

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

There will be a **Congregational Meeting, next Sunday, May 31**, at the conclusion of the worship service, for the purpose of hearing a report and acting on the session's request for the approval of a Capital Funds Campaign.

**First Quarter Statements** for those who pledge are in the narthex on the ushers' table. Please pick up your statement if you pledge.

### Ambassador Choir Singing Dates:

**Thursday, May 28** - Sing at Remington House. If you wish to carpool, please meet in the FPC Choir Room at 9:30 AM, leaving to go to Remington House at 9:45 AM. If you wish to go directly to Remington House, please meet us there at 10:00 AM. After our performance, we will leave directly for complimentary lunch at Golden Corral. Please wear purple shirts.

**Thursday, June 4** - Sing at Merryvale. Please come to regular rehearsal in FPC Choir Room at 10:30 AM. We will have complimentary lunch at Plain Nuts at 11:30 AM, followed by our performance at Merryvale at 1:30 PM. Please wear purple shirts.

On Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 PM, there will be a **Joint Meeting for all Presbyterian Women's Circles** in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite salad to share. The Birthday Offering will be received. Jeanie Liem will report on Thornwell. Speaker will be Jean Patton, gifted quilter who will bring samples of her creations for us to enjoy. Jean discovered her quilting talent after retirement from the Newton County Public School System, where she had taught for twenty-nine years. PW Officers for 2015-2017 will be installed.

It's that time of year when we celebrate our **graduates from various institutions**. If you have graduates in your family from high school, college, graduate school, or technical schools, please let us know. We need the student's name, school, awards or degrees, majors, discipline, etc. As we have room, we will list future plans such as continuing education, employment and military. Call or e-mail the church office or [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org). We will print the information the last Sunday in May and in the June newsletter.



### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

#### Monday, May 25, Memorial Day

Office Closed

#### Tuesday, May 26

4:00 Exercise

#### Wednesday, May 27

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

#### Thursday, May 28

10:30 Ambassador Choir

#### Saturday, May 30

8:00 Men's Breakfast and Study

#### Sunday, May 31

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Congregational Meeting

## WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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Food Pantry Needs

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for May: 2 pound bags of sugar;** you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

**Baby Love:** The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local agencies to help families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered. Monetary donations are also accepted. Your donation by check, or cash in an envelope with your name will be credited to your offering statement.

## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

### Nursery Volunteers today:

The Bates Family

### Next Week:

The Henderson Family

### May Usher Chairs:

Fletcher Stamps & Jack Weesner

### Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

### Class of 2015

Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Jan Giles  
Jim Stillerman  
Bob Tabb  
Fletcher Stamps  
Jack Weesner

### Class of 2016

Charles Ardis  
Joyce Ashworth  
Betty Bailey  
Patrick Carmichael  
Perri Walden

### Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon  
Adrian Ivey  
Michael Thompson  
Danny Vining  
Jean Wolverton

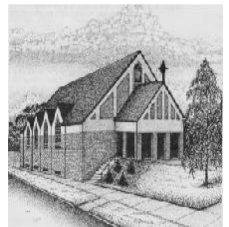
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		<i>Nursery</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>	Tiffany McWaters	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



## Pentecost Sunday

May 24, 2015



## Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

<i>Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord</i>	Andreas Arnsdorf
<i>Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	Robert J. Powell
<i>Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart</i>	Alice Jordan

<i>Holy Spirit, Come to Us</i>	TUI AMORIS IGNE
Sanctuary Choir	

### THE PROPHECY

Acts 2:17-21; 2:1

### THE WITNESSES

<i>As the Wind Song</i>	WAIRUA TAPU
Children's Choir	Laurel Ardis, recorder
	Alice Walker, piano

### ✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401

GATHER US IN

*Here in This Place*

### ✦ PRAYER FOR PENTECOST

When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place and all of the many foreigners heard the witnesses speaking in their own tongue.

**Come, Holy Spirit, witness to us also in our several languages.**

Speak in the language of our need. Let us hear how our deepest hungers, desires, and aspirations can be fulfilled by your goodness and in your service.

**Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.**

Speak in the language of our fear. Let us hear how our worries about the future, and about one another, and about ourselves, can find rest in your providential care.

**Come, Holy Spirit, give us that encouraging news again....**

Speak in the language of our gratitude. Let us hear how our honest thanks relate us, not only to those with whom we live, but also to you, the Lord and giver of life.

**Come, Holy Spirit, give us that enlarging news again....**

Speak to us in the language of hope. Let us hear how our yearning and our expectations are not just wishful thinking, but responses to your promise.

**Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

LIVING GOD

Hymn 288  
**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

According to John's gospel, the Risen Jesus appeared to his disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit".  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *The Spirit Like a Mighty Wind* Bringle/Rowan  
Sanctuary Choir

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children.  
Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's activities downstairs.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 2:37-47

SERMON *What Does This Mean?* William B. Wade, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from a Declaration of Faith

**The Holy Spirit renews the community of faith.  
Israel did not cease to be God's people.  
Yet out of Israel a new people was formed.  
The Spirit came with power to the followers of Jesus. Led by the apostles they began to proclaim with boldness the new thing God had done in Christ.  
They began to experience in their fellowship a new quality of common life.  
We believe that by the power of the same Spirit the church can be set on its way again, even when it seems beyond hope of renewal.  
We are grateful heirs of reformations and awakenings.  
We are faithful to the reformers of the past when we hold ourselves open in the present to the reforming and renewing work of the Spirit.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *A New Creation* David M. Cherwien

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LINSTEAD

(Hymn 526, stanza 1)  
**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy: bread is broken; the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard. Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again; pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Come, Holy Spirit. Come with wind and fire. Shake us to our foundations. Breathe upon us. Send us out into the world with tongues passionately proclaiming the gospel, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**SEALING OF THE WORD**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation  
This is the joyful feast of the people of God.  
They shall come from East and West, from North and South, to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.  
This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us pray...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE KINGDOM

Hymn 516, stanza 1  
**For the bread which You have broken, for the wine which You have poured, for the words which You have spoken, now we give You thanks, O Lord.**

Words of Institution

Communion  
(We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row. The choir will come forward first.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ HYMN 291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Come, God Creator, Holy Ghost* J. S. Bach

*Worship Notes*

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship today  
✦ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** again when you leave.

*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

†Jean Cannon-surgery for aneurism, in rehab †Greg Jones-broken neck vertebrae, Atlanta Medical Center (Rob Jones' father) †Betty Lunsford-fall, surgery from fractured femur, Newton Medical †Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis †John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) †Ruth McDaniel-back pain, home †Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney) †Velma Prescott-home †Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter) †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant †Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson) †Bill Miller-stroke (Beth Vinings' brother) †Catherine Horton-ill (sister of Maxine Blankenship) †Darris Burrell-home †Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy †Howard Barton -rehab in Social Circle †Jan Coulon-home †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) †Don Bollinger-home †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment †Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)	†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)  <b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b> †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  <b>Riverside</b> †Joy Knight -hospice care †Martha Borders †Rita Harrell (new phone: 404-422-9538)  <b>Benton House</b> †George Stamps †Doris Mote  <b>Merryvale</b> †Guy McGiboney †Bill Taylor †Elizabeth Gadilhe †Betty Robinson  We extend our sympathy and prayers for Carol McGiboney in the death of her cousin, Jackie Burns, who died on Monday.  <b>Hospital Visitor:</b> Leon Hughes
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✦ Please stand if you are able.

