



“Pentecost”

Stained glass window from St. Aloysius' church in Somers Town, London  
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
AN AMERICAN BAPTIST CONGREGATION

THE WORSHIP OF GOD  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
MAY 24, 2026  
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP  
FBC SANCTUARY  
11:00 A.M.

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*They heard themselves in the sound – not the language of their oppressors or people who believed themselves to be closer to the divine than others. They each heard their own language and understood. What words were spoken remain as mysterious as the tongues that bore them. But together, even in the presence of doubt, people from all nations remembered their ancestors. Those who had an imagination for a miracle such as this. The image of God, a sacred multitude, gathered in the midst of a cosmic power shift.*  
– Cole Arthur Riley

Gathering Music

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Cristina Adams

Prelude

“All Glory Be To God on High”

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LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

\* Call to Worship

Laura McCorkill

Leader: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Alleluia!**

Leader: Let your heart overflow with the living water that renews the face of the earth.

**People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

\* Hymn of Gathering (CONGR 228)

“A Rushing, Mighty Wind”

TUNE: FESTAL SONG. Accompaniment on v 4: Arr. Gerre Hancock.  
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\* 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!**

\* Responding in Peace (CONGR 226, v 1)

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”  
ABERYSTWYTH

Children’s Sermon

Graduate Recognition

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 226, v 3)

“Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow”  
ABERYSTWYTH

Hearing Our Joys and Concerns

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

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

Unison Discipline of Confession

**God of new creation, we confess that we have failed to trust your bountiful goodness. By the power of the Holy Spirit you brought forth the earth and its creatures in abundance. Yet, we hoard earth's resources and refuse to share your gifts. We dishonor your generosity by withholding our charity to those in need. We betray your kindness by dealing harshly with our enemies. We disregard your compassion by severely judging the sins of others. Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit renew our hearts and free us from sins that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.**

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Sisters, brothers, and siblings in Christ, God offers forgiveness of our sins and the grace of repentance. Accept God's grace, repent of your sin, and be restored to abundant life.*

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.**

Prayer Response (CONGR 229)

*"Let Every Christian Pray"*  
LAUDES DOMINI

RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

Moment for Mission

AMOS Mission Trip  
Dava Cooper

Sentences of Stewardship

Offertory

*"In This Moment of Remembrance"*

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\* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

*(Those attending children's church may leave now)*

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

New Testament Reading

Christy Lafferty  
Acts 2.1-11

Sermon

Christy Lafferty  
*"Open to being Filled, Guided, and Empowered?"*

\* Hymn of Invitation (CONGR 235)

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*  
TRENTHAM

\* Life of the Church

\* Benediction

Postlude

“A Trumpeting”

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*The flowers on the altar today are given for the greater glory of God.*

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Matthew Sturtevant

Assoc. Pastor for Children, Youth, & Families: Rev. Cristina Adams

Guest Preacher: Christy Lafferty • Liturgist: Laura McCorkill

Organist: Evelyn Falen

Livestream Video Crew: Jim Lord, Glenn Prescott • Sound: Shane Schenkel

YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Kylee Johnston

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Local Church: Praise Temple Church of God in Christ

American Baptist Churches, USA: Executive Min. Rev. Dr. Trisha Miller Manarin, serving the District of Columbia

Convention of American Baptist Churches

International Ministries Global Servant: Rhonda Reed, serving in Bolivia

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