



WEPC Lectionary Project: *Union with Christ*

West End Presbyterian Church is using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship and our personal and family devotion. This project is part of WEPC's 25th Anniversary Year and will run from December 2018 through November 2019. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

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Sunday, June 9, 2019 *Day of Pentecost*

[Genesis 11:1-9](#) *The LORD Confused the Language of All the Earth*

[Psalm 104:24-35](#) *You Renew*

[Acts 2:1-21](#) *Hearing them Speak in His Own Language*

[John 14:8-17, 25-27](#) *The Spirit of Truth*

Monday, June 10

[Psalm 48](#) *As We Have Heard, So Have We Seen*

[Joel 2:18-29](#) *I Will Pour Out My Spirit*

[I Corinthians 2:1-11](#) *Revealed To Us Through The Spirit*

Tuesday, June 11

[Psalm 48](#) *As We Have Heard, So Have We Seen*

[Ezekiel 11:14-25](#) *I Will Gather You*

[I Corinthians 2:12-16](#) *Taught By The Spirit*

Wednesday, June 12

[Psalm 48](#) *As We Have Heard, So Have We Seen*

[Numbers 24:1-14](#) *The Spirit of God Comes Upon Balaam*

[Luke 1:26-38](#) *The Holy Spirit Comes Upon Mary*

Thursday, June 13

[Psalm 8](#) *O LORD, Our Lord*

[Proverbs 3:13-18](#) *Blessed Is The One Who Finds Wisdom*

[Ephesians 1:17-19](#) *The Spirit of Wisdom*

Friday, June 14

[Psalm 8](#) *O LORD, Our Lord*

[Proverbs 3:19-26](#) *By Wisdom, The LORD Created & Preserves*

[Ephesians 4:1-6](#) *The Unity of the Spirit*

Saturday, June 15

[Psalm 8](#) *O LORD, Our Lord*

[Proverbs 4:1-9](#) *Get Wisdom*

[Luke 2:41-52](#) *Jesus Increased in Wisdom*

I Will Pour Out My Spirit

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Acts 2:1-21](#)

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

- Ten days after the Ascension of Jesus, the Disciples are gathered together and the Holy Spirit comes upon them in physical manifestations ("rushing wind", v.2; "tongues of fire"; v.3) and spiritual manifestations (the Gospel is heard in many differing languages at once, v.8).
- Pentecost was an Old Testament Festival of the people of God celebrating the beginning of the wheat harvest. What does it all mean?
- "Devout people from every nation under heaven" (v.5) come to see the commotion and hear the great work of Jesus Christ in their own language
- Babel is reversed (see [Genesis 11:1-9](#)); Rebellion is overwhelmed by the work of Christ. The division of language is removed.
- Fire, here does not consume in judgment but empowers for witness. "He sent messengers on ahead, who went into a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. But the people there refused to welcome Him, because He was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, 'Lord, do You want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?'" ([Luke 9:52-54](#))
- Jesus keeps all of His promises. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ([Acts 1:8](#))
- The promise from the prophet Joel that the Spirit is for every one of God's people (vv.17-21)
- God validated the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus by sending His Spirit in this way. Pentecost is confirmation that Jesus is risen and reigning.