
Subject: Pastor's Weekly Email

From: News from FCCV (lists@firstchurchofvernon.org)

To:

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Family and Friends of FCCV,



*"There was a crowd gathered 'round from all over town
 They came to see what it was all about.
 There was a sound that came down from the upper room
 Where the Holy Ghost was being poured out.
 It sounded just like the roar of a mighty wind
 As it fell on every one of them.
 And the wind that blew at Pentecost keeps blowin' and blowin' again.
 The wind is blowing again, the wind is blowing again.
 Just like the day of Pentecost, the wind is blowing again."*

I grew up singing this song in church, whether it was **Pentecost Sunday** or not! I believe the Holy Spirit is just as real today as it was on the day that the early believers received it when they were gathered together. The Holy Spirit is a promise; from Jesus and from the prophet Joel. Jesus says, "The Companion, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I told you." Joel states, "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people."

WE are the "all people" the scriptures speak to. That's us! All we need to do is to believe in this Promise and receive it! WE are "heirs" ... the sons and daughters ... the children of God! Isn't this wonderful and exciting news??

Come hear the Promise of God in our texts from Acts and Galatians on Sunday! Come and feel the wind of the Holy Spirit in our presence!

Grace be to y'all,
 Robin

Prelude to the Preludes

For Pentecost I'll be playing several preludes inspired by that mysterious third member of the Trinity, the Holy Ghost. Most are familiar: "Spirit of the Living God," "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide," "Breathe on Me, Breath of



God" to name some. A couple are meditative tone poems, like Roger Wilson's "The Spirit of God."

During communion you'll hear something old and something new. The old is an arrangement of the plainsong (chant) "Veni creator," an ancient hymn to the Holy Spirit that was sung at important ceremonies like coronations, ordinations or consecrations of bishops. Surely in the Top 5 of most popular chants of all time, over a thousand years later it is still widely used and even resides in our own Chalice Hymnal. For the new I'll play "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson and

Lowell Alexander, published in 1994. --James

Reminders....

Golf Tournament at Willow Brook Golf Course tomorrow

Kids' Club, 5-9 PM tomorrow. This is the last one for the school year. We will start up again in October.



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