

# Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – May 19, 2024

## Pentecost Sunday

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



1964 – 2024

*Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church Honors its Past and Celebrates its Future!*

### Welcome

*Welcome to all! Please register your attendance with the QR code on the back of the bulletin, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space. Need help? Ask any usher.*

### Opening Music

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| (9:30) "Processional in C"<br>Joy Chimes & Joy Ringers | TRADITIONAL                   |
| (9:30) "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come"<br>Joy Singers      | NIGERIAN SONG                 |
| "Spirit, Come and Make Us One"<br>Praise Team          | HERB FROMBACH/<br>LEE DENGLER |

### Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Voice 1: When Pentecost Day arrived,  
they were all together in one place.

Voice 2: Suddenly a sound from heaven  
like the howling of a fierce wind  
filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Voice 3: They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire  
alighting on each one of them.

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in other languages  
as the Spirit enabled them to speak.**

Voice 1: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Voice 2: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Voice 3: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

## **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** [*stand*]

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Glory to God, #408

## **Call to Confession**

It is God alone who gives us breath and sets us aflame with joy. With faith and trust in God’s compassion, we name the ways in which we have denied life, turning away from God and neighbor. Let us offer our confession responsively.

## **Prayer of Confession** [*responsive*]

Merciful God,

**we confess the ways in which we have turned from you,  
and failed to offer love to others.**

Come to us in the fire of your love.

**Set our minds on the things of the Spirit,  
so that we might bear the Spirit’s fruit in love.**

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

## **Assurance of Pardon**

### **We Listen to God’s Word**

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**Musical Offering (9:30)**

You Shall Go Out with Joy”  
Joy Singers

RUBIN/DAUERMANN

**Children’s Message (11:00)**

Carolyn Hayes

*At the 11:00 service, children and youth are invited to leave for class. Children can be picked up after church in Room 30/31 or Room 32/33. Youth will be released from class to find you.*

**Musical Response** [*seated*]

“Spirit of the Living God”  
*sing 2 times*

Glory to God, #288

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture

Romans 8:22–27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

Rev. LeAnn Hodges

## We Respond to God's Grace

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### Hymn [*stand*]

"Spirit, Open My Heart"

Glory to God, #692

### Invitation to Generosity

### Offertory

"Come, Holy Spirit, I Pray"  
Praise Team

LLOYD LARSON

### Sung Response [*stand*]

"Take My Life"  
*verse 4*

Glory to God, #697

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer [*together*]

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,





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## May 19, 2024 Events & Announcements

**GPC Photo Exhibit Debuts for 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!** – Your GPC Communications Committee hopes you enjoy the photos of GPC displayed in Lindsay Hall. The goal is not just to honor our past, but to provide guests considering joining GPC with a compelling visual overview of the variety of what our church offers and is involved in. As we celebrate our future, please remember to wear your nametag, introduce yourself to newcomers, and make them feel part of our GPC family!

**Good News! GPC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Mainstream is a Must Read!** – If you didn't get yours by mail or email, you can also find it on the GPC website, app, and in the flyer rack in the Narthex. Catch up on CAT Scan survey results from Pastor LeAnn, what's happening with our kids and youth, the Japanese Christian Church, tips from Creation Care, personal memories of GPC's past, and plenty more!

**Rockville Pride** – To let our neighbors know they are all loved, Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church will host a table at Rockville Pride on June 2, 2024, from 2 pm to 5 pm. If you want to join us, find our table on the Town Square in Rockville Town Center during those hours. We suggest you bring water and a chair. We will be passing out small treats and asking for written prayer concerns, which was appreciated by many last year.

**Sunday, June 9, 2024 - Save the Date!** – Let's come together to "Celebrate Summer!" with a Summer Fellowship Luncheon following the 11:00 am Church Service! Each family is asked to bring a favorite nut-free main dish, salad, or side to share. Participants are encouraged to bring a small container of peanut butter, a container of oatmeal, or a can of fruit, preferably single-serve, to contribute to our Little Food Pantry, please.

**Donate to our Food Pantry in Honor of GPC's 60 Years!** – Could you provide six food items to mark our six decades? It can be a variety of boxed or canned food, or six of the same type. Place donations directly in the pantry or wooden bin in the Gathering Space. GPC is proud of its history of service that will continue in the years to come. Thank you to everyone who supports our Food Pantry!

**Sign Up for Table Fellowship** – Table Fellowship takes place inside or outside, involves singles and couples with or without children, and does not require everyone to host. As eight adults sign up, groups are created. After you participate in one group, you can sign up to be included in another group. Contact Clara Pratt at [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org) to be added to a group.

**Help Fill our Kids' Crew for VBS** – Registration is open now to get on board for "Sail On," GPC's Vacation Bible School! July 15–19, 9:00 am to Noon. This year's theme is learning how to "sail" with the Holy Spirit. For more information or to register visit [gpchurch.org/vbs](http://gpchurch.org/vbs). Please let anyone know who has kids 4 years old through 5th grade.

**Creation Care May Message** – Planning an earth-friendly summer wardrobe? Think, "What would Jesus have worn?" Bible time clothing was made from natural fibers of linen (from flax), wool, and hemp. These are still known to be durable, breathable, absorbent, and hypoallergenic today. Avoid clothes made with fossil fuels such as polyester, nylon, and acrylic. Please help yourself and the planet be cool. "She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands." – Proverbs 31:13

**Monday Morning Coffee** – All are welcome to join us on Zoom, every Monday morning, at 10:30 am. Come for a few moments to say hello or stay the whole time. Have you never been before? We would love to see you. Please email [office@gpchurch.org](mailto:office@gpchurch.org) for the Zoom link.





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Gaithersburg, MD 20877

REGISTER NOW!



# PARENTS NIGHT OUT

PRE-K - 5TH GRADE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

6:45-8:15PM

Leave the kids  
with our students  
for a fun-filled  
evening while you  
enjoy a well-  
deserved break!

***When prompted during the sermon,  
you are invited to write your  
response to these questions inside of  
the "Pentecost Flame."***

What is it that you are hoping that  
God will do in you to make you ready  
for God's new call for us?

Who in the congregation will you  
share this with, and invite to pray  
with you about your hope?

