

Pastor D's Letter June 6, 2022

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost takes place 50 days, after Easter and celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Disciples of Jesus. That is the Christian definition.

For the Jew, Pentecost was the day for celebrating the Harvest. It was the big feast that concluded the FEAST OF WEEKS (gathering the crops during the grain harvest). This Feast took place for 7 weeks after the Passover and ended with the Feast of Harvest on what we call Pentecost. If you want to read more, look at Deuteronomy 16:9 ff.

For the Christian, Pentecost is the day the Spirit came to stay on all those who believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord. It is also the fulfillment of a promise Jesus made to his disciples that he would not leave them alone. (John 14:12-16) Jesus did send the "Comforter" the "Counselor" to empower us to do what Jesus calls us to do and remember all that Jesus did.

The fulfillment of Jesus' promise was heard and felt by every disciple gathered as the Spirit came like a rushing wind. The fulfillment of Jesus' promise was visible as the Spirit appeared like flames of fire above each disciple. (That's why **WE WEAR RED ON PENTECOST.**) The fulfillment of Jesus' promise was tasted by every disciple who spoke in tongues unknown to them, proclaiming Jesus was the Christ. And those who heard, those Jewish people from all over who had come to obey the Law of Moses, experienced the powerful grace of God and new life through faith in Jesus, just like we do today.

I hope you will join us in worship as we celebrate this special day. Remember to wear RED. We will also taste and see how good God's grace is to us as we receive communion in Jesus' name.

I'm worshipping with you,
Dr. D

NEWS UPDATES

- **PENTECOST SUNDAY – WEAR RED TO CHURCH!**
- Join us for **Fellowship after Church.**
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** IN WORSHIP! Be considerate of those who choose to wear masks and maintain social distance.
- If you cannot come in person, we continue to broadcast our **SERVICE LIVE** every Sunday at 9 a.m. on <https://www.facebook.com/SierraVistaPresbyterianChurch/>. Our account is public. **YOU DO NOT NEED A FACEBOOK ACCOUNT TO WATCH.** If you come to worship in person or watch at home, **invite a friend to join you. Worship sheets** are available on our website at <https://www.sierravistayuma.com/> under the NEWS Tab.
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