

Pentecost Fire
Children's Choir

Jayne Southwick Cool

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-12

SERMON

Spirit of the Living God

Al Myers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN 504 *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* UNION SEMINARY

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

The Holy Spirit is God active in the world.

By the Spirit God raised up leaders and prophets in Israel.

By the Spirit Jesus was conceived, baptized, and empowered.

By the Spirit the risen Christ is present with His church.

We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the Lord and Giver of life,
the Renewer and Perfecter of God's people,
the One who makes real in us what God has done for us.

We testify that today this same Holy Spirit makes us
able to respond in faith to the gospel and leads
us into the Christian community.

The Spirit brings us out of death into life,
out of separation into fellowship.

The Spirit makes us aware of our sinfulness and need,
moves us to abandon our old way of life,
persuades us to trust in Christ and adopt His way.

In all these things we are responsible for our decisions.

But after we have trusted and repented

we recognize that the Spirit enabled us to hear and act.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

J. S. Bach

Air on the G String from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D

✠ DOXOLOGY Hymn 592

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these goods to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom; in Christ's name. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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 give thanks to the Lord our God.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 508, stanza 1

KINGDOM

***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

Eat the bread when you feel ready to do so. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

PRAYER AFTER THE TABLE

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. By your Spirit, may this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠ HYMN 514 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTAD

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

I Come with Joy (Hymn 507, stanza 5)

DOVE OF PEACE

***Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His
praise, we'll live and speak His praise.***

✠ POSTLUDE

Toccata Francais

Craig A. Penfield

✠ Please stand, if you are able.

SUMMER CHOIR is a new concept at First Presbyterian Church. Those of you who would like to help lead the opening hymn singing each Sunday during the summer (June 3 through July 29) are asked to join the choir!

Here's the plan: meet in the choir room on Sunday mornings at 10:40 am to rehearse the opening hymn and responses for that day's worship, sit in the choir loft during worship until the "passing of the peace" and then you may sit in the congregation after that to experience worship. You wouldn't even have to wear a robe- just help with the singing of the music in the first half of the worship service. Interested? Need more information on this unique opportunity for service to our church? Please contact Alan Bunn at abunn@jackson.k12.ga.us or 770.891.0235.

Worship Notes

- The Rev. Louly Hay, Parish Associate, and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries are assisting with the worship service today.
- Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn off cell phones** during the service.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Jeannie Liem—awaiting kidney transplant

† Rita Harrell—tests

† Ashlynn Ray Matta—head trauma (Lori Ardis' cousin)

† William Lawson—chemotherapy (Terri Digby's uncle)

† Roger Gossage—home, tests

† Jean Rogers—home (Theodosia Wade's mother)

† Donnie Vining—chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)

† Jackie Wood—brain tumor (Bernice Bailey's neighbor)

† Claude Bennett—rehabilitation, Snellville (Milton Patton's friend)

† David Humphrey—liver cancer, home (Milton Patton's friend)

† Marvin Paige—cancer (Perri Walden's uncle)

† Corky Krupp—cancer (Warren Liem's cousin)

† Courtney LeCroix Hoover—waiting for double lung transplant, Florida

† Shirley Smith—awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Covington Square

† Rita Harrell

† Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Sarah Chesnut--Covington Manor

† Mary Cline -Azalea Gardens, Conyers

† Margie Rutherford -Rockdale Health Care Center

† Russ Cole—Azalea Gardens

† Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Benton House

† Helen and George Stamps

† Mary Crudup

† Doris Mote

Military:

† Savannah (Cannon) Knudson

Out of the Country

† Hannah Moon—Australia

† Liz Stillerman—Israel

† Renee Robinson—China (Bettie Miller's granddaughter)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Chris, Donna & Jack Weesner on the death of Barbara Weesner, Chris' mother, who died on Thursday. The funeral will be at Wheeler Funeral Home at 2:00 p.m. today with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Hospital Visitor: Mary Bollinger

Alice Walker and Becky Ramsey will present a concert on Friday, June 1, 2012 - Concert at Cathedral-Basilica of St. Augustine, Florida, 6:00 p.m. The Cathedral-Basilica has a new 55+ rank Casavant pipe organ and a 125-year-old Steinway grand piano. This church is the oldest parish (almost 450 years) of a permanent European settlement in the United States, having been established by Spain in 1565. In 1976, Pope Paul VI made the Cathedral a minor Basilica. The sanctuary and organ facade are richly ornamented, and the parish life is very busy in the Historic District of St. Augustine. The First Friday Art Walk Concerts are very popular with both locals and visiting tourists. Alice and Becky will play music by Bach, Weaver, Mulet, and Vierne.

It's time to register for the Montreat Retreat! There are bright green registration forms on the round table in the narthex. Please fill out the form and return it with your deposit. The next installment is due on August 19, and the final payment is due on October 28. Date of the retreat and the costs are listed on the form.

The Rev. Dr. **Albert (Al) Myers** will be our supply pastor during the time that Mr. Wade is on sabbatical. Al Myers is an old friend of the congregation and has preached at FPC on a number of occasions since his retirement. Below is a bit of biographical information:

Education: Davidson College, Davidson, NC
 Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond VA
 Faculte of Protestante Theologie, Montpellier, France
 Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
 Churches served: Centre Presbyterian Church, Maxton, NC
 Conyers Presbyterian Church, Conyers, GA
 Married: Mary Stenhouse Myers
 Children: Albert Aldrich Myers, III
 Daniel Holbert Myers
 James Hamilton Myers
 Grandchildren: children of Albert and Dana - Emily Katherine and Sarah Elizabeth
 children of James and Liz - Ellen Grace and Jane Caroline

Dr. Myers will be in the church office a couple of days during the week and on Sundays. You may call the church office if you wish to make an appointment. He can be reached at other times if you have a pastoral concern.

Home: 770-483-9732; Cell: 404-583-7070
 E-mail: aaldrichm@bellsouth.net

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Summer Picnic: We will have our traditional church family picnic on Sunday, June 10, at the home of Spencer and Linda Boyd. Swimming will begin at 4:30 p.m. and we will eat at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share. Chicken will be provided. Thanks, from your Congregational Life and Care Team.

It is now time to **CLEAN** the kitchen. Please—if you have anything in the fridge or freezer that you want to keep—take it home. Items that are not taken home or marked with a name or group's name will be discarded. Any item with an expired use by date will be thrown away.

Thanks, from your Congregational Life and Care Team

Food Pantry Needs for May: mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup and pickles. Please place your donations in the containers in the narthex or elsewhere in the building.

Our New Website is at the same address: www.fpccov.org. Please be patient as we proceed posting links and other content. Let us know if you have comments or concerns. You may contact us through the website or by phone or email as list on the back of the bulletin.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 27
Day of Pentecost
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day
 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 29
 4:00 Exercise Class

Sunday, June 3
Trinity Sunday
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Save the Date!
June 5
 6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper and Meeting in the Martin Fellowship Hall

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.

E-mail:

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SonRise National Park

Point Your Kids to Jesus!



Ready for Fun and Adventure in the Great Outdoors? Then you're ready for SonRise National Park VBS! Please join us for fun and excitement! Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Save the Date! July 9th - 13th, 2012

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Trista Hooten-Young
 Weesner Family

Next Week:

Arnold Family
 Ann Bouchillon

Ushers:

Shaun & Aubrey Evans
 J. L. Johnson & Joyce Ashworth

Host:

Lynn & Jonathan Miller

Sound System:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2012

Bernice Bailey
 Rebecca Bates
 Mac Cranford
 Judy Hooten
 Day Kennon

Class of 2013

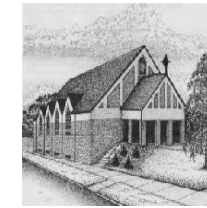
Patrick Carmichael
 Judy Davis
 Denny Dobbs
 Aubrey Evans
 Dave Gregory

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
 Bill Loeble
 Roger Tingler
 Cy Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



May 27, 2012
The Day of Pentecost



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Fantasy on Down Ampney Richard T. Gore

CHORIC READING Acts 2

CALL TO WORSHIP

*O Spirit of the Lord, prepare
 All the round earth her God to meet;
 Breathe thou abroad like morning air,
 Till hearts of stone begin to beat.*

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
 hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.
 Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory
 and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

✠HYMN 483 MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Come Thou, Lord, Creator Spirit* Jeffrey Rickard

1. Come thou, Lord, creator spirit,
 Tune the humble heart to thee.
 From the flame of love now kindle
 Flame in spirits born for thee.

3. Come thou, Lord, in all thy splendor,
 Let the wall of temple ring.
 Seraphs' cry allow to render
 Clear the anthem we would sing.

2. Thou the father of thy children;
 Thou the orb of liberty.
 Thou the treasure we do cherish;
 Thou our hope and destiny.

4. Thou so mighty, now recover
 For thyself thy majesty.
 Thou, so gentle, now deliver
 For thyself thy people free.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Dan Walden

*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.*