

# Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2026

*The paraments today are red, representing the fire of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.*

The sanctuary flowers today are given by the Rocket City Learning Collective to the glory of God and in gratefulness of sharing our building this school year!

## Gathering for Worship

Welcome Lisa Tucker  
Church at Work Rev. Madison Watts  
Trinity Chimes  
Prelude Aleta Hunt, organist  
*Veni, Creator Spiritus* Dupre  
Text can be found at hymn 296  
\*Passing the Peace Rev. Watts  
\*Hymn of Praise No. 8 MIT FREUDEN ZART

### *All Glory Be to God on High*

All glory be to God on high and thanks to him forever! Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavor. He bends his ear to every call and offers peace, goodwill to all, and calms the troubled spirit.

O Father, for your Lordship true we give you praise and honor; we worship you, we trust in you, we give you thanks forever. Your will is perfect, and your might relentlessly confirms the right; your lordship is our blessing.

\*Prayer of Invocation

\*Litany

One: Beloved, the Spirit of Truth gathers us here to receive and discern God's good news working among us.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

One: The Spirit of Love draws us together to receive and restore life-giving relationships with God and one another.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

One: The Spirit of Freedom knits us together to receive and renew the bonds of empathy, justice, and peace that bind us together in the work for liberation and wholeness.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

One: Beloved, the Holy Spirit is here, moving and working among us. Will you come and receive all the Spirit has to give?

**All: We come to receive the Spirit's abundant and gracious gifts that we may be a people who live out God's truth, love, and freedom in our neighborhood, community, and throughout all creation. Amen.**

As we sing together, the children may come forward for the Sermon on the Steps

and then K-1st are dismissed to Children's Church.

\**Gloria Patri (no. 805)*

GREATOREX

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

## Proclaiming the Word

Sermon on the Steps

Mary Dohrman

Reading from the Epistles

Mary Jane Aycock

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Hank Lemley

Acts 2:1-21

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Instrumental Meditation

Gary Sims, pianist

*Spirit of the Living God*

L. Smith

Prayers of the People

Becky Harchanko

\*Hymn No. 290

MORECAMBE

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth, through all its pulses  
move.

mind?

I see the cross— there teach my heart to cling.  
O let me seek you and O let me find!

Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,  
and make me love you as I ought to love.

Teach me to feel that you are always nigh;  
teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
teach me the patience of unceasing prayer.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies,  
no sudden rending of the veil of clay,  
no angel visitant, no opening skies;  
but take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to love you as your angels love,  
one holy passion filling all my frame:  
the fullness of the heaven-descended Dove;  
my heart an altar, and your love the flame.

Did you not bid us love you, God and King,  
love you with all our heart and strength and

\*Offertory Prayer

David Aycock

\**Doxology*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.*

Choral Worship

Chancel Choir

*Spirit of God*

Carter

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
Wean it from earth; thro all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

*I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, No angel visitant, no opening skies, But take the dimness of my soul away.*

*Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?  
All, all Thine own soul, heart and strength and mind.*

*I see Thy cross, there teach my heart to cling;  
O let me seek Thee and let me find.*

*Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh  
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,  
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;  
Teach me patience of unanswered prayer.*

*Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love.  
One holy passion filling all my frame;  
The kindling of the Heaven descending Dove.*

*My heart an altar, my heart an altar, my heart an altar  
and Thy Love the flame!*

Sermon

Rev. Laura Lemley

*The Birth of the Church: Radical Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*

## **Responding to the Word**

\*Hymn of Response No. 593

GIFT OF LOVE

*The Gift of Love*

*Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift of all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.*

\*Benediction

Rev. Lemley

\*Benediction Response (No. 721)

Congregation

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord and let there be  
light! Amen.*

\*Postlude

Aleta Hunt, organist

*Veni sancte Spiritus*

Zachow

\*All who are able may stand.

## Our Vision Statement

Weatherly Heights Baptist Church is an inclusive, discovering fellowship that exists, under the lordship of Jesus Christ, to...

- Worship God with reverence while expressing warmth and joy;
- Educate one another by blending heartfelt Biblical faith with intellectual integrity;
- Practice personal evangelism and social justice;
- Champion Baptist distinctives while embracing inter-Christian and interfaith dialogue; and
- Genuinely care for one another as a family in faith.

### THIS WEEK AT WEATHERLY

#### DEACON ON CALL This Week:

Sharon Sapp

#### SUNDAY, May 24

Sunday School 9:00 am

Morning Worship 10:10 am

#### MONDAY, May 25

Memorial Day Office Closed

#### WEDNESDAY, May 27

Women's Pickleball 9:00 am

ESL Classes 9:00 am-noon

First Stop Lunch 11:45 am

Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm

#### THURSDAY, May 28

Prayer Shawl Ministry 11:00 am

Youth Lunch 11:45 am

Pickleball 6:30 pm

#### FRIDAY, May 29

Women's Pickleball 9:00 am

#### SUNDAY, May 31

Deacon 5th Sunday Breakfast

9:00 am

Morning Worship 10:10 am

Stay and Play 11:30 am

Rev. Laura Lemley grew up in Nashville and got her MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. She was ordained by her home church and has served as a chaplain in nursing homes, hospitals and, for the past 8 years, has loved being a hospice chaplain. She also enjoys being a supply preacher. Currently serves on the Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Coordinating Council.

Rev. Valerie Burton, Senior Pastor

Rev. Madison Watts, Associate Pastor for Families

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## Upcoming at Weatherly:

### Sunday May 31

Deacon 5th Sunday Potluck Breakfast at 9:00 in the Lighthouse, bring a breakfast dish to share and join us for a time of fellowship before worship.

Families with Children, stay for lunch and water games following worship in the courtyard!

**Youth and College Game Night:** Join us June 7th from 5:00-7:00 at the Watts resident for a game night! Bring a snack to share.

**VBS**—Vacation Bible School is just around the corner June 8-12! Each night enjoy dinner with us at 5:00 pm before we kick off our opening ceremony at 5:30 in the Sanctuary. will be from 5:30-7:30.