

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, May 20</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 International Dinner 5:00 Youth Connection	<b>Thursday, May 24</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir
<b>Tuesday, May 22</b> 4:00 Exercise Class	<b>Saturday, May 26</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast and Study
<b>Wednesday, May 23</b> 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sunday, May 27</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service



We'd like to share the names of graduates at the high school and college levels, along with their awards and future plans. Please notify the church office or Dan Walden.

### Pentecost Celebration



Join us after worship for an **International Dinner** in the fellowship hall. Some of our very own international members will be sharing their special dishes and talking about their heritage and church origins.

The **Committee for the Interim Pastor** is making good progress. We have completed the job description and the Ministry Information Forms. Our next step is to submit them to the Presbytery and to the Session for approval. Once we have the approval of both we will then be ready to look at some resumes. We will continue to keep you informed of our progress.

The **Transportation Ministry Team** is up and running, getting two of our members to church each week. We are looking for a few more drivers to help with this meaningful ministry so if you would like to drive please contact Theodosia Wade 770-317-4862, Doug Bolton 678-858-2080 or call the church office 770-786-7321 and we will add you to the rotation.

The congregation is invited to a casual afternoon **violin recital** honoring the high school graduation of **Jake McCarthy** and **Gracie Miller**. It will be held on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will perform some of their favorite pieces and afterward light refreshments will be served for everyone in the Narthex.



## 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 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested donations:

**May** - boxed or canned meals with meat

**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

**Usher Chair - May**  
John McCarthy

**Transportation 5/20:**  
Darcel Tabb

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman  
Koen Ardis  
Sophia Hawley

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

**Class of 2020**  
Doug Bolton  
Stan Hall  
Cindy Moon  
Bob Tabb  
Michael Thompson

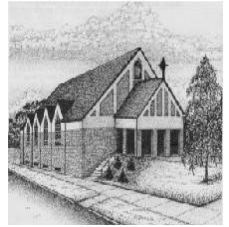
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Dan Walden	Pastor Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Alice Walker Shaun and Aubrey Evans Kara Sugg	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center
Peni Kehoe Alexis Ward Mindy Forehand	Secretary-Treasurer Music Director Interim Music Director		



## Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *St. Anthony's Chorale* Franz Josef Haydn  
*Trio on "Praise Ye the Triune God!"* Ed Dunbar  
*Breathe on Me, Breath of God* Itkeke Prins  
*Come Down, O Love Divine* Richard T. Gore

**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** *A New Community* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

✦ **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 *A Place of Beginning Again* Mary McDonald

Kara Tomlinson, solo Sanctuary Choir  
*Oh, how I love Jesus, because He first loved me.  
There is a place of purity; a place of love's tranquility,  
It is a place for beginning, a new place to start;  
A place that begins in the heart.*

*There is a place of beginning again  
Where the Spirit of God blows free.  
It begins in the heart where the soul gets its start  
With visions of glory to be.  
There is a place of beginning again.*

*There is a place of hope and peace;  
A place where love will never cease  
Offering hope for the helpless and heaven's reward;  
The strength and the power of the Lord!*

✦ 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 from Hymn 288  
**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.**

## 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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* Douglas E. Wagner  
Handbell Choir Alice Walker, organ

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

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE LIVING GOD  
*Spirit of the Living God*  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE Sue Mitchell-Wallace  
*All Creatures of Our God and King/ The Heavens Are Telling*

✦ Please stand if you are able.

#### Awards, Celebration & Graduations

**Jake McCarthy** (son of John McCarthy and Terri Digby) graduated from Summit Academy and plans to enter Mercer University in the fall.

**Jim Gregory** (son of Dave Gregory and Elizabeth Harwell, grandson of Miriam and Jack Wheeler) graduates from Eastside High School and plans to enter Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville in the fall.

**Jacqueline Wilson** (daughter of Michael and Trista Wilson) graduated from George Walton Academy and plans to enter the University of Tennessee in the fall.

**William Scarborough** graduated from Monroe High School. He is the grandson of Wayne and Eleanor Scarborough and nephew of Stephanie Scarborough.

**Samuel Hutson Luranc** (grandson of Louly Hay and son of Florence Hay Luranc and Joe Luranc) graduated from St. Francis High School in Alpharetta and plans to enter Presbyterian College in the fall.

**Sarah Catherine Patrick** (granddaughter of Jim and Lynda Patrick) graduated from Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She will be teaching 2nd grade in Gwinnett County this fall.

# Celebrating Pentecost

## Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries and the Rev. Dr. **Doug Hicks**, are 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** 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

†Dot Schaeffer-rehab at Riverside  
†Roger Wallace-home  
†Deb Hales-hospital for multiple medical issues which are serious (daughter of Joel and Faye Kitchens)  
†Joel and Faye Kitchens' families have several ill members and invite your prayers for healing for them.  
†Joel Kitchens - home  
†Tim Blankenship-home (brother of Trent, son of Maxine Blankenship)  
†Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)  
†Sam Ramsey-home  
†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer  
3037 Pine Needle Rd  
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†Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)  
†Lewis Bunn-lung cancer, surgery (father of Alan Bunn)

†Sharon Popinski -donated her kidney to her cousin Dewight Wilson (niece & nephew of Joyce Ashworth)  
†Lauran Ashworth-recovering from surgery, Alexandria, VA (Joyce Ashworth's daughter-in-law)  
†Phyllis Pruner-home, bronchitis, pleurisy  
†Larry Kennon-home  
†Roger Gossage-home  
†Sharon Wallace-back surgery (sister of Debbie Gossage)  
†Thomas Stewart-partial leg amputation  
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis  
†Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy  
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)  
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)  
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)  
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)  
†Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)

†David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)  
†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy at home  
†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  
†Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle  
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

#### Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney  
†Betty Robinson  
†Louise White  
†Alice Gadilhe  
†Hughie Hudson  
†Patricia McGuire

#### Home

†Jan Coulon  
†Debi (Dee) Selin  
†Roger and Kathryn Wallace

#### Peace Corps Volunteer

†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost