

Order of Worship

MUSICAL PRELUDE

INTROIT HYMN # 152 [VIP] - “Holy Spirit Hear Us” (*Saxthorpe Choristers*)

CALL TO WORSHIP: - Bro. Wayne Stewart (*Local Preacher, Red Hills Congregation, Western St. Andrew Circuit*)

L Blessed are you, Sovereign God, Lord of all.

ALL To you be praise and glory for ever!

L Though we rebelled against you, you became one of us in Jesus,
To lead us back to you.

ALL To you be praise and glory for ever!

L Your Holy Spirit brooded over the face of the waters, and came at Pentecost to give power to your children.

ALL To you be praise and glory for ever!

L And so we glory in your presence as our God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Hymn # 28 [VIP] – “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”

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| 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him for He is
thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration. | He like a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o’er
thee. |
| 2. Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend
thee. | 4. Praise to the Lord, who, when
darkness of sin is abounding,
Who, when the godless do
triumph,
all virtue confounding,
Sheddeth His light,
Chaseth the horrors of night,
Saints with Hi mercy surrounding. |
| 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth
nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks
that are ever before thee,
Then to thy need | 5. Praise to the Lord! O let
all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come
now with praises before Him!
Let the amen
Sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him. |

Joachim Neander (1650—1680)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

L Lord God Almighty, we look to you today with excitement and anticipation knowing that you have not left us orphaned or comfortless. Whether you come to us in the unexpected or in the familiar, we are overjoyed at your presence. Touch us today in a powerful way and ignite our whole being to go in your name to do your will.

R We long to experience the fullness of your love O God.

L Loving God, whether you come to us with a challenge to take risks or to step out of our comfort zones, we welcome you into our lives in a new way, as we crave for more of you and a deeper understanding of your ways.

R We long to experience the fullness of your grace O God.

L Loving God, whether you come to us like a rushing wind, or on a quiet breath, or in tongues of fire, we reach out to you as today we want to feel and experience the gift of your Holy Spirit.

R We long to experience the fullness of your power O God.

**HYMN # 160 [VIP] - “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place”
(verse 1 and Chorus)**

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| 1. There’s a sweet, sweet spirit in
this place
And I know it is the Spirit of the
Lord.
There are sweet expressions on
each face,
And I know they feel the
presence of the Lord. | <u>Refrain:</u>
Sweet Holy Spirit,
Sweet heavenly dove
Stay right here with us, filling us
with Your love
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise,
Without a doubt we know
That we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.
<i>Doris Akers (1923—1995)</i> |
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

L Loving God, there are times when our tongues and passionate feelings run away with us. There are times when we are so busy and flustered and so we miss those wonderful opportunities to experience your love, your grace and your power.
We are sorry

R Forgive and guide us O God.

L Loving God, there are times when our actions hurt and belittle others. There are times when we use our fears and insecurities as a reason for taking a back seat.

We are sorry

R Forgive and guide us O God.

L Loving God, there are times when we jump to unhelpful conclusions and times when we refuse to see the worth of others. There are times when we unreasonably hold onto things in this world and refuse to put you first in our lives.

We are sorry

R Forgive and guide us O God.

L Lead us into love, help us to grow in your grace and experience your power through the leading of your Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

L Loving God, in hearing about the first Pentecost day we can see how generous you are and we thank you. There are no limits to those upon whom you are willing to pour out your Spirit. In your word, Joel pointed it out, Peter repeated it, and through our experience we too know it to be true. We thank you and praise you for your abundance as you freely give to us your love, your grace and your Spirit. We thank you, praise you and worship you now and forever more. **Amen.**

PRAISE IN WORSHIP

- Sis. Tracy Cowan, (*Saxthorpe*)
**Bros. Courtney Moseley and
Wayne Stewart (Red Hills)**

Hymn # 149 [VIP] – “Come Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire ...”

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| 1. Come, Holy Ghost, our
hearts inspire,
Let us Thine influence prove;
Source of old prophetic fire,
Fountain of light and love. | 3. Expand thy wings, celestial
dove,
Brood o’er our nature’s
night; On our disordered
spirits move,
And let there now be light. |
| 2. Come, Holy Ghost; for
moved by Thee,
The prophets wrote and
spoke;
Unlock the truth, Thyself the
key;
Unseal the sacred book. | 4. God, through Himself, we
then shall know
If Thou within us shine,
And sound, with all Thy
Saints below,
The depth of love divine. |

Charles Wesley (1707—1788)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

COLLECT:

L God, who sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples with a sound from heaven and in tongues of fire, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the everlasting Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and to draw all peoples to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament: - Joel 2:23-29 – **Bro. Emelio Cole** (*Local Preacher, Elletson, East Kingston Circuit*)

New Testament: – Acts 2:1-11 – **Sis. Camielle Michael-Patterson** (*Local Preacher, Coke Circuit*)

SPECIAL ITEM – Men's Choir

Gospel – John 14:15-27 - **Sis. Lilieth Deacon** (*Secretary, Methodist Lay Preachers' Association*)

SERMON – **Sis. Lilieth Deacon**

Hymn # 159 [VIP] – “Breathe on me, breath of God ...”

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| 1. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou
dost love,
And do what Thou would'st
do. | 3. Breathe on me, breath of God
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine. |
| 2. Breathe on me, Breath of God
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure. | 4. Breathe on me, Breath of God
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect
life
Of Thine eternity.
<i>Edwin Hatch (1835—1889)</i> |

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - **Bro. Wayne Stewart**

STATEMENT ON GIVING & OFFERING - **Bro. Wayne Stewart**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

L Loving God, we pray for the world in which you placed us. No matter what is happening right now, we still believe it is a beautiful place where we experience your hand of mercy and abundance. We are concerned and angered that there are contrary forces that seek to destroy your perfect will and purpose for us. But in the middle of the turmoil ...

we hear God declare:

R **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah!**

L We pray for the communities in which we live and for our neighbours and acquaintances with whom we rub shoulders from day to day. We pray for those who seek to build up and give hope and joy wherever they go. We pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet because of the effects of the present pandemic.

God declares:

R **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah!**

L We pray for the worshiping community throughout the world. In particular, we pray for the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. Speak to and through our leaders and give us all a determined attitude of obedience as we seek to follow you O God and once more guide us as we hear you clearly declaring:

R **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah!**

L Loving God, as you pour out your Spirit, may those through whom it flows make our world, our neighbourhood and our Church better places for all to grow, develop and reach their potential as ... We hear you declare once more:

R **I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, Hallelujah! Amen.**

Hymn # 155 [VIP] – “O Let the Power Fall On Me, My Lord ...”

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| 1. O let the power fall on me,
My Lord
Let the power fall on me;
O let the power from heaven
fall on me
Let the power fall on me. | 3. Send us the promised
Comforter, O Christ,
Send us the promised
Comforter;
And let our hearts be filled
with love O Christ,
When the Spirit come like
Dove. |
| 2. For we want power to live as
one; yes Lord,
We want power to live as
one;
So as we pray and intercede
for some,
May the Spirit make us one. | 4. Give us the power here and
now, O Christ,
Please for the power here and
now;
Send us the power of grace
and peace and love,
Send us the power of peace
and love. |

Birchfield Aymer (1944—)

BENEDICTION - **Sis. Lilieth Deacon**

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Liturgist: **Bro. Wayne Stewart**

Organist: **Bro. Audley Davidson**

Choristers: **Sis. Yvonne Brown**
Sis. Valerie Hinds
Sis. Marie Miller
Sis. Yvonne Patterson
Bro. Nigel Hays

Praise Team: **Sis. Tracy Cowan**
Bro. Courtney Moseley
Bro. Wayne Stewart

District Bishop: Rev'd Christine Gooden- Benguche
District Secretary: Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

A warm welcome to all worshippers!