

In lieu of flowers, a donation has been made by Jack & Mildred Lynch which is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Kathy Lynch.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**  
**Liturgist:** Gale Taylor  
**Acolyte:** Silas Jurs  
**Ushers:** Ralph Waller, Colleen Gutierrez and Mary Wiseman  
**Deacon on Call:** Connie Canova  
**A/V Team:** TBD

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**  
 William Fisher 5/19  
 Dee Bragg 5/21  
 Carol Lehman 5/21  
 Brady Surles 5/21  
 Bob Martin 5/23

**Elon Community Church Staff**

**Senior Pastor**  
 Rev. Randy Orwig

**Associate Pastor**  
 Rev. Sharon Wheeler

**Office Manager**  
 Ashely Burgess

**Finance Director**  
 Lori Watson

**Organist**  
 Joy Rust

**Choir Director**  
 Dr. Stephen Futrell

**Bell Choirs Director**  
 Claire Jurs

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**THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 5/19 Pentecost Picnic**

9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
 9:30 am Seekers Class  
 9:30 am Senior Pastor's Bible Study-CLC Classroom  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 11:30 am Pentecost Picnic  
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass-Sanctuary  
 5:30 pm COOL Edge Youth Group

**Monday 5/20**

6:00 pm Scouts-CLC

**Tuesday 5/21**

6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 30071

**Wednesday 5/22**

8:00 pm AA Meeting

**Thursday 5/23**

9:00 am Sewing Group-Old Seekers Room  
 3:00 pm Faith Walk-Library  
 3:00 pm Farmers Market

**Friday 5/24**

Ski Shop Tent-Front Yard  
 6:30 pm NA Meeting

**Saturday 5/25**

10:00 am CLC Event



**\*\*PRAYER LIST\*\***

Cheryl Johnson Debbie Haywood Deborah Beckel Linda Georgeu  
 Lorraine Morris Linda Raker Cindy Simpson Doug Williams  
 Hazel Palmer

Please email your requests to: [eloncommunitychurch@gmail.com](mailto:eloncommunitychurch@gmail.com)

**TRUSTING WOMEN AND EMPOWERING EQUITY**

As people of faith living in a time where women's rights are under attack, the Justice & Witness Committee believes it is critical to embrace the principles of reproductive justice and supporting the reproductive journey of every family. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Dr. Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon Professor, PCUSA minister, and renowned social Christian ethicist to Elon Community Church on **Wednesday, May 29 from 6pm - 8pm**, to help us further explore these ideas.

**Dinner will be provided for a donation and we welcome church and community members to an evening of sacred conversation, centered on the intersectionality of faith and reproductive justice, as well as the societal implications of the ongoing struggle for women's rights.**

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HYMN??**

During July we will be singing your Favorite Hymns. We need your hymns by June 30th. Slips are in pew holders, please place them in offering plates.

**Pentecost Picnic Today**

Immediately following worship  
 At Beth Schmidt Park

**VBS 2024—WEIRD ANIMALS**

Sun, June 16—Wed, June 19  
 5:30pm—8:30pm

**ECC MUSIC CAMP 2024**

**Monday, August 5th - Friday, August 9th AND Sunday, August 11th**

Please register ASAP to guarantee your spot at camp (link provided on ECC website under **Music Ministry**)!!! The final deadline to register is July 22nd. Around July 22nd, anyone who has completed a registration form will receive a confirmation email to ensure your child is still planning to attend camp. Please be sure to respond to that email promptly in order to help us with planning ensembles and meals.

**CHAT & CHOW**

will meet **Friday, May 24th at 12 Noon**  
 LaCasa Dorada—128 W. Main Street, Gibsonville  
 Please email John Henderson at [ztown22@yahoo.com](mailto:ztown22@yahoo.com)  
 or call/text 336-558-6564  
 By Wednesday evening, May 22nd

**Come Join Us for a Very Special Soaring High Book Club Meeting**

Please plan on attending May's Soaring High Book Club meeting tomorrow, **Monday, May 20th at 2:00 in the Fellowship Room**. We will be choosing books for the 2024-25 season and making some important decisions for next year as well. We look forward to ideas shared for books you would like us to read next year and your input on other issues as well that pertain to the Soaring High Book Club. Bring your book pick along to the meeting if you like. See you tomorrow!!!!!!

**Green Church Suggestion:** Reduce! Buy in bulk to reduce packaging and emissions from shipping whether to you directly or to the store. Choose "paperless" for bills and newspapers and reduce the trees cut down. To reduce filling landfills, donate purchases that don't fit instead of returning them because companies often send "returns" to landfills instead of restocking.



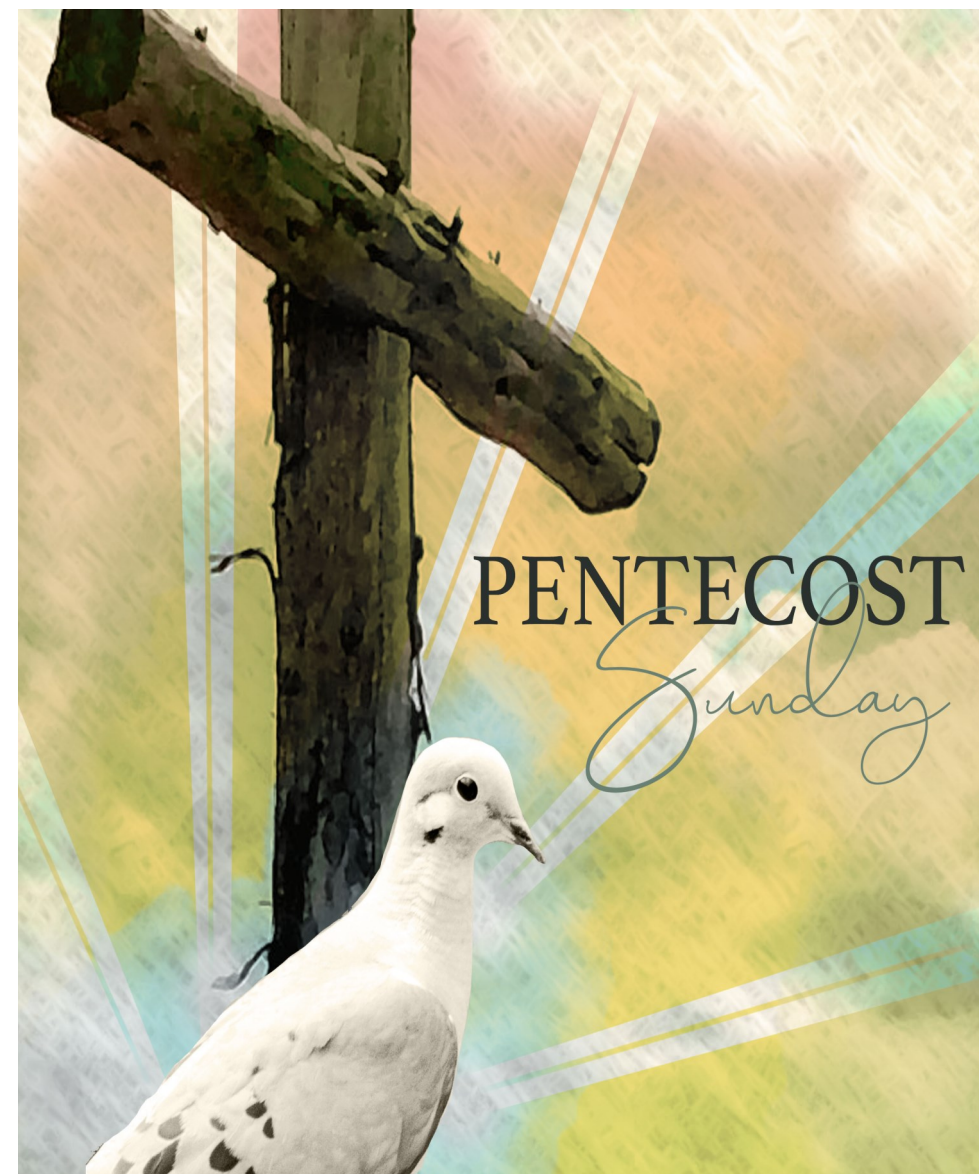
*Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.*

MAY 19, 2024

10:30 AM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

We welcome all guests and members who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please take time to sign the visitor portion of the insert and leave it in the offering plate at either exit.



## Gathering God's People

CHIMES  
GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE Spring Ring by Tammy Waldrop  
*JuBELLation and InspiRING Bells*

## The Call

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has done great things for us!  
**Many: We declare God's mighty works with all we have!**  
One: We praise the One who has kept us safe and provided for us.  
**Many: We worship the One who has blessed us with the Holy Spirit!**  
One: Let us worship God together!  
**Many: Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

† HYMN 286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness SPIRIT

### † PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

**Gracious God, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be protected from deceit. Sometimes, it's not easy to be bold in sharing how God's love has impacted our lives. We ask forgiveness for the times we have not been strong enough in sharing our truth, for fear of how others would respond. Help us find strength in Your promises to us. Help us share our joy with abundance. Amen.**

### † WORDS OF GRACE

One: Friends, take comfort. None of Jesus' disciples found this way to be easy, and sometimes they faltered. We aren't expected to be perfect either. We are sanctified in God's truth. Christ prays for us and can guide our words and actions. We always have opportunities to grow in our discipleship, as long as we trust in Christ to lead us.  
**All: By the grace of God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the Peace of God be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Now share that peace with your neighbors.  
*Please let people know what you wish by waving, a fist out to bump, or if you are open to a handshake or even a hug.*

### † PRAISE FOR PENTECOST

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me;  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

## Encountering the Sacred Word

THE PENTECOST STORY Acts 2: 1-21 Page 116(NT)

Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.  
**All: And we are listening!**

ANTHEM I Will Praise You, O Lord by Mark Patterson  
*Children's Choir*

CHILDREN'S TIME Little Children Come Unto Me SILER  
**Little children come unto me, Little children come unto me.  
You are made in God's image so perfectly.  
Little children come unto me.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15 Page 108(NT)

SERMON The Great Reminder Randy Orwig


ANTHEM Veni, Sancte Spiritus by Peter M. Kolar  
*Small Youth Ensemble and Chancel Choir  
Tessa Byerly and Kennedy Ramsey, soloists  
Whitman Stiegel, trumpet  
Abby Stimpson, clarinet  
Emily Stimpson, flute  
Silas Jurs, violin  
Modeste Madjingaye and Aime Nguerdsem, percussion*

**The congregation is invited to sing the anthem refrain with the choir when cued.**

VENI, SANCTE SPIRITUS  
*Come, Holy Spirit / Ven, Espíritu Santo / Halina, Espiritu*

Based on the Pentecost Sequence and *Laudato Si* Peter M. Kolar

Refrain\*



Come, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu San - to.  
Ha - li - na, Es - pi - ri - tu.  
Fill our hearts with your love.  
En - cien - de en no - so - tros tu a - mor.

## Responding to the Word

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison. "Forgive us our **trespasses...**")  
**Please address God in the way that is most comfortable to you:  
"Our Father," "Our Father and Mother," "Our God," etc.**

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give  
The Symbolic Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness SPIRIT

† THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Sing your praises, Alleluia!  
Praise God above you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### † PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## Sending God's People

† HYMN 282 Every Time I Feel the Spirit AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

BENEDICTION (please be seated)

BENEDICTION RESPONSE Spirit Found Us by Lisa G. Littlebird  
*Tessa Byerly, Kennedy Ramsey, and Corinne Wilson, trio*

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR THE PICNIC

POSTLUDE Pirates of the Caribbean by Klaus Badelt/arr. Kevin McChesney  
*Young Ringers*

† *You are invited to stand as able at these moments.*