



Havenwood Church

Presbyterian Church (USA)

May 24, 2026



The Spirit of Pentecost, Neil Thorogood

The Service of the Lord's Day

Order of Worship

**Please stand if you are able.
Congregation to recite bolded passages.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jenn DiFrancesco

PRELUDE

“Andante” by George Philipp Telemann

Greg Small

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jenn DiFrancesco

On the day of Pentecost,

the Spirit came like wind and flame.

The disciples were gathered in one place,

and God sent them out with courage and joy.

The good news was spoken in many languages,

so every person could hear the mighty works of God.

The risen Christ still breathes peace into fearful rooms.

The Spirit still gives voice to the church.

Today we gather to worship, to listen, and to be sent.

Today we give thanks for leaders called to serve.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Set our hearts on fire.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Give us breath, voice, and courage.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN # 289

“On Pentecost They Gathered”

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

The risen Christ came to the disciples when the doors were locked and said, “Peace be with you.” Then He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” We come before God trusting that Christ still enters the places where fear has taken hold. Christ still speaks peace. Christ still gives breath. Christ still sends ordinary people into holy work. So let us bring our whole selves before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace McDowell

God of wind and flame, You pour out Your Spirit, but we confess that we often prefer things to stay manageable. You give us words to speak, but we stay silent when truth is needed. You breathe peace into us, but we cling to fear. You call the church to move beyond locked doors, but we settle for what feels familiar. You give gifts to all Your people, but we do not always recognize the gifts in one another. Forgive us. Open our hearts to Your Spirit. Loosen our tongues for testimony. Strengthen our courage for service. And make us a people who do not keep resurrection to ourselves. Amen.

(Silent Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jenn DiFrancesco

Hear the good news: The risen Christ comes to us with peace. The Spirit of God gives us breath again.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and sent. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***CELEBRATION OF FORGIVENESS # 288**

“Spirit of the Living God”

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.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jenn DiFrancesco

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grace McDowell

Holy Spirit, You spoke through wind, flame, dream, vision, and testimony. Speak to us now through Scripture. Breathe into these words, breathe into this room, breathe into Your church, so that we may hear what You are saying and have the courage to follow. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-23

Grace McDowell

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

Jenn DiFrancesco

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 people 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, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, 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.’

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

When Testimony Catches Fire

Jenn DiFrancesco

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles’ Creed

Jenn DiFrancesco

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontious 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**

*HYMN # 291

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

Today, on the Day of Pentecost, we remember that the church was never built by human strength alone. The Spirit gave breath. The Spirit gave voice. The Spirit gave courage. The Spirit sent ordinary people into the world to bear witness to the risen Christ. In that same Spirit, the church continues to call people to ordered ministry.

In the Presbyterian Church, ruling elders are called to discern and govern, to nurture the life of the congregation, and to seek the will of Christ together. Deacons are called to ministries of compassion, witness, and service, to care for those in need, and to remind the church that love must take flesh.

Today we ordain and install those whom this congregation has elected to serve as ruling elders and deacons.

PRESENTATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

On behalf of the session of Havenwood Presbyterian Church, I present the following persons to be ordained and installed to the ministry of ruling elder and deacon.

Wende Smith, Elder
Judy Binkley, Elder
Sharon Huber-Plano, Elder

Grace McDowell, Deacon
Betty Crovo, Deacon
Susan Bond, Deacon
Cynthia Smith, Deacon
Elaine DePoy, Deacon
Judy Yeager, Deacon

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

Jenn DiFrancesco

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge Him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through Him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

[Deacons] Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? And in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

[Elders] Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS

Jenn DiFrancesco

Do we, the members of the church, accept these ruling elders and deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Jenn DiFrancesco

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Jenn DiFrancesco

**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.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Jenn DiFrancesco

At Pentecost, the Spirit did not stay hidden. The good news spilled out into the streets, across languages and barriers, and reached people right where they were. Our offering is one way we take part in that same witness. What we give supports the ministry of this church, the care of this community, and the work of sharing Christ's peace in words and actions. Let us bring our gifts to God.

During this time of offering, we can share our financial gifts by placing them in the offering plates as you leave, or giving online.

OFFERTORY

“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire”
by Lyndell Leatherman

Valerie Adelung

***DOXOLOGY # 606**

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

God of breath, voice, and fire, receive these gifts and use them for Your purpose. Let them support ministries that speak peace where fear has taken hold. Let them strengthen care for those who need compassion. Let them help this church bear witness in ways that are faithful, humble, and bold. May what we give, and how we live, make room for Your Spirit to move. In the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

***HYMN # 300**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

***BENEDICTION**

Jenn DiFrancesco

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary” by Henry Purcell

Greg Small

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to our liturgist: Grace McDowell

Thank you to our ushers: Joyce Beall, Elaine DePoy

Thank you to our musical guest: Greg Small

This morning we welcome Greg Small back to Havenwood. He first played trumpet here in 2017 during a service in which we celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Since then Greg has also shared his gift as pianist, and today he once again joins us as trumpeter. Aren't we the lucky ones!

HAVENWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Jenn DiFrancesco, Supply Pastor

The Rev. Cathy Bashore, Parish Associate

Susan Riegger, Preschool Director

Valerie Adelung, Music Director

Jake Miller, Worship Technology Coordinator

Julia Wells, Administrator

Lloyd Martin, Facilities Manager

SESSION

Sharon Huber-Plano – Clerk of Session

Joyce Beall – Personnel Committee

Judy Binkley – Worship Committee

Wende Smith – Preschool Committee

Chip Hurley – Stewardship Committee

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1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Christ the Lord they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us ears to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.



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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.

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.

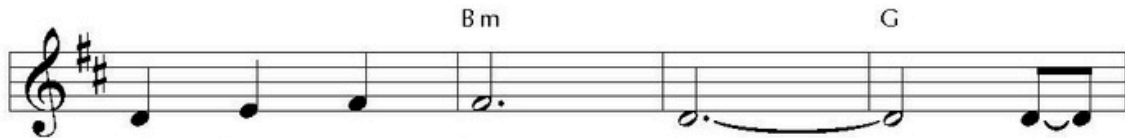
GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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 -



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



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



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

We Are One in the Spirit 300

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.