

# Seasonal Notebook - Pentecost



## Pentecost 2019 (Year C)

Planning: April/May, 2019

Implementation: June 9-August 18, 2019

## SEASON SUMMARY

### **Pentecost**

Pentecost Sunday is often called the “birthday of the Church.” It is the day we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem as the disciples were gathered there to wait for the promised gift. It occurred during a Jewish holiday - the Feast of Weeks - which is why so many were gathered in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit is what enabled the early followers of Jesus to go out and share the gospel beyond the original followers. It enabled them to be the body of Christ on earth, and strengthened them for the mission to which they - and we - are called.

Pentecost is also a celebration of the diversity and breadth of God’s blessing and work. There were many different languages and ethnicities, and each heard the message of the gospel in their own tongue. Red is the color of Pentecost/the Holy Spirit - and it is the only day in the entire liturgical calendar for that color! We also often bring out the red paraments for things like ordinations and installations, which celebrate the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those called to service.

### **Trinity Sunday**

Though technically the first Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Sunday after Pentecost is celebrated as Trinity Sunday, which invites us to ponder the great mystery of a Triune God! For this Sunday, we return to White paraments.

### **Ordinary Time**

Following Pentecost, the church begins a long stretch of “Ordinary Time.” Ordinary time is not named because it isn’t anything special. It comes from the Latin word for numbered, and so they are the numbered days that anchor our liturgical seasons. The color of Ordinary Time is Green. For Ordinary Time between Pentecost and Christ the King Sunday, there are two reading options for the Revised Common Lectionary. The “Semi-Continuous” track keeps us in the same Old Testament book of the Bible for weeks at a time, giving a fuller sense of particular books or narratives. The Psalm selection has some thematic connection with the Old Testament reading. This is the track that the PC(USA) tends to default

to, but there is another shared option, as well. The “Complementary” track has a different Old Testament and Psalm reading which are chosen as complements to the Epistle and Gospel readings. For the notebook, the semi-continuous track scriptures are listed, but teams have the option of looking at the other, as well.

### **Pentecost Offering**

This is a denominational special offering that supports Youth and Young Adult Ministries in the PC(USA) as well as Ministries with Children at Risk. It is always received on Pentecost. Congregations are urged to retain 40% of the monies received for a local effort that fits within those aims. The Pentecost team should discuss and recommend an option for this portion of the offering, which might connect with the mission component for the Season. Session will approve the designation, and it can be advertised to let members know what will be supported when the offering is received.

**Additional events are at the discretion of the Season Team.**

## Scripture Readings

Pentecost

**First Reading** Acts 2:1-21

**Or alternate First Reading** Genesis 11:1-9

**Psalm** 104:24-34, 35b

**Second Reading** Romans 8:14-17

**Or alternate Second Reading** Acts 2:1-21

**Gospel** John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Trinity Sunday

**First Reading** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

**Psalm** 8:1-9

**Second Reading** Romans 5:1-5

**Gospel** John 16:12-15

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 7)

**First Reading** 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a

**Psalm** Psalms 42 and 43

**Second Reading** Galatians 3:23-29

**Gospel** Luke 8:26-39

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 8)

**First Reading** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

**Psalm** 77:1-2, 11-20

**Second Reading** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**Gospel** Luke 9:51-62

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 9)

**First Reading** 2 Kings 5:1-14

**Psalm** 30:1-12

**Second Reading** Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

**Gospel** Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 10)

**First Reading** Amos 7:7-17

**Psalm** 82:1-8

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:1-14

**Gospel** Luke 10:25-37

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 11)

**First Reading** Amos 8:1-12

**Psalm** 52

**Second Reading** Colossians 1:15-28

**Gospel** Luke 10:38-42

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 12)

**First Reading** Hosea 1:2-10

**Psalm** 85:1-13

**Second Reading** Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

**Gospel** Luke 11:1-13

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 13)

**First Reading** Hosea 11:1-11

**Psalm** 107:1-9, 43

**Second Reading** Colossians 3:1-11

**Gospel** Luke 12:13-21

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 14)

**First Reading** Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

**Psalm** 50:1-8, 22-23

**Second Reading** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Gospel** Luke 12:32-40

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Proper 15)

**First Reading** Isaiah 5:1-7

**Psalm** 80:1-2, 8-19

**Second Reading** Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Gospel** Luke 12:49-56

5th Sunday of Easter

**First Reading** Acts 11:1-18

**Psalm** 148:1-14

**Second Reading** Revelation 21:1-6

**Gospel** John 13:31-35

6th Sunday of Easter

**First Reading** Acts 16:9-15

**Psalm** 67:1-7

**Second Reading** Revelation 21:10, 21:22-22:5

**Gospel** John 14:23-29

**Gospel** John 5:1-9

Ascension of the Lord

**First Reading** Acts 1:1-11

**Psalm** 47:1-9

**Or alternate Psalm** Psalm 93:1-5

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Gospel** Luke 24:44-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**First Reading** Acts 16:16-34

**Psalm** 97:1-12

**Second Reading** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

**Gospel** John 17:20-26

**NOTES**

## **SEASON WORKSHEET**

THEME:

### **WORSHIP AND MUSIC IDEAS**

(Overall as well as for particular services - think through music, decor, art, liturgical elements, congregational songs and responses, playground coordination, special services, etc....)

When will we celebrate Communion? (dates need to be approved by the Session)

## **EDUCATION IDEAS:**

(consider all ages and stages, formats, days, times, etc...)

## **TAKE-HOMES/FAMILY RITUALS:**

(each season should have some "take-home" practice or tangible item that can help families connect with the Scriptures and season at home.)



## **MISSION IDEAS:**

(Include denominational offerings, if applicable. Check calendars for regularly scheduled opportunities. Plan or connect with at least one mission opportunity that can be opened up to the congregation for the season)

## **FELLOWSHIP IDEAS:**

## **PUBLICITY PLANS**

(Think of how we can intentionally reach out to our neighbors and community, as well)

**PLANS FOR NURTURE, INCLUDING LEADERSHIP FOR ALL AGES**

## **REGULAR VOLUNTEER NEEDS**

### Liturgists and Communion Servers

The liturgist meets in advance of the worship service with the pastor to plan and lead worship. Members of the Seasonal Team are encouraged to sign up for this, and recruit others who would bring particular gifts to the season and worship services. Any slots unfilled will be filled by the pastor. On days when communion is served, we need 3 ordained elders in addition to the pastor signed up to serve. If the Liturgist is ordained, only 2 additional elders are needed.

Date	Name	Email and Phone Number
6/9		
6/16		
6/23		
6/30		
7/7		
Server 1		
Server 2		
Server 3		
7/14		
7/21		
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Server 1		
Server 2		
Server 3		
8/11		
8/18		

## Volunteers with Children

Each week a volunteer is needed to sit with the children in the playground and provide nursery backup if needed.

Date	Name	Email and Phone Number
6/9		
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## Coffee/Fellowship

These volunteers must arrive early enough to set up coffee, tea and snacks. Following fellowship hour the volunteers are required to clean up; including washing dishes, wiping down tables, and throwing away all trash. This can be done by one person/family who comes early and stays late or by two volunteers who split the work.

Date	Name	Email and Phone Number
6/9		
6/16		
6/23		
6/30		



- Clothes Closet

ADD YOUR OWN IDEAS HERE!

## **EVALUATION NOTES**

What went well? What was “meh”? What didn’t go well? What advice would you give to future teams?