
Veni Sancte Spiritus

WORSHIPING WITH JOY

CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 104)

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

People: Clothed with honor and majesty is the Lord our God!

Leader: Great are the Lord's works! In wisdom God made them all!

People: May the glory of the Lord endure forever! Praise the Lord!

*HYMN No. 280.....EBENEZER

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us



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*INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Melt our hardened hearts, so that we may accept your love and your Word. Help us to hear and aid our neighbors in need. Mold our disfigured lives, for sin has tarnished the divine image in which you created us. Fill us with your Spirit, so that our promises may not prove empty nor our faith fickle. Use us all, diverse as we are, for your glory. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us 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. 10 of the Old Testament, *Pew Bible*
Genesis 11:1-9

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

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON.....JOHN PETERSON
“UNTYING TONGUE TWISTERS”

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*HYMN No. 285.....BRIDEGROOM
Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song

SERVING IN LOVE

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

DEDICATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND OURSELVES

OFFERTORY.....Carter
Spirit of God

PRAYER

*HYMN No. 2117.....DOVE SONG
Spirit of God

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE.....AR HYDY NOS
Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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.*

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LITURGIST: Claire Drumheller

*Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship.
Children’s worship folders 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. 285

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

*Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

*With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

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! (2 times)*

*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! (2 times)*

*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! (2 times)*

*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! (2 times)*

*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! (2 times)*