



PENTECOST

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

IDEAS TO CONNECT TO WORSHIP AND THE CONGREGATION

Call to Worship—to be sung

Alternately sing two hymns that are very different in rhythm and feel, but are essentially the same sung prayer:

“Veni Sancte Spiritus” (“Holy Spirit, Come to Us”) Taizé chant

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #281

“Wa Wa Wa Emimimo” (“Come, Holy Spirit, Come”) Nigerian song

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #283

Hymn Suggestions

“Canticle of the Turning”

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #100

This song is often sung at Advent, but it speaks of God’s power moving out to those who need it: the most vulnerable among us. The rhythm also suggests a sense of movement outward. Pay special attention to verse 4, which speaks of God’s promise.

“Spirit”

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #291

The Presbyterian Hymnal #319

This popular hymn speaks of the Spirit’s power and movement throughout the Bible and into our lives today and urges us to have the same Spirit of boldness as of old.

“Go to the World”

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #295

These words are based on Christ’s commission to go out into the world and spread the good news of Jesus Christ. The tune is the familiar “For All the Saints.”

Visual Worship–Offering

Preparation:

- Have four people ready to enter the sanctuary:
 - one person wearing a youth T-shirt from a church youth event and carrying a basket or offering plate. A Presbyterian Triennium T-shirt would be ideal (or write the words “Presbyterian Youth Triennium” on a solid colored T-shirt)
 - one person wearing a backpack
 - one person carrying an empty grocery bag
 - one person carrying a box with a picture of a city bus on it





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Offering

As the four people enter the sanctuary, tell the congregation about the opportunities for giving that support the Pentecost Offering:

- Youth Triennium registration (youth T-shirt)—\$505 provides a life-changing experience in discipleship and faith formation for high school-age youth
- YAV tutoring/snacks (backpack)—\$50 provides fuel for a child's mind and body through tutoring and nutritious food
- YAV groceries (grocery bag)—\$100 provides a month's worth of groceries
- YAV bus pass (cut-out bus)—\$25 provides a bus pass that will help one get to and from work each day

Have the person wearing the T-shirt hold the basket or plate and have the others place the backpack, grocery bag, and bus box on a table where people may put their offering envelopes or pledge cards.

Invite congregants to use the Pentecost Offering envelopes or the pledge cards for online giving, bring them forward, and place them in either the basket, the T-shirt, the back pack, the grocery bag, or the box with a picture of a bus.

Ask the children, youth, and young adults to take the offering.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the Spirit of Peace
that calms our mind
and stills our life,
we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Love
that touches hearts
and reaches out,
we give you thanks.

For the Spirit of Joy
that lifts our soul
and gives us faith,
we give you thanks.





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For the Spirit of Power
that gift of grace
for this your church,
we give you thanks.

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Charge and Benediction

One: God Who Provides

ALL: Fill our emptiness with your fullness

One: Spirit of Love

ALL: Stir our hearts afresh

One: Breath of Life

ALL: Move through us, and through us, to our neighbor

One: Spirit of Boldness

ALL: Send us out to be your promise to all the world.

One: May the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you, those you love, and God's children everywhere. Amen.

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