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POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

May 24, 2026

10:00 am

Lighting the Christ Candle

“May the light of Christ always be near us to remind us of God’s presence, and may we reflect that light of peace, hope and love into the world.”

Call to Worship for Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit,

The wind of God, the breath of Life. Our Advocate, our Counselor.

Come, Holy Spirit,

Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ. Granter of forgiveness, giver of peace.

May we feel God breathing through our worship. *May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place.* From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, may your name be

praised. **Glory to The Father and to The Son and to The Holy Spirit.**

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Song- Green #167 *“Gift of Christ From God Our Father”*

Prayer of Confession

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord –

our division, for not focusing on the essentials of our ministry;

our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be; and our desire for a single-minded community.

Even when you allowed the early church to transcend all language, not favoring one over another;

our actions can be like the crowds that taunt and torment,

mocking those who are filled with your Spirit that burns like fire and rushes like wind.

On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord –help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit;

guide us to live with joy, abandon, and faithfulness;

and create in us new hearts to be new people who worship only You. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon from Ephesians 2:4-9

Friends, join me in this declaration of hope for us and for the world:

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. **For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.** Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Living the Way of Jesus

As we live the way of Jesus in the world, may we be reminded that The Holy Spirit goes before us to make a way, is within us to give us life and strength, and behind us to move us forward. Join me in this prayer.

A Pentecost Prayer

Breath of God, Spirit who appeared like a driving wind,
blow away our prejudice and teach us to value all people.
Spirit of God, who appeared like tongues of flame,
burn in us as a passion for justice and a commitment to change.
Spirit of life, who caused the disciples to speak in tongues,
speak through us and fill us with the courage to proclaim your love.
Spirit of truth, who fills us with wonder and awe,
inspire us to work for a better world and a future where injustice is swept away.
Amen.

Announcements

Prayers of the People-Blue #632 *“The Lord’s Prayer”*

Offering

Offertory- [Choir Anthem] *“Come, Spirit, Come”* (Mary Kay Beall)

Doxology- Blue #297 *“Spirit of the Living God”*

Sermon: The Language of the World

Text: Acts 2:1-4, 12

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Our Shared Faith: From Our World Belongs to God

The Spirit gathers people from every tongue, tribe, and nation into the unity of the body of Christ. Anointed and sent by the Spirit, the church goes out into the world as ambassadors of God's peace, announcing forgiveness and reconciliation, proclaiming the good news of grace. Going before them and with them, the Spirit convinces the world of sin and pleads the cause of Christ. Men and women, impelled by the Spirit, go next door and far away into science and art, media and marketplace—every area of life, pointing to the reign of God with what they do and say.

Closing Song- Blue #289 *"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

Benediction