***St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church***

**Interim Moderator:** Rev. Robert Lyle

**Clerk of Session:** Jan Alchorn

**Music Director:** Linda Giddens

**Leading Worship Today**: Rev. Dr. Brad Little

**June 8, 2025 9:30am Day of Pentecost**

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

**Prelude and Greeting**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.**

Let us sing praises to God as long as we live;  
**Praise and glory to you, Spirit of God, our comfort and strength.**

May our worship be pleasing to God, ever Three and ever One.  
**Let us praise the LORD!**

Worship in Music:    SoG 157  – Spirit of the Living God (X2)

**Prayers of Approach and Confession:**

**Holy and Loving God, from our scattered lives, we gather to praise You, for You are great and wonderful; wise and compassionate. With joyful hearts, we celebrate the gifts and guidance of Your Spirit. At the dawn of creation, You sent Your Spirit to bring life. Over the centuries, Your Spirit equipped Your people to proclaim Your love and justice. Through the flames of Pentecost, Your Spirit gave birth to the church with energy and wonder. Today, Your Spirit is at work in the world, bringing renewal and hope here and everywhere. Transform us by Your Spirit to become more faithful followers of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Almighty God, You poured out Your Spirit to guide Your disciples, and empower Your church with gifts for ministry. We confess we often resist the Spirit’s guidance. The challenge to change makes us uncomfortable. We overlook the gifts others can offer and fail to live out Christ’s love for the world. Forgive us, O God. Send Your Holy Spirit to us again to open our minds and hearts to the challenges in ministry You set before us in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Hear and believe this promise of the good news: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. The old life has passed away and new life has begun. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!  You are set free to live life anew in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Worship in Music:      BoP 258 (1-3)  - Spirit of God, descend

**GOD’S WORD FOR HIS PEOPLE**

First Reading: John 14: 8-17, 25-27 Pg.764

**Responsive Reading:**  Psalm 104

24 How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

**25 There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number—living things both large and small.**

26 There the ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.

**27 All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.**

28 When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

**29 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.**

30 When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

**31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—**

32 he who looks at the earth, and it trembles, who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

**33 I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.

**35b Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.**

Third Reading: Acts 2: 1-21Pg.771

Sermon:  “The Essential Holy Spirit”

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

Worship in Music: SoG 156 - Open My Eyes That I May See

Offering and Offertory

The Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of God’s People and The Lord’s Prayer

Confession of Faith: BoP 616 - The Apostles Creed

Worship in Music:    BoP 259 - Breathe on me, breath of God

Benediction and Choral Amen

**Mission Moments:** Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in the PCC’s mission and ministry locally, nationally and internationally. Together we help congregations navigate and thrive through challenging times, equip leaders to serve and lead the church in Canada and around the world, and work with international partners to share the good news of Christ. We address causes and consequences of poverty, racism and discrimination and advocate for and act to protect and restore God’s creation. We provide spaces for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to work together on healing and reconciliation. Our gifts also help share stories and experiences of Presbyterians through the Connection newspaper, website, social media and e-newsletters. And so much more! When we put our gifts into God’s hands, God does remarkable things.

**Worship leaders:**

June 15 – Maryann Skinner – Fathers Day

June 22 – Bob Lyle – Gospel concert with Sam Graham

June 29 – Brad Little - Communion

**Announcements:**

***Exciting News!! Sam Graham will once again be with us for an afternoon of gospel music on June 22 at 2pm. This is always a wonderful afternoon of music with Sam and friends. Mark your calendars. Please join us downstairs after the concert for a time of refreshments and fellowship***