

Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church: An Inclusive Spiritual Community. We welcome all who long for meaning, hope, and belonging. Our faith & practice are rooted in the way of Jesus and enriched by wisdom from all sources. We are committed to being and becoming people of radical compassion, working for justice and wholeness in ourselves and the world.



Sunday, May 24 • Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

Monday, May 25 • SPC Memorial Day Staff Holiday

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, May 27

4:00 p.m. Friends of Music Set-up – Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal until 10 p.m. – Sanctuary

Eastern Panhandle Youth Alliance (EPYA) –

Leadership Meeting – Classroom 1

7:30 p.m. SPC Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, May 29

4:00 p.m. Friends of Music open up for musicians – Sanctuary

Friends of Music use of Fellowship Hall for rehearsal dinner & break

7:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal until 9:30 p.m. – Sanctuary

Saturday, May 30

1:00 p.m. Friends of Music Set-up – Sanctuary

Friends of Music use of Fellowship Hall for rehearsal dinner & break

3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Rehearsal until 5 p.m. – Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary

Sunday, May 31 • Trinity Sunday • Guest Preacher, Rev. Harry Daniel

8:30 a.m. Early Service of Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Service of Worship – Sanctuary / Zoom

Sunday Studio – Children K-5th Grade – Classroom 2

1:00 p.m. Friends of Music Set-up – Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Friends of Music Concert – Sanctuary

Pentecost

May 24, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Pentecost

We were sitting around talking
about how he loved us,
when it flared up in us—not a memory,
but inward fire, the love itself,
like a mother's love that drives her
into a burning house to save her children—
his love, this unbidden passion
for the world, flamed up in us
and drove us into the streets
to seek the stranger, to embrace
the foreigner, and to speak—
how to convey it?—this love
for all who'd been told
they were outsiders,
in languages not our own:
locked doors opened,
fruit placed in their mouths,
hands laid on their shoulders,
belonging nested in the crib
of their hearts. Homecoming.
That day there were no strangers.
We were all kin, all learning
how to listen together for the first time
to this mystery rising up to greet us
in each other, all of us losing
our tongues for the language of God.
Then we knew that fire Jesus had
had not been put out:
it was in us, now, spreading, yes, actually,
like wildfire.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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In the last days it will be,
God declares, that I will
pour out my Spirit upon all
flesh . . . **Acts 2:17a**

May the glory of the Lord
endure forever; may the
Lord rejoice in his works.

Psalms 104:31

Now there are varieties of
gifts but the same Spirit, and
there are varieties of service
but the same Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:4-5

[Jesus cried out] Let anyone
who is thirsty come to me,
and let the one who believes
in me drink."

John 7:37b-38a

Preacher

Rev. Mary Jane Hitt

Assistant

Chris Morehouse

Choir Director

Sheila Melendez

Accompanist

Sam Jannotta

Tech Support

Mark Nutwell

To Our Guests

We are glad you are with
us. Please sign the guest
book by the front door and
fill in a visitor's card from
the pew pocket. After the
service enjoy a cup of fair
trade coffee with friends in
the Fellowship Hall.

THE FONT OF IDENTITY

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Introit (3x)

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong and it never ends.*

Pentecost Proclamation

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.
All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Remembering our Baptism

***Hymn 291**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Prayer for Wholeness

Holy Spirit, you move through every barrier
we build and you speak life in every language.
Where we have resisted your freedom, soften us.
Where we have silenced one another, open us.
Where fear has taken root, breathe courage.

Let your fire kindle compassion in us.
Let your wind carry us toward justice.
Let your presence make us whole—
not by returning us to what was,
but by sending us forward renewed.
Come, Holy Spirit. Make us new. Amen.

Response 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.*

Declaration of Grace and Gratitude

***Response 591, (refrain, 2x)**
*Halle, halle, halleluia! Halle, halle, halleluia!
Halle, halle, halleluia, Halleluia, Halleluia*

***Passing of the Peace**

Blessing the World
Brazil

Response 486, v. 1

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you,
unto love and grace divine.*

First Pew

Response 486, v. 2

*Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits;
into joy and laughter lead.*

Welcome and Parish Life

THE WORD OF HOPE

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Reading

Interlude

Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

Sermon

"Fanning the Flames"

***Hymn 293**

"Loving Spirit"

THE BREAD OF LIFE

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Prayer for Others

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

"Keep Your Lamps," *arr. Andre Thomas*

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***Acclamation**

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

Sending (see insert)

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Set your life on fire. Seek
those who fan your flames.

Rumi

What lies behind us and
what lies before us are tiny
matters compared to what
lies within us.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Better than a thousand
hollow words is one word
that brings peace."

Attributed to the Buddha

One day I will find the
right words, and they will
be simple. **Jack Kerouac**

*Please rise in body and spirit.

Lesson Translation

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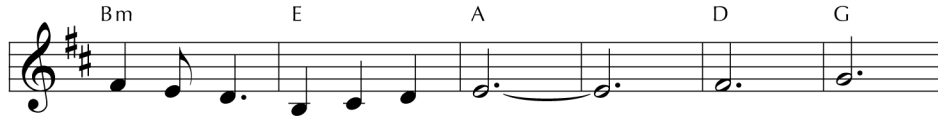
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Spirit

Refrain



Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the



wil - der-ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,



spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id-ness,



wind, wind on the sea. *Fine*



- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
- 2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
- 4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient



deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill; then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
 schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

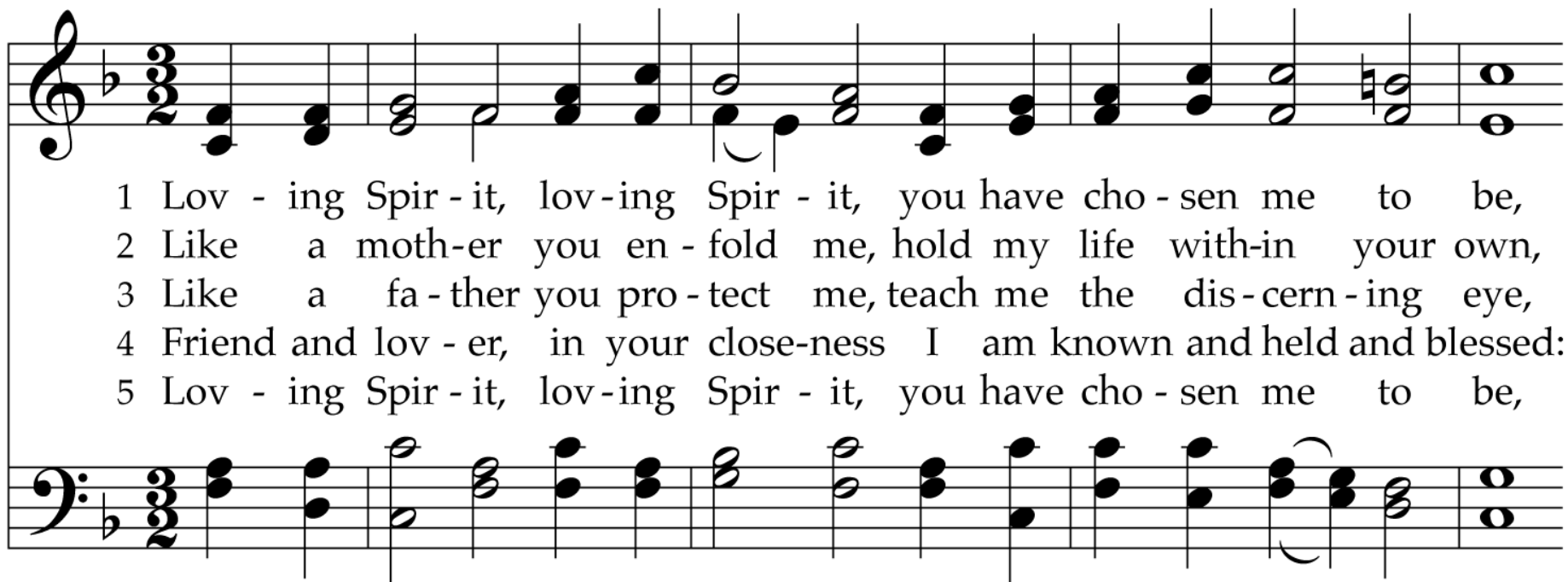
wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

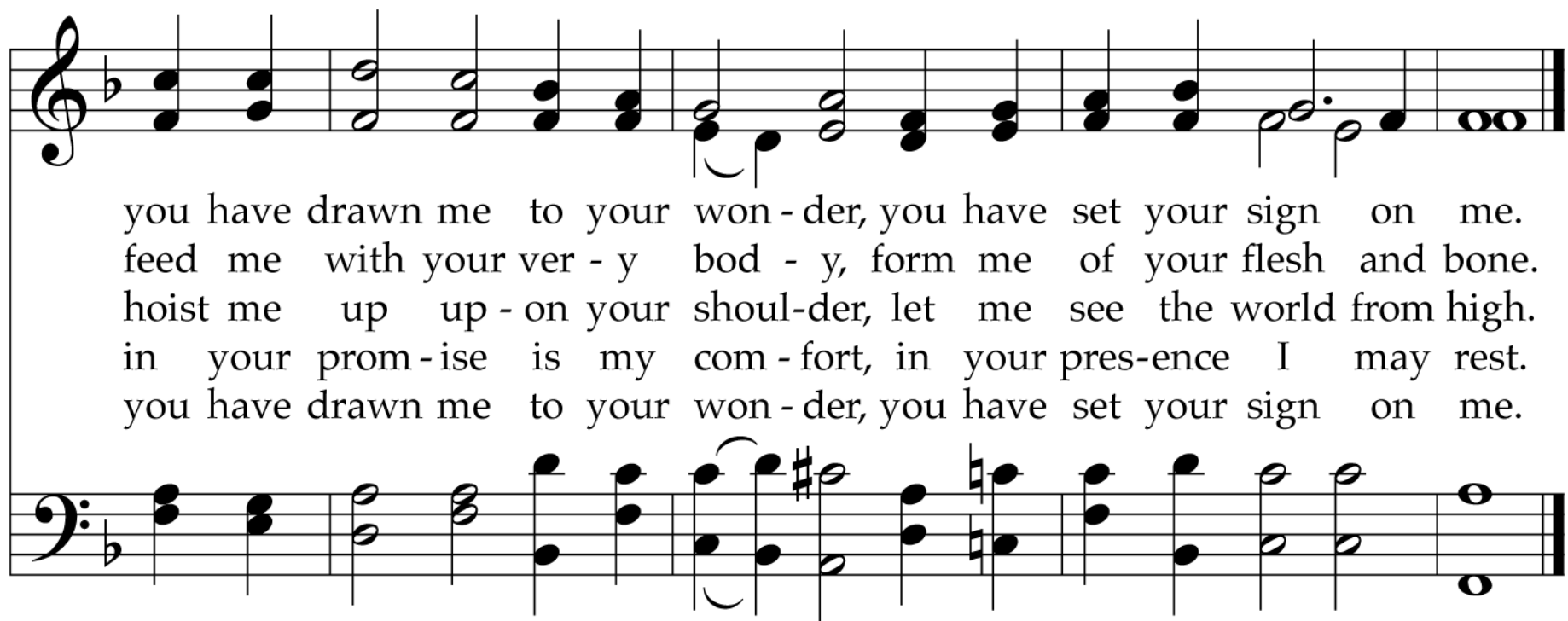
rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

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Loving Spirit



1 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,
 2 Like a moth - er you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own,
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me, teach me the dis - cern - ing eye,
 4 Friend and lov - er, in your close - ness I am known and held and blessed:
 5 Lov - ing Spir - it, lov - ing Spir - it, you have cho - sen me to be,



you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.
 feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.
 hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

A gift to the whole church, the Holy Spirit is also experienced by individuals in meaningful ways such as those described in this reflective (and structurally circular) consideration of the relational aspects of the Spirit. The tune may have originated in a folk melody.

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*



God will show many wonders before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

Fill in the 1st and 3rd letters in each word, making a word to fit the definition. Use the vertical columns to complete Peter's declaration.

___N___RAP envelop

___E___ICLE carrier

___R___SION wearing away

___I___KETY unsound

___E___RNED longed

___B___IGE do a favor

___U___LIFY invalidate

___N___EMBLE set or group



And _____

_____ on

the name of the Lord will be saved.

Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

May 24, 2026 • Acts 2:1-21

The Day of Pentecost

While the disciples were together on the day of Pentecost, they heard and saw unusual things.

Find each given letter on an X, then write the letter that appears exactly across from it.

A	H	E	K	I	L	O	M	U	N
X		X		X		X		X	
G	W	F	V	D	T	C	S	B	R

They heard ...

W	O	S	R	B	L			
D	T	F	V	I	G	V		
N	D	S	A	T	B	H	S	K
W	E	T	S	D	V	B	I	
A	T	B	L					



They saw ...

I	S	B	H	R	V	O			
S	K	K	T	U	V				
U	V	O	I	T	B	H	S	B	
V	W	M	G	S	K	I	G	V	C

