

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

## SERMON NOTES

June 5, 2022

“The Spirit of Pentecost”

Acts 2:1-13, Acts 2:42-47



### I. Pentecost

- A. The foundational doctrine of the Christian faith is the \_\_\_\_\_, understood at Father, Son & Holy Spirit, One God as three distinct persons, three persons as One God.
- B. Pentecost falls \_\_\_\_\_ days after Easter, and was originally a Jewish festival that fell \_\_\_\_\_ days after the festival of “First Fruits.”
- C. At Pentecost, the first Christians experienced the sound of a rushing wind that filled the house where they were sitting, and the Holy Spirit settled on them as \_\_\_\_\_ of fire.

### II. A New Community

- A. Luke says that the disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ in one place.
- B. In this Spirit-filled community, there was not a \_\_\_\_\_ person among them.
- C. The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to discover they had \_\_\_\_\_ they never knew they had.

### III. Movement of the Spirit

- A. John Wesley described May 24, 1738 as “Aldersgate day,” a moment when he said his heart was \_\_\_\_\_ by an experience of the Holy Spirit.
- B. As the spiritual movement grew, Wesley sent a bishop to the Americas named Francis \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The Holy Spirit gives us \_\_\_\_\_ that lead to genuine understanding, something our divided world desperately needs.

### *Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message*

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# ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *June 6-11, 2022*

## INTRODUCTION

The story of the first Pentecost is a marvelous story that many Christians find hard to understand. The Holy Spirit breaks onto the scene with the sound of a rushing wind, hovers like tongues of fire, and a diverse group of people are able to hear and understand each other, despite speaking different languages. Through the local church, God has given us a family. Despite our many differences, we are to be a family marked by unity, generosity, and joy. As we connect with other believers, we find people who will love and encourage us as we seek to become more like Jesus and fulfill His plan to make disciples.

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### Monday: Acts 2:1-12

Pentecost marks the powerful beginning of a global movement of the power of God's presence sweeping across the earth. As we read the account of what happened as the Spirit descended with power on God's people, place yourself in their midst. Imagine what it would look like, sound like, and feel like to witness firsthand such a powerful movement of God's Spirit. Where do you need a boldness of Spirit in your life today? Pray for a fresh movement of the Spirit in your heart and life today.

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### Tuesday: Acts 2:1-12

The tongues or languages spoken by the apostles represent a reversal of the judgment at the Tower of Babel. The apostles are proclaiming the "mighty works of God (verse 11)." Jews from all over the known world are in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost. Each can hear the apostles speaking to them in their own native languages. In addition to being able to communicate, they are united over the truth of Christ, and together glorify God. Can you imagine such a world? Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you, so you can speak in a way that brings unity and glory to God today.

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### Wednesday: Acts 2:40-47

While we talk about times of eating and praying together as "fellowship," this experience of the disciples went deeper. In this passage, we learn that in this new Christian community, if one was in need, the others did not feel they had the right to live on in prosperity without giving up something to meet the need. These Jesus-followers would sell possessions and use the money to meet the needs of the poor in the church. How might we take this same posture in our church community? Pray about how you might care for someone else's need today.

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### Thursday: Romans 8:22-27

This passage speaks to our sense that in our current situation, we "groan inwardly" as we wait for the fullness of hope that will come with the "redemption of our bodies." Meanwhile, we know that when we don't have the words to pray, the Spirit speaks with "wordless groans" on our behalf. As a nation, we are in a time of collective grief over recent atrocities and violence. How might the Holy Spirit be praying for us today? Pray the Holy Spirit would guide us as a community to ease the pain in our world.

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### Friday: John 3:1-8

Nicodemus, a Pharisee, comes to see Jesus "by night." Can you imagine what their meeting was like? Nicodemus seems very confused when Jesus tell him that he must be "born from above" or "born again." Perhaps you are confused by this language as well. Jesus invites you to a new life in his Spirit, what has that meant to you? Jesus describes the Spirit like the wind that blows freely. What does that image bring to mind for you? Ask Jesus to show you what being "born of the Spirit" means for you today.

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## MOVING FORWARD

As you move into next week, pray that the Holy Spirit would fill our Asbury community with a new wind, set our heads on fire, and give us tongues to speak in a way that brings new understanding! Give thanks for each of our Confirmands, who each made a personal decision to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ. Consider how you can help create a community marked by hope and grace for them and all of our children and youth.

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*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) Trinity, B) 50 & 50, C) tongues. IIA) all together, B) needy, C) abilities. IIIA) strangely warmed, B) Asbury, C) words.*