



*"Veni Sancti Spiritus,"* by Adam Kossowski  
1965 mosaic, Roman Catholic Church of St Aloysius, London



THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
MAY 28, 2023  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community.*

-Dorothy Day

Gathering Music

"Spirit Medley"

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Welcome, New Testament Reading, and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Acts 2.1-4

Prelude

"Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Chad Johnston

Leader: God reaches out to bring people in:

**People: Spirit-wind blowing in a way we can't miss,**

Leader: Spirit-flames revealing God's word to each and every one,

**People: Spirit-gifts connecting with our reality to make something new.**

Leader: God empowers and expects us to join in reaching out:

**People: giving gifts of communicating across barriers,**

Leader: giving gifts of proclaiming good news,

**People: giving gifts of creating community out of chaos.**

All: The Spirit of God is here, calling us in and sending us out.

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 228)

"A Rushing Mighty Wind"  
FESTAL SONG

\* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**

*If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.*

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 234)

"Spirit of the Living God"  
IVERSON

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.**

**Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

Children's Sermon

## SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer

"Let Every Christian Pray"  
LAUDES DOMINI

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

**Power-sending God, we confess that we too often follow other powers instead, for they pretend to be good for us, they claim to be ultimate, they seduce us with their promises. We admit that we allow those voices to keep us in our small fearful places, unwilling to take up your call to go speak to those we think of as different. Forgive us, loving God. Conform us ever more to your image, that we may live from the truth of your love that cannot be contained in words or traditions or institutions, that cannot be thwarted by our weakness, that cannot be separated from your people and your creation.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. By the power in whom we live and move and have our being, I pronounce to you the complete forgiveness of all your sins, through the holy Trinity, one God, whose mercy is everlasting.*

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

Wendy Wheeler  
Family Promise

Sentences of Stewardship

Chad Johnston

Offertory

"In This Moment of Remembrance"

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)*

## PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
Romans 8:14-39

Ministry of Music

"I Feel the Winds of God Today"  
Text: Jessie Adams Tune: KINGSFOLD, public domain

*\* In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant  
"The Long Love"

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 225)

"On Pentecost They Gathered"  
ST. THEODULPH

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare on "America the Beautiful"  
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*The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God!*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Chad Johnston

Flautist (video) - Margaret Lambie

Chancel Choir Director: Mark Robinson Organist & Chancel Choir Accompanist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Kylee Johnston Sound: Jim Lord

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Hannes Combest Welcome Table: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church

American Baptist Churches, USA; Region Exe. Min. Rev. Patty Bilyeu, serving churches of the Great Rivers Region in  
Illinois and Missouri

International Ministries Missionary: Sue Hegarty, serving in Costa Rica

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Every member of First Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry.  
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