

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, June 4</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>Thursday, June 7</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir
<b>Tuesday, June 6</b> 4:00 Exercise Class (choir room) 6:00 Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper	<b>Sunday, June 11</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session meeting

### Inviting all Women of the Church...

Join us at the **Presbyterian Women's End of the Year Gathering and Salad Supper**. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **June 6** at 6 p.m. It is a very enjoyable event for all as we share delicious salad dishes and desserts provided by our circle members. The program will include special music, installation of officers, and a unique presentation by Cheryl Gibson about how she designs and makes her beautiful crosses, and about their meaning. There will be a blessing for the name change of the Elizabeth Circle.

**Vacation Bible School June 12th - 16th: 9:00 a.m. - Noon** All children who are rising kindergarten through 5th grades are welcomed. Middle and high school youth are needed as volunteers as well. Registration forms are available at the church office, the narthex or by download from our website or weekly e-news. Save the dates today and tell a friend about it! See what all the buzz is about at VBS!



**Montreat Retreat Information:** Registration is now open for the Congregational Retreat at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. It will take place November 3-5, 2017. Room and breakfast rates are on the pink form available in the narthex from the ushers' table. Please read the form as we have changed some of our procedures. We ask that those who plan to attend register no later than August 15. All fees must be paid in full by October 1. Make your check out to the church and put "Montreat Retreat" in the memo space. If you want to attend the retreat but are staying at places other than Assembly Inn, please register, but let us know that you do not need a room. If you want breakfasts without a room, we need to know that also.

**Giving Statements** for January-April are ready for those who pledge or give to the operating fund or to the capital fund by check or an envelope with your name on it. They are on the table in the narthex in alphabetical order. If you find an error, please call Peni in the church office, or email her and she will correct it.

## 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 the pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website ([www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



The **Food Pantry** is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

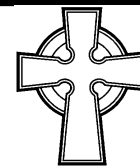
**June** suggested donations are:  
punch drinks, sweetened Kool-aid, toilet paper

**Baby Love** is our program to collect diapers and wipes, or donations toward them, to give to local organizations which distribute them to parents in need. Place diapers in the cradle in the narthex. Donations should be designated to "Baby Love".



## THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**June Chair:**  
Jean Wolverton



**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2017**  
Adriane Ivey  
Michael Thompson  
Danny Vining  
Jean Wolverton  
Jake McCarthy  
Koen Ardis

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Scarlett McCurry  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman

**Class of 2019**  
Carter Gibson  
John McCarthy  
Teresa McCurry  
Cheryl Meichsner  
Miriam Wheeler

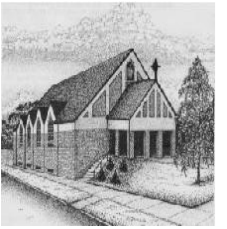
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Dan Walden	<i>Pastor</i> <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Alice Walker Shaun and Aubrey Evans Kara Sugg	<i>Pastor</i> <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> <i>Nursery</i> <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Peni Kehoe Alan Bunn	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Music Director</i>		



## Day of Pentecost

June 4, 2017



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* Andreas Armsdorf  
*Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove* Johann Gottfried Walther  
*Reflections on the Spirit* Joel Raney

**INTROIT** *Holy Spirit, Come to Us* Taizé  
Choir sings 2 times, then  
All sing 3 times.

*Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love.*  
*Holy Spirit, come to us, Holy Spirit, come to us.*

**THE PROPHECY** Joel 2:28-30  
**THE WITNESSES**

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 292** WAIRUA TAPU  
*As the Wind Song*

✦ **PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### 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** from Acts 2

**SERMON** *What We Can Understand* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 291** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*  
**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**  
**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,**

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *As We Gather at Your Table* Joshua Evanovich

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON  
Hymn 610, stanza 1  
***O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!***

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Power, 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.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### SEALING OF THE WORD

## 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 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...

Words of Institution

Communion

(We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row.)

Anthem *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* arr. Richard Walters  
Jim Patrick, vocal solo

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

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE Acts 1:8

Jesus said: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

Soloist sings VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS followed by...

Reading by the Congregation: (on cue)

**Then Peter preached.**

**Telling about Jesus.**

**And those who believed were baptized!**

**3,000 were added to their number.**

**And a deep sense of AWE was on them.**

**AMEN!**

✦ POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach  
(Adapted from Cantata BWV 79)

✦ Please stand if you are able.



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

### New Church Directories

New address/phone directories are available in the narthex on the round table. Each household is invited to take one home. It has been updated recently. If your entry is incorrect, please let us know so that we can correct it.

## Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with leading worship today.

✦ **The Witnesses:** Serwaa Amuzu (Ghanaian), Wolf Waetzig (German), Ouk Hee Huynh (Korean), Pily Waetzig (Spanish), Peter Robinson (French).

✦ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** when you leave.

✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Norma Smith-needs heart surgery (friend of the Schubert family)

†Tootles Tingler-recovering from knee surgery

†Wayne McCurry-home (father of Tommy & Tiffany McCurry)

†Brandon Vining-recovering from surgery (son of Beth & Danny Vining)

†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)

†Charlotte Epps-home

†Mr. Andy-recovering from stroke (neighbor of the Arnold family)

†Richard Hall-liver cancer (friend of Milton Patton)

†Tootles Tingler-home

†Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loebke)

†Debi (Dee) Selin-rehab in Snellville

†Anderson Krieger-Scottish Rite

†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)

†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Fran Prince-chemotherapy

†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)

†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)

†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)

†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

†Louise Strickland-home

†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)

†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis

†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)

†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

†Jan Coulon-home

†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

†Bill Taylor-Hope House, Lawrenceville

†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare

†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

### Riverside

†Martha Borders

†Betty Goins

### Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney

†Betty Robinson

†Louise White

†Alice Gadilhe

†Hughie Hudson

### Peace Corps Volunteer

†Pattie Lanford stationed Zambia

We express our sympathy for **Beth and Danny Vining** in the death their sister-in-law, **Agnes Vining**, who died last week.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Sallie Paschal