



The Worship of God  
**Pentecost Sunday**

May 24, 2026 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

**Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.**

We invite you to prepare for worship in silence while listening to the prelude.

### **Prelude**

Come God, Creator, Holy Ghost, BWV 667

J.S. Bach

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

### **Call to Worship and Invocation**

**Veni Creator Spiritus**

Attr. Rabanus Maurus, Trans. Tang; Traditional Gregorian chant

*Veni, Creator Spiritus, Mentis tuorum visita,*

**Come, Creator Holy Spirit, visit the minds of your creation,**

*Imple superna gratia Quae tu creasti pectora.*

**and fill with heavenly grace your creation’s hearts.**

*Accende lumen sensibus: infunde amorem cordibus.*

**Like a light in our senses: infuse love into our hearts.**

*infirma nostri corporis virtute firmans perpeti.*

**Strengthened by our corporeal virtue to endure forever.**

### **\*Processional Hymn No. 180: “For Your Gift of God, the Spirit” stanzas 1, 2, and 4**

HOLY MANNA;  
Text by Margaret Clarkson

### **Welcome**

Layne Smith

*If you are our guest today, please scan the QR code below  
so we may offer you our gratitude for joining us today.*



### **\*Passing of the Peace**

### **A Moment of Centering**

Marina Luckhoo

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power  
of the Holy Spirit.

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*\*Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Take a few moments to breathe and still the mind.



**Sing: “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”**  
Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.

ST. AGNES  
Isaac Watts

**Gospel Reading – John 12:20-33 (NRSV adapted)**

Deborah Moore Clark, Deacon

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also....

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: ‘God, save me from this hour?’ No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. God, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Leader: This is the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sermon Hymn No. 184: “Let Every Christian Pray”**

LAUDES DOMINI;  
Text by Fred Pratt Green

**Sermon**

“How Will Myers Park Measure Success?”

Layne Smith

**A Moment to Reflect**

**Church at Prayer**

Marina Luckhoo

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our God who is in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

**Invitation to Offering**

Deborah Moore Clark, Deacon

*You are invited to give by scanning the QR code below or  
dropping your offering in the plate.*



**Offertory Anthem**

**Breath of God**

Edwin Hatch; Marianne Forman, Robert Jackson

Breathe on me, breath of God.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Holy Spirit, breathe on me.  
Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.  
Breathe on me, breath of God.

Chancel Choir; Strings; Dr. Matthew Manwarren, piano

**\*Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**  
Come Holy Spirit, in us shine  
and show the world God's love divine;  
guide and empower us, we pray,  
to walk with Jesus day by day.

OLD HUNDREDTH  
Words by Paula Meador Testerman

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Deborah Moore Clark, Deacon

**\*Closing Hymn No. 181: "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" stanzas 1 and 3**

HOLY MANNA;  
Text by Timothy Rees

**Responding to the Word**

Layne Smith

**Pastoral Blessing**

**Postlude**

Fantasia on Ton-Y-Botel

Richard Purvis

Dr. Matthew Manwarren

*If you are our guest today, please connect with a  
minister after worship and receive a Welcome Bag.*

Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,  
Hannah Combs, and Eric Roberts.



We welcome today's guest musicians:

Lenora Leggatt, violin

Samantha Roddy, violin

Matt Darcy, viola

Jen Bassett, cello

Justin Cheesman, bass



At Myers Park Baptist Church, we strive for inclusive language. However, there are times due to the historical nature or context of the text that we choose to leave language unchanged as initially presented. Be assured that MPBC holds God as non-gender-specific; God's essence encompasses all.

**Myers Park Baptist Church is a faith community on a journey seeking a welcoming, loving, and just world.**



**HOW TO JOIN MYERS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist begins by filling out a joining card.

To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Marina Luckhoo at

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*To learn more about upcoming events, our church portal, social media pages, and weekly newsletter, simply scan the QR code below.*

A dark blue rectangular graphic with a light blue header. The header contains the text "WE'RE GLAD YOU ARE HERE" in white. Below the header, the text "CONNECT WITH US IN ONE EASY STOP" is written in white. To the left of a QR code is a list of items: "EVENTS", "GUESTS", "GIVE", "PRAY", "WEBSITE", and "MEMBER PORTAL", each preceded by a white circle. The QR code is on the right. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a white text box with a dark blue background containing the text: "Learn more about us and how to get involved. Just point the camera on your mobile phone at the QR Code to access the items listed above." The graphic has a decorative border at the bottom consisting of a horizontal line with segments in green, blue, purple, orange, and red.

# Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

## OUR MINISTERS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, May 24

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary  
*There is no programming after worship today.*

11:15am-12:15pm | Senior Minister Search  
Committee Meeting – Conference Room

**Monday, May 25** | Church Office Closed

### Thursday, May 28

7:00pm-9:00pm | Choir Rehearsal – Berry Hall

### Friday, May 29

Greenway Bike Group Meets – if interested  
contact Paula Fricke @ [frickepj@aol.com](mailto:frickepj@aol.com)

### Saturday, May 30

9:00am-12:30pm | Aids Walk – Truist Field

### Sunday, May 31

10:00am-11:00am | Worship – Sanctuary  
11:15am-12:15pm | Senior Minister Search  
Committee Meeting – Conference Room

*We occasionally take photographs during our worship service. If you would prefer not to be included, please contact Laura Geer | Communications Director | [lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org](mailto:lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).*

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