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Acts 2.3-4



The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch

Celebrating The Day of Pentecost

Sunday, May 15, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Questions for reflection, before, during, and after this morning's service:

What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times? How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming year?

Gathering

As you come to worship, take a few moments to bring yourself before God—your present state of mind and preoccupations, as well as your desire to meet God during this time.

[Our service begins when the voluntary begins, and we turn our attention toward God, in worship.]

The * indicates where the congregation stands; **bolded responses** indicate congregational responses.

VOLUNTARY “Improvisations on “Veni Creator Spiritus” --Flor Peeters, Camil Van Hulse

GREETING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your sons and daughters call to you, O God:

Pour out your Spirit on all flesh!

The young and old cry out together:

Pour out your Spirit on all flesh!

Your sons and daughters call to you, O God:

Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Prayed in unison)

Come, Holy Spirit! Transform this humble gathering into the church of Jesus Christ—people of dreams and visions, people of hope and witness, people of love and service.

Burn away all that is false in us, ignite in us a passion for the gospel, and sweep us out into the world to love and serve the living God. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

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Jonathan's Tune

"O Day of Joy and Wonder!"

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

A GUIDED PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

* SUNG RESPONSE

226 verse 6

Shades Mountain

"There in God's Garden"

♪ "All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it; take it freely!" Amen! My Master!" ♪

* THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH:

Acts 2: 1-21 [Page 119]

[The Lesson is read responsively as follows, and continuing you on page 4]

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

"What does this mean?"

But others sneered and said,

"They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

THE GIFTING AND DECORATING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

[The Children will present the congregation with signs and symbols of the visitation of the Holy Spirit!]

A RESPONSIVE READING OF PSALM 104: 24-34, 35B, adapted

[We will begin with an exercise of naming, in this case, the congregation will be asked to name sea creatures before we read the Psalm together.]

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

SERMON

--Rev. David Stipp-Bethune
"Leviathan! Or Dancing with God's Playthings"

Response in Faith

* HYMN 284 *Tui Amoris Ignem*
"Holy Spirit, Come to Us"

* AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH --The Confession of Belhar, adapted

We believe that the unity of the church can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; and that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, and convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are, by virtue of our reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment, within the one visible people of God. We believe that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership in this church. AMEN.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

INVITATION TO PRESENT GOD'S TITHES, OUR GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "Come, Holy Spirit" --Allen Orton Gibbs

Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, with all thy quick'ning pow'rs; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours. In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise: hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies. And shall we then forever live at this poor dying rate? Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great! Come, Holy Spirit, heav'nly Dove, with all thy quick'ning pow'rs; come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

THE STORY OF THE TABLE

THE INVITATION TO OUR LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER [Continued on page 6

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Lord our God, how great are your works. You created the world and all that is in it. You give the nations their names . . .

[People in the congregation may be invited to name the nations and places from which they come.]

We rebelled against your sovereign love, seeking to storm the gates of heaven, trying to make a

name for ourselves in the world. But by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ you have given us your own name and have made us your own people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Now send forth your life-giving Spirit to renew and re-create us. Save us, Lord! We call upon your name:

[During the Sanctus ("Holy, holy, holy") persons in the congregation may sing, shout, or whisper "holy" in a variety of languages.]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks that you have made us one with him as he is one with you and the Holy Spirit. By the gift of your Spirit, you have promised to fulfill the prayers that we ask in Jesus' name. By the grace of your Spirit, we have promised to live in Christ's love and keep his commandments. With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, This is my body, given for you. With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup, saying, This is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, remembering me. When Jesus ascended into heaven you sent your Holy Spirit to teach us, guide us, and abide in us forever. Remembering your mighty acts of mercy, we celebrate this feast with the risen Lord, offering our lives in thanksgiving and praise. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Fill this place with your Holy Spirit like the rush of a mighty wind, like a consuming fire. By the power of your Spirit feed us with bread from heaven and fill us with the new wine of your reign. Make us your sons and daughters, faithful, fearless, and free. Teach us to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the nations of the world. Fill us with dreams and visions of that great and glorious day when the Lord Jesus Christ will come again, and we will eat and drink with him in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

And, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

[Communion will be served by Intinction; the congregation will be invited to come forward to receive a piece of bread to dip into the cup—with both elements being partaken together. Please use the center aisle to come forward, returning to your seat using the outer aisles.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Here at this table we celebrate resurrection as you feed us with bread and wine. And as much as we might prefer to stay here in this protected place, you send us back to our work—

—only it is no longer the same work because we know you are with us and in us, shaping and transforming us to be your witnesses in the world. Nourished in body, mind, and spirit, may all that we say and do give you glory. Amen.

Sending

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"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Pentecost

* HYMN

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BLESSING & CHARGE

VOLUNTARY --George Oldroyd
"Pour light on us from above, and fire our hearts with Thy strong Love"

While our worship service ends, our Christian service is just beginning...

Leading This Morning's Worship Service Are: Georgia Marshall Schrom, Minister of Music; Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, Pastor; Pyper Heins, John Schmoll, Andrew Perchalski, Brianna Perchalski, and Ryan Schmoll, Worship Leaders; Joanne Janos and Jennifer Schmoll, Communion Servers; and our Senior Choir.

Service Notes for This Morning's Worship Service:

1. Our Prayer of Dedication, and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving were suggestions or adapted from the Feasting on the Word worship Companion: liturgies for Year C, edited by Kimberly Bracken Long.

Happening @ Llanerch:

NEXT Sunday, May 22nd we celebrate our 2015-2016 Sunday School Program with teachers and students and Trinity Sunday in morning worship; then following worship is an Ice Cream Party for the whole Church during Fellowship Time!

On Sunday, May 29th we return to our SUMMER WORSHIP TIME, 10:00AM! You don't have to change your clocks, but you do need to change your Sunday morning routine! Just mark your calendar that on Memorial Day Weekend we move worship to 10:00am—and it'll stay that way for the duration of the summer, or through Labor Day Weekend!

You can already start signing up and getting excited for Vacation Bible School. We need leaders, volunteers, supporters, helpers, teachers, decorators, and pray-ers! VBS is July 11th through the 15th!



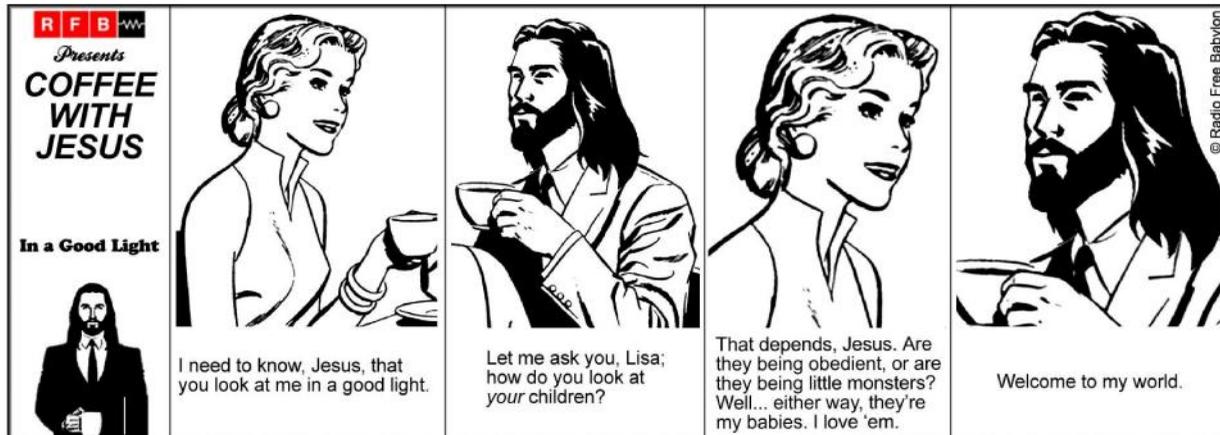
WAYS YOU CAN HELP OUR MINISTRY... and take part in it:

PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP WITH US:

11 a.m. on Sunday Mornings

WE REALLY DO WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK:

Our hope and prayer is that our worship services, programs, and ministry opportunities are both meaningful and helpful to you, and we'd appreciate knowing how well or how not-so-well that we're doing. Comments, feedback, and helpful criticisms are welcome—please make notes or suggestions, and sign them. You can drop them off, mail them to the church office, or e-mail them to the church office or pastor. Please be aware we can only consider signed responses. Thank you for your help.



PARTICIPATE IN THE PRACTICE OF PRAYER:

Our congregation believes and attests to the power of prayer. We pray “together” in church and we pray “together” as individuals. Here are some of the things we are praying:

For the Llanerch Professional and Volunteer Firefighters who keep us safe from this-worldly flames | For the victims of Gun violence and any kind of violence | For the gift of Peace on Earth which so many struggle against or with | For the victims of domestic and sexual violence | For Jack Bellwoar (who suffered a stroke and a car accident and is recovering in ICU) | For Phoenix Hoyle, June Hoyle’s grandson (Phoenix is several months old, and has been in and out of the hospital with a breathing condition; June is our Preschool Director) | For Kelly Diiorio’s Mother (who is fighting lung cancer) | For Matthew | For Ben | For Father John Denny (fighting cancer) | Thanksgiving and safe-keeping for first responders, good neighbors, helping people, and disaster planning | For our congregation in our New Beginnings discernment small group meetings | For our congregation, our elders and deacons, our pastor | Our Church Staff: Kelly Dilorio, Georgia Schrom, David Pokorny, and Rev. David Stipp-Bethune | Our Preschool staff, students, and families | For the Families, Friends, Communities, and our nation in the wake of the circumstances that led to the loss of life—that justice may roll down like waters.

By adding these prayers to your personal prayers, we engage God together.

PARTICIPATE IN HELPING OTHERS:

We receive gifts for CHESTER EASTSIDE MINISTRIES food and outreach ministries on the third Sunday of each month. **Our next offering is TODAY!** Please bring your gifts to worship on May 15th and include them in the special dedication during worship!

We Have Need of Some People Power @ Llanerch

-)] Our Property Team is looking for some volunteers who can help keep our building running smoothly.

 - o A person who could be responsible for clocks, electric timers, and thermostats (updating seasonally so we’re not burning light in the daylight, etc.).
 - o A person who might provide light building security (checking lights left on and doors secure, etc.)
 - o A coordinator of outside yard maintenance for the summer
-)] We’re also looking for volunteers to be **WORSHIP LEADERS**. You can help by signing up, or speaking with Rev. Stipp-Bethune, or letting us know you’d be willing to help in these areas.

Your Session would like you to be aware...

We’re committed to keeping communication open and being transparent about our financial situation. Below is the First Quarter Comparative Financial Statement. You will notice that our Special Contributions are substantially ahead of the budget, due to receiving a large bequest.

In the next few weeks, there will be an opportunity to for you to hear an in-person report and ask questions. In the meantime, you’re welcome to peruse the numbers and work on your questions.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND			
ACTUAL VS BUDGET			
YEAR TO DATE AS OF MARCH 31st			
	2016	Budget	Difference
INCOME			
Plate	871.00	600.00	271.00
Adult	30,133.36	28,500.00	1,633.36
Special Envelopes	1,796.23	1,350.00	446.23
Investment Income	1,554.12	750.00	804.12
Special Contributions	50,902.12	4,350.00	46,552.12
TOTAL INCOME	85,256.83	35,550.00	49,706.83
EXPENSES			
Ministry of the Gospel	19,201.83	19,105.00	(96.83)
Worship & Music	5,872.86	5,889.00	16.14
Maintenance of the Church	7,683.25	8,118.75	435.50
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Christian Education	238.99	437.50	198.51
Administration	8,480.71	9,326.75	846.04
Financial	789.91	1,156.25	366.34
Mission & Evangelism	140.00	1,600.00	1,460.00
Parish Life	-	203.75	203.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	47,208.50	50,187.00	2,978.50
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	38,048.33	(14,637.00)	52,685.33

JOIN US FOR
Vacation Bible School 2016
“Surf Shack”
July 11th-15th!



-) For Children ages 3-12 years
-) Open to everyone—all are welcome!
-) Certified Staff and volunteers
-) VBS meets 9am – 12noon all five days with a snack included
-) Music, Science, Bible Story, Recreation, Crafts, and Fun
-) \$30 Registration/child INCLUDES free T-Shirt!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Contact our Church Office at 610-789-1639 to receive a registration form in the mail or by e-mail.

You can also download the registration form from the VBS page on our website:
http://web.llanerchpres.org/?page_id=84



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OUR MISSION

The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch is an inclusive Christian community whose members have been: saved by God's grace, united by God in Jesus Christ, and given by God as a light to the nations. Our mission is patterned after the example of Jesus Christ, who came "not to be served but to serve." To that end, we seek to think with the mind of Christ, to love with the heart of Christ, and to act as the Lord requires, doing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God.

WELCOME!

We are grateful that you are choosing to worship with us! Worship at “Llanerch” is our signature event each Sunday, and we hope and pray that you find today’s service meaningful and that you experience authentic fellowship with our faith community. Child care for younger children is provided in our nursery (ask one of our ushers if you need directions) and a time of fellowship with coffee and treats follows our worship service. Information about our ministry and activities is included in our bulletin and in the brochure in your pew. You may also connect with us online at www.llanerchpres.org or find us on Facebook (The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch). Our pastor is Rev. David Stipp-Bethune and can be contacted through the church office, or the Pastor’s Study at 610-789-1820, or via e-mail: revdrstipp@msn.com.

KNOW YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO JOIN US IN THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES:

Today	05/15 We celebrate The Day of Pentecost during morning worship! Our celebration will include the Lord’s Supper, and the dress code for the day suggests, wear something red!
Tuesday	05/17 The Presbytery of Philadelphia meets at Media Presbyterian Church; please keep the members and elected commissioners in your prayers!
Thursday	05/19 Our New Beginnings and Leadership meeting is at 7:30pm at the Schroms. Dinner is served at 6:30 for those who can be there early!
Sunday	05/22 We celebrate our Sunday School Program and Trinity Sunday in Morning Worship! Worship is followed by an Ice Cream Party for the whole congregation!



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