

Sugar Grove

Cumberland Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

PENTECOST SUNDAY

CHOIR *HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL (TWICE)* HYMN 42
(CONGREGATION JOIN IN)
ACOLYTES PRESENT THE "LIGHT"

WORSHIP HIM . . .

*WITH OUR PRAISE

SHOUT TO THE LORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of
God.

We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.
**With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the
Spirit.**

We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.

*Prayer of Adoration

(Congregation may be seated)

Prayer of Confession (READ IN UNISON)

**O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have
sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through
our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and
dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our
fears than freed by you grace. We demand proof of
your existence but ignore the work of your hands.
We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary.
Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on
being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and
save us from ourselves. Amen.**

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Worship, Confession, Offertory

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DECLARATION OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

WITH A HYMN

HE KEEPS ME SINGING HYMN 224

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

WITH HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

*WITH PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THROUGH PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR FOR ANY OF YOUR PRAYER
CONCERNS.

LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

SPECIAL MUSIC

MESSAGE "PENTECOST"

Acts 2:1-21

BY RESPONDING TO THE WORD:

STATEMENT OF FAITH APOSTLE'S CREED

*BY SINGING A HYMN

JESUS IS CALLING HYMN 348

ALTAR CALL: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR

*BY RECEIVING THE BLESSING

GOD IS SO GOOD HYMN 433

AS ACOLYTES TAKE THE "LIGHT" INTO THE WORLD

*STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AKA MINISTRY IN ACTION

Wednesday Gathering 7PM.

This evening, we will celebrate the accomplishment of
our graduates, Caitlyn Chandler and Josh Boone.

Sugar Beat will be published this week. If you have any
information to be included, please send it to Bro. Gary.

PENTECOST, FEAST OF. In Lv. 23:16 LXX reads
pentēkonta hēmeras for the Heb. *h^amiššim yôm*, 'fifty days', referring
to the number of days from the offering of the barley sheaf at the be-
ginning of the Passover. On the 50th day was the Feast of Pentecost.
Since the time elapsed was 7 weeks, it was called *haḡ šābu 'ôl*, 'feast
of weeks' (Ex. 34:22; Dt. 16:10). It marks the completion of the bar-
ley harvest, which began when the sickle was first put to the grain
(Dt. 16:9), and when the sheaf was waved 'the morrow after the sab-
bath' (Lv. 23:11). It is also called *haḡ haqqāšîr*, 'feast of harvest',
and *yôm habbikkûrîm*, 'day of the first fruits' (Ex. 23:16; Nu. 28:26).
The feast is not limited to the times of the Pentateuch, but its obser-
vance is indicated in the days of Solomon (2 Ch. 8:13), as the second
of the three annual festivals (*cf.* Dt. 16:16).

The feast was proclaimed as a 'holy convocation' on which no
servile work was to be done, and at which every male Israelite was
required to appear at the sanctuary (Lv. 23:21). Two baked loaves of
new, fine, leavened flour were brought out of the dwellings and
waved by the priest before the Lord, together with the offerings of
animal sacrifice for sin- and peace-offerings (Lv. 23:17-20). As a day
of joy (Dt. 16:16) it is evident that on it the devout Israelite expressed
gratitude for the blessings of the grain harvest and experienced heart-
felt fear of the Lord (Je. 5:24). But it was the thanksgiving and fear of
a redeemed people, for the service was not without sin- and peace-
offerings, and was, moreover, a reminder of their deliverance from
Egypt (Dt. 16:12) as God's covenant people (Lv. 23:22). The ground
of acceptance of the offering presupposes the removal of sin and rec-

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**Additional Prayer Concerns
are in the Sugar Beat**

Please use the Prayer request cards

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Elizabeth Augustus	Devin Brewer
Sherry & Brent Belt	Anna Kirby-Hunt
Brad Hunt	Eddie Rudolph
Joe Lanham	
Dale Madding	Joy Wesmoland
Ryan Norman	Devin Brewer
Dr. James Rohrer	Anne Collins-Crider
Donnie Slayton	Chad Perryman
Gene Summers	
Heather & Faith Tidwell	Anna Kirby-Hunt
Sabrina Tidwell	Faith Tidwell
Bernice Travis	

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conciliation with God.

In the intertestamental period and later, Pentecost was regarded as the anniversary of the law-giving at Sinai (Jubilees 1:1 with 6:17; TB, *Pesaḥim* 68b; Midrash, *Tanḥuma* 26c). The Sadducees celebrated it on the 50th day (inclusive reckoning) from the first Sunday after Passover (taking the ‘sabbath’ of Lv. 23:15 to be the weekly sabbath); their reckoning regulated the public observance so long as the Temple stood, and the church is therefore justified in commemorating the first Christian Pentecost on a Sunday (Whit Sunday). The Pharisees, however, interpreted the ‘sabbath’ of Lv. 23:15 as the Festival of Unleavened Bread (*cf.* Lv. 23:7), and their reckoning became normative in Judaism after AD 70, so that in the Jewish calendar Pentecost now falls on various days of the week.

In the NT there are three references to Pentecost: (1) Acts 2:1

Welcome to the Celebration

We are glad you are celebrating with us. It is our hope that you will experience the presence of Almighty God. May He inspire you to continue on your journey of faith. Allow God to richly bless you today as you participate in the service.

++++Nursery +++++

A nursery is provided for children age 3 and under for your convenience. It is located in the fellowship hall through the south doors of the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

Pianist—Jayne Ann Head Digital Piano—Joy Wesmoland

Audio/Video—Shaun Wesmoland

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(Gk. *tēn hēmeran tēs pentēkostēs*). On this day, after the resurrection and ascension of Christ (*c.* AD 30), the disciples were gathered in a house in Jerusalem, and were visited with signs from heaven. The Holy Spirit descended upon them, and new life, power and blessing was evident, which Peter explained was in fulfilment of the prophecy of Joel. (2) Acts 20:16. Paul was determined not to spend time in Asia and made speed to be in Jerusalem by the day of Pentecost (AD 57). (3) 1 Cor. 16:8. Paul purposed to stay at Ephesus until Pentecost (AD 54 or 55), because an effectual door was opened to him for his ministry.

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