



Pentecost

covenant
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 24, 2026 – 10am

Day of Pentecost

Covenant is an accepting, welcoming community sharing the glory of God's love with all.

PRELUDE

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit" arr. Pethel & Pethel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration, the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

Leader: Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

People: Come, Holy Spirit!

*Please rise in body or spirit



Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness,
calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters;
you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."
(Refrain)

2 You swept through the desert;
you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land.
When they were confounded
with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.
(Refrain)

3 You sang in a stable;
you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still.
And down in the city,
you called once again
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind. (Refrain)

4 You call from tomorrow;
you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions;
our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions
your people arise. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples
creating bold tongues, open ears,
and a new community of faith.
We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us.
We do not listen for your word of grace,
speak the good news of your love,
or live as a people made one in Christ.
Have mercy on us, O God.
Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silence for Personal Confession)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN #447

“We are Forgiven”

We are forgiven.
We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Thanks be to God.



PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord, be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN #188

“Jesus Loves Me”

TALK WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



THE FIRST READING

Acts 2:1-21, 37-47 (NRSVUE)

See Insert



SPECIAL MUSIC

“Hymn of the Spirit” by Russel Nagy

THE GOSPEL READING

John 7:37-39 (NRSVUE)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Flowing Spirit,
living water,
Mother of creation:
refresh our hearts,
inspire our gifts,
indwell our gathering
and make us a sign
of all the world’s vocation
to communion with you;
through Jesus Christ, who quenches our thirst. Amen.



SERMON

Twenty Questions—Are We Pentecostal?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven... (Hymnal p. 35. We say “debts & debtors.”)



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING



OFFERTORY

"Fill-a-Me Up" by Pepper Choplin

*DOXOLOGY #606

**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.**



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #280

"Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

1 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
come with Pentecostal power;
give the church a stronger vision;
help us face each crucial hour.
Built upon a firm foundation,
Jesus Christ, the Cornerstone,
still the church is called to mission
that God's love shall be made known.

3 Come, O Spirit, dwell among us;
give us words of fire and flame.
Help our feeble lips to praise you,
glorify your holy name.
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Three in One: what mystery!
We would sing our loud hosannas
now and through eternity.

2 We would raise our alleluias
for the grace of yesteryears;
for tomorrow's unknown pathway,
hear, O Lord, our humble prayers.
In the church's pilgrim journey
you have led us all the way;
still in presence move before us,
fire by night and cloud by day.



*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“This Little Light of Mine” arr. Raney

† From Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare. New York: Church Publishing, 2009.

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Assisting in Worship Today:

Jim Buchanan – Liturgist

Whitney Dodds – Vocalist

Karla Cherwinski- Piano & Percussion

Stella Cherwinski- Percussion

Katie Wynkoop – Organist/Pianist & Assistant Director of Music

Brian Biller – Media Production Specialist

Erin Wise – Director of Children’s & Youth Ministries

Kathi Bubb – Sabbatical Christian Educator

Rev. David Bubb – Sabbatical Pastor

THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

Bible Study - Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Lounge. Join Bible Study with the QR code.



Centering Prayer- Thursday at 8:30am in the Lounge

The **Nominating Committee** is seeking recommendations for members to serve as Elders and Deacons beginning in 2027. Please prayerfully consider nominating someone — or yourself — for these leadership roles.

Submit by scanning the QR code, at bit.ly/CPCNom or by paper form available in the Narthex or Church Office.



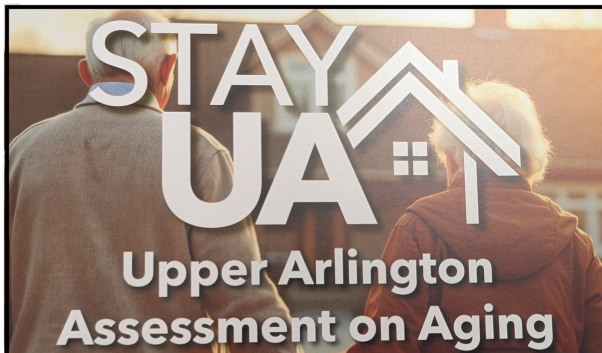
Deadline: June 14, 2026.

JEAN A. MORTLAND SCHLOARSHIP

Established in 2007 to honor her love of music, education, and faith, the Jean A. Mortland scholarship is awarded annually to support an individual pursuing degrees in music or theology who shows vocational excellence. Funded by her bequest and donations.

APPLY | [BIT.LY/JAMAPP26](https://bit.ly/JAMAPP26)

DEADLINE | 06.01.26



Upper Arlington Assessment on Aging

UAs older adult services team is seeking feedback from older adults, caregivers, and family members to help improve programs and services in our community. Please complete the survey below that gathers information about the needs and concerns of older adults as they age.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com>

To request a paper copy, call
614-583-5326 or email
olderadults@uaoh.net

Due: 6/1/26



VBS

JUNE 15-18, 9-11:30AM

PARTICIPATE

3 YRS - 5TH GRADE

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VOLUNTEER

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Optional Dates:

Set up
June 13:
9 am-12 pm
Tear down
June 18:
11:30am

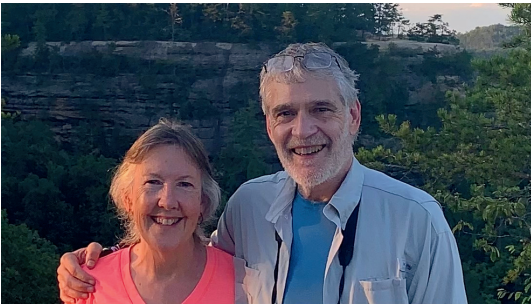


2026 UA AREA PRIDE EVENTS

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND WITH A GROUP
FROM COVENANT!**

- June 1 | 5pm Pride Flag Raising
- June 13 | 12-3 pm Hilliard Pride Event
- June 16 | 7:00 pm Interfaith Prayer Service
- June 20 | 10:30am Walking in Columbus Pride March
- June 28 | 1-5pm UA Pride event

**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO BE ADDED TO
THE LIST OF INTERESTED ATTENDEES &/OR TO
THE CARPOOL LIST.**



MEET THE BUBBS

Greetings, Covenant Presbyterian Church! We are delighted to be serving with you for the next twelve weeks while Joel is on Sabbatical. We have enjoyed the Sundays we have preached, taught, and worshiped with you in the past. We are not trying to do all that Joel does! We will be leading worship and the Wednesday Bible Study. David will be coordinating emergency pastoral care with Don and Janice. David will also be moderating the session and both of us are willing to help with other committee meetings and events as needed. David will have office hours on Tuesdays from 9:30-11:30am but both of us are available for other conversations upon request. You can contact the church office to reach us.

Here is our basic bio: Rev. David Bubb is a retired pastor who most recently served Mifflin Presbyterian Church in Gahanna, OH. He has also served churches in Santiago, Chile; Jackson, TN; Montgomery, OH; and Glasgow, Scotland. David has a BA from Centre College in Kentucky in Religion and Psychology, and a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School. Kathi is a Certified Christian Educator who has served congregations with David in Gahanna, Santiago, Jackson, and Montgomery, as well as in Franklin, Indiana. She graduated from Franklin College in Indiana with a BA in American Studies and Religious Studies and has an MA in American Religious History from Indiana University. Kathi is still serving on the Presbytery Commission on Justice, Outreach and Education, which includes co-chairing the OSUKirk board and co-coordinating the Matthew 25 initiative in our Presbytery. They both enjoy traveling, hiking, and taking photos, doing all three together whenever possible.

Grace and Peace,
David & Kathi



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