

Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

11:00 am

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

PRELUDE *Dr. Renee Huff*  
(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Dr. Renee Huff*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, let us present ourselves before our God.  
Bring all your troubles and anxiety to God in prayer.

**P: God undoubtedly remembers our thoughts and  
He hears our prayers.**

**We find strength for living as we praise our Lord.**

L: We are amazed that God remembers us.  
We reach out to the God who cares for us.

**ALL: God does remember us;  
And He does forget our sinful ways,  
We are indeed thankful for His mercy!**

\*HYMN #227 "Jesus Remember Me"

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, you poured your spirit upon gathered  
disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a  
new community of faith. We confess that we hold back  
the force of your Spirit among us. We do not always  
listen to your word of grace, nor speak the good news  
of your love, nor live as people made one with  
Christ. Have mercy on us O God, transform our timid  
lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a  
flaming desire to be your faithful people. Amen.**

*- Silent Confession -*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Rejoice and be glad! God is gracious and God offers blessings. God calls us to life in the world, and offers us the chance to explore how to live out God's vision. We are called, we are forgiven, we are blessed. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

\***THE GLORIA #581** "Glory to God"

**\*RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**

L: Let us greet each other here and online with the words  
"May the peace of Christ be with you!"

**P: And also with you!**

**THE FIRST READING**

Acts 2:1-21

**THE SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:13-16

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

"When the Church Catches Fire"

*Mark Wilson*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

It is a joy and a blessing to share our gifts with one another. As we offer these things for the work of your church, help us to be mindful of all that we can do together as the Body of Christ. Amen.

**The Anthem**

*Dr. Renee Huff*

**The Doxology #606**

*Old Hundredth*

**The Dedication**

You are the source of every good and perfect gift, O God. Use these tithes and offerings for your glory. Let your church be a spring whose waters never fail. We pray in Christ's name.

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

\*HYMN #314 "Longing for Light"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

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PLEASE WELCOME ELDER MARK WILSON to our pulpit today!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCH Our Annual Congregational Meeting and lunch will take place next **Sunday, June 4**, immediately after worship. Please join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall, immediately followed by the meeting.

Pizza and drinks will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring salads and desserts. Please let Heidi know if you plan to attend via email at [stauntonfirst@gmail.com](mailto:stauntonfirst@gmail.com) or call 540-886-0704.

HEIDI WILL BE ON VACATION until Tuesday, June 6. Fay Knicley will be filling in during this time. Thank you!

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday!

**Elders**

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Amanda Avery, Worship  
Ron Lowman, Jr., Property

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