

# Ponca City Christian

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## Devotional Christian

### Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost calls for celebration, for signs and symbols of a God who pushes through, who rushes in when it seems all is lost. The traditional wind symbols – like balloons and kites and streamers – can be powerful reminders of movement and of an irresistible force and presence. The traditional color red reminds us of the flame and the passion of the one who calls and transforms us. Fire is also a great reminder of the power of the presence and speaks as well of the danger inherent in an encounter with the Spirit.

Yet, exuberant celebration is not the only way to observe this day. The gospel text reminds us that there can be a gentler receiving of that Spirit. The Christ who comes and breathes on us in our brokenness still offers this same grace and peace today.

There is a uniting presence celebrated on this day. Barriers and divisions are overcome. Differences become signs of the artistry of God and not reasons to be afraid. Strangers are not enemies to be opposed, but sisters and brothers to be embraced and included. This is a day where we remember that Spirit, wind, and breath are all part of the same experience and that life itself is a gift from God and a sign of God's goodness and presence in our lives. We share the need to breathe; we are impacted by the same wind; we share in the same Spirit. Let us find ways this Pentecost Sunday to breathe in our unity and celebrate our oneness with God and one another.

### Prayer

*Dear God, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen.*



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The FCC office will be closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. Have a happy and safe holiday weekend!

### Giving in Review

As of April 30, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$111,198.76
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$109,500.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$106,542.74