

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 9 Day of Pentecost 9:00 Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper 12:00 Celebration Lunch for Dan Walden	Wednesday, June 12 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Thursday, June 13 10:30 Ambassador Choir Saturday, June 15 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study Sunday, June 16 Trinity Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Tuesday, June 11 4:00 Exercise class	

Men's Study and Breakfast

Saturday, June 15th, at 8:00 a.m. we will meet for a special breakfast in honor of Father's Day. Please call the church office or Michael Thompson, 518.577.8691, to **make reservations** so we will have enough food on hand.

Please feel free to come, even if you have not read the book *The Day the Revolution Began*. We will be talking about the cross in the Greek and Jewish cultural contexts of the first century. You will still benefit from the discussion, and I will likely share some things that aren't in the book. And of course, come even if you are not biologically a "father." This is first a foremost an opportunity to get together as brothers in Christ.

Blood Drive Volunteers Needed

The church will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on Wednesday, July 3rd, from 2-7 pm. Volunteers who wish to assist are asked to contact Doug Bolton, 678-858-2080.

Presbyterian Village Field Trip!

On **Thursday June 27th**, let's go on a field trip to Presbyterian Village Austell! We will depart the church at **9:30** by church bus, tour on foot or with their bus, have lunch as guests, and hear from Gwen Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of PHGA, Inc. We will return to the church about 2:30. If needed, wheelchairs will be available. Kindly respond by June 20 in person or by email or cell phone to Louly Hay. LFHAY@charter.net or 770-656-0694.

Novel Bunch Update

The **August** book has changed for "A Novel Bunch" book club which will resume meeting on August 27th at 1 pm to discuss "**Where the Crawdads Sing**" by Delia Owens. We decided Stephen King's "11.22.63" was too long. We will meet at the home of Chris and Barbara Martin 650 Mason Drive. All are welcome.

Registration is OPEN for the Sweet Spirit of Salem Trail Race! Join us on Saturday, July 13th, for the annual running of the Sweet Spirit of Salem 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run! Runners and walkers are welcome. Please see the registration link (www.ultrasignup.com) or please feel free to contact Maria Davis at 770.710.7975 with any questions or if you're interested in sponsorship. See you there! The full link will appear in the upcoming e-news.



I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Acts 2:17

**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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The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested donations:

June: juices, kool-aid packs, non-refrigerated lunch and snack items for kids; 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 Donna Weesner	Sound Engineer: Ken Walker
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2019 Carter Gibson Jay Lanners John McCarthy Cheryl Meichsner Miriam Wheeler Allie Hay	Class of 2020 Doug Bolton Stan Hall Cindy Moon Bob Tabb Michael Thompson	Class of 2021 Warren Liem Pam Stillerman Donna Weesner Cy Wolverton
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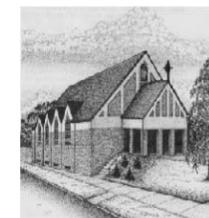
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes Peni Kehoe Krista Firkus	<i>Interim Pastor</i> <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green Nursery
Alice Walker	<i>Interim Music Director</i> CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>	Darlene Alley <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



Pentecost Sunday

June 9, 2019



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O Spirit of Life* O HEILIGER GEIST

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day when the Spirit came.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 2 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God, we do not know how to pray as we ought, and we know too well our constant failures to do as you have commanded and to hold fast to your word. Forgive us for the divisions we nurture, guide us to your way, keep us in your care, and lead us into stronger faith. We trust your word that the Spirit of truth will show us all things and grant us courage and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers, God hears our voices—whether we shout from the top of our lungs or whisper softly below our breath.

Truly, God has forgiven us and is calling us to live this Good News every day of our lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen!

RESPONSE *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Hymn 263, verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Mary Louise Bringle; arr. William P. Rowan

The Spirit Like a Mighty Wind

The Spirit, like a mighty wind, blows wild and fierce and strong, to fan the flames of kindled love, igniting hearts to song: In swirling sound's ecstatic choir, God's grace abounds in tongues of fire!

The Spirit, like a lightning flash, streaks through our darkened skies, with sudden brilliance bringing hope and sight to clouded eyes. In swirling sound's ecstatic choir, God's grace abounds in tongues of fire! The Spirit, like a surging storm, flings open ev'ry gate; breaks down the walls of threat and fear, sweeps clean the chaff of hate. In swirling sound's ecstatic choir, God's grace abounds in tongues of fire! The Spirit, like a living breath, still courses through our lands when strangers speak in common voice, and nations understand. In swirling sound's ecstatic choir, God's grace abounds in tongues of fire!

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p.806 OT)

Acts 2:1-12 (p.119 NT)

SERMON

The Rev. Steven Barnes

Be Okay With Crazy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the PCUSA Study Catechism, Q.54

What does it mean to believe in the Holy Spirit? It means that apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *O Living Breath of God* VARVINDAR FRISKA

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. The gifts we bring today acknowledge our debt to you and our intent to relieve others of their burdens. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown deeds of power through them; in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great and loving God, there are no spirits at this table so holy as your Holy Spirit ... as we confidently and boldly pray together, saying:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion

We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row. Please return to your pew by the side aisles.

Prayer after Communion

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 515 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ RESPONSE 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

✦ POSTLUDE

David Cherwien

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

✦ Please stand if able.

Worship Notes

✦ Patrick Carmichael is assisting in worship today.

✦ 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.

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

✦ Florine Deconinck-pneumonia, Piedmont Rockdale
✦ Sandy Peterson-health issues
✦ Robin Valdez-stroke (friend of Steven Barnes)
✦ Terry Elder-vision problems (daughter of Jean Elder)
✦ Joe Schell-home (father of Krissy Jones)
✦ Dick Wilson-cancer (brother of Michael Wilson)
✦ Gene Mann-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Renee Shelnut)
✦ Ellen Clary-cancer (ex-wife of Bill Clary)
✦ Steve Bozarth-cancer treatment (father of Debra Arnold)
✦ Angela Gregory-cancer treatment, in Scotland (sister of Dave Gregory)
✦ Robby Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth)
✦ Matt Cooper-CPD officer at home but still recovering
✦ Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
✦ Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
✦ Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
✦ Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
✦ Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
✦ Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

✦ Julia Brubaker-Benton House

Merryvale:

✦ Patti Borders
✦ Guy McGiboney
✦ Betty Robinson
✦ Louise White
✦ Alice Gadilhe
✦ Roger Wallace

Home:

✦ Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
✦ Debi (Dee) Selin
✦ Agnes Campbell

Hospital Visitor:

Day Kennon

✦ Pastor Nominating Committee-please keep this team in your prayers throughout the process of searching for our new pastor.



PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

"Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

Please update your prayer requests this week! Names will be left on for one month unless updated. Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321



I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live...

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV