

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
Mills River, North Carolina  
**The Day of Pentecost &  
the Baptisms of Abigail and Tilly Heck  
May 24, 2026**

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space  
Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



**PRELUDE** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

*Lloyd Larson*

*A bell rings three times; the people stand.*

*Hymns and service music are found in the blue 1982 Hymnals (H) and the purple Glory to God hymnals (GTG) They are in the racks under the chairs.*

**PRESENTATION OF THE WORD**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*GTG #404 What is This Place*

What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.

Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here,  
and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling. Sparks that are sown in us like seed:

names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders sent from the past are what we need.

We in this place remember and speak again what we have heard:  
God's free redeeming word.

And we accept, bread at his table, broken and shared, a living sign.  
Here in this world, dying and living, we are each other's bread and wine.  
This is the place where we can receive what we need to increase::  
God's justice and God's peace.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People*                    **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant*                One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People*                    **One God and Father of all.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*                The Lord be with you.  
*People*                    **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*                Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### FIRST READING: Numbers 11:24-30

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 104:25-35, 37

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>26</sup>**Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

<sup>28</sup>**All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

<sup>30</sup>**You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

<sup>32</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

<sup>34</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

<sup>37</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Acts 2:1-21**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

**People** “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?”

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—

**People** “In our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.”

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

**People** “What does this mean?”

But others sneered and said,

**People** “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

**Reader**            The Word of the Lord.

**People**            Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN H# 507 *Praise the Spirit in creation*



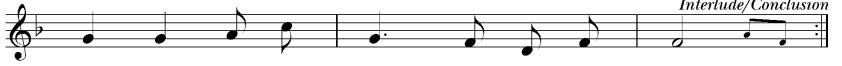
1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i -  
 2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most thoughts and  
 3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light-ened priests and pro - phets with the  
 4 Tell of how the a - scend - ed Je - sus armed a peo - ple for his  
 5 Pray we then, O Lord the Spi - rit, on our lives de - scend in  
 6 Praise, O praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



1 gin: Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wa - ters, quick - ening  
 2 ways; who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, is him -  
 3 word; his the truth be - hind the wis - doms which as  
 4 own; how a hun - dred men and wo - men turned the  
 5 might; let your flame break out with - in us, fire our  
 6 Word, Source, and Truth, and In - spi - ra - tion, Trin - i -



1 worlds to life with - in, source of breath to all things  
 2 self the power to gaze; and God's will, to those who  
 3 yet know not our Lord; by whose love and power, in  
 4 known world up - side down, to its dark and fur - thest  
 5 hearts and clear our sight, till, white - hot in your pos -  
 6 ty in deep ac - cord: through your voice which speaks with -



1 breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.  
 2 lis - ten by a still small voice con - veys.  
 3 Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.  
 4 cor - ners by the wind of hea - ven blown.  
 5 ses - sion, we, too, set the world a - light.  
 6 in us we, your crea - tures, call you Lord.



**GOSPEL: John 7:37-39**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.



## PRESENTATION HYMN

### GTG# 608 Praise God from Whom all Blessing Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all  
peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -  
more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*S 128 Holy, holy, holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP# 865 *Christ our Passover*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri-ficed for us;  
there-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

### COMMUNION INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*(The bread and wine are given to the people. All are welcome at our table.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Please indicate that you would prefer a gluten-*

free wafer by placing your hands with palms together when you come up to receive Communion.)

### COMMUNION HYMN

### H# 508 Breathe on me, Breath of God



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
fill all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

### GTG # 289 On Pentecost They Gathered

On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,  
a band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.  
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,  
and tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed  
to understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.  
What universal message, what great good news was here?  
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,  
on women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.  
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.  
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,  
rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.  
O give us ears to listen and tongues aflame with praise,  
so folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

## BLESSING

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Gentle Yoga with Kelly, 10:00 on Fridays  
Lector Training, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

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