



In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

June 9, 2019
10:00 a.m.
Pentecost

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, **please silence your cell phone.** The nursery is available downstairs during both services. Consult an usher if you need a personal hearing device, large-print bulletin, or large-print hymnal.*

*The congregation is invited to speak or sing the liturgy in **bold** type.*

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Toccata in F

Johann Sebastian Bach

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Moment for Mission

Pentecost Offering

Leslye Queen

Please sign and pass the Fellowship Pad, making note of new and old friends, and check in on Facebook.

Choral Introit

The Lone, Wild Bird

arr. David N. Johnson

Text may be found at Hymn 320

Call to Worship

Hear, people of God! God is speaking through winds and voices,
calling us to follow and serve.

See, people of God! God is moving through the church and the world,
showing us how to love and lead.

Believe, people of God! God is working through all creation,
drawing us into the warmth of the Spirit.

Worship, people of God!

Let us worship God together.

*Hymn 128

On Pentecost They Gathered

MUNICH

The narrative and interpretive text of Hymn 128 was written to fill what the author perceived as an unfortunate gap in available hymns concerning the Holy Spirit in general and Pentecost in particular. The setting of a 17th-century German tune is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*.

* *Those who are able may stand.*

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, you cry out for us to open our hearts, but we keep them shielded from the goodness of your Spirit. You call for us to open our minds, but we would rather confine them to what we already know. You long for us to open our ears, but we shy away from the language of your grace. Forgive us, heal us, embrace us, and wash us in your love. Breathe your Spirit on us once more, and move us to respond with lives of faithfulness.

***Silent Prayer**

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response**

Hymn 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***The Peace**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you.

A Time for Children

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Congregational Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 321, Stanza 1

**Holy Spirit, truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God, and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

First Lesson

Acts 2:1-4, page 994

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;
help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;
and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;
and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.
Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;
help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;
and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;
and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;
show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee;
separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,
and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.
Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee;
'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;
let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Second Lesson

Romans 8:14-17, page 1032

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Inheritance

Dr. Ryan Baer

Worshippers may greet each other by saying, "The peace of Christ be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

Children's Church will not meet over the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship.



Over the summer, the children will be learning about different parts of worship. The children are invited forward where they find the church mouse.

The anthem is a text by Thomas T. Lynch (1818-1871) with an added stanza by K. Lee Scott, set to the plainchant tune "Adoro te devote" in an arrangement by contemporary American composer K. Lee Scott.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn 313

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpts from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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!"

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Veni Creator

Philip G. Kreckel

*Doxology

Hymn 592

**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

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

*Hymn 314

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

*Benediction

Hymn 313 is a *lauda spirituale*, a kind of vernacular Italian sacred song from the late Middle Ages and Renaissance. It was translated into English in the 19 century but received little notice until this tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams was paired with it.

In 1983, the PC(USA) was formed by the reunion of what were the Northern and Southern streams of the Presbyterian denominations in the USA. The Brief Statement of Faith was written to articulate the common identity Presbyterians share. This creed is arranged in a trinitarian framework that is meant to be used in worship. These excerpts are from the section on the Holy Spirit.

Following worship, all are invited for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Atrium.

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*Congregational Response

Hymn 535

**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

Veni Creator Spiritus

Nicolas de Gringy

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for infants and toddlers, available from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m., are located next to the Children's Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*
Mrs. Geneva Stonecipher, *Guest Organist*

Lay Reader

Allen Crowell

Kite Bearer

Kate Ness

USHERS

Jim Dove (head),
Randy Dudley, Keith Oelke, John Simpson,
Chuck Toney, Laura Toney

GREETERS

Jayne Bailey, Jim McDonald,
Robyn McDonald, Carol McKay

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Kathy Bangle, Christine Register,
Mark Hopkins

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Paulo Santos

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ken and Marian Carr, by Carol McKay.

We welcome Geneva Stonecipher as our guest organist this morning. Geneva is a 2017 graduate of the UGA Hugh Hodgson School of Music. She is currently pursuing a Master of Music degree in organ performance at Indiana University. She served as Church Music Intern at First Presbyterian Church from 2016-2017.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Richard Lane, Clerk of Session
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

CLASS OF 2019

Robbie Bryan
Greta Terrell Covington
DeeAnn Cox
Bob Glasscock
Mary Havick
Joe Hermanowicz
Richard Lane
Mary Peace
Lawton Stephens
Dan Trier

CLASS OF 2020

Jeff Bangle
Meghan Bawcum
Bob Burton
Julie Hayes
Sydney Jackson
Avery McLean
Jeanne Nadenicek
Carl Nichols
Tom Reigle
Judy Scanlon

CLASS OF 2021

Jennifer Walden Abbott
Sandy Boyles
Michelle Clendenen-Shaw
Elizabeth Earl
Ed Ferguson
Rob Haire
Grace Lu
Chris Pope
Mixon Robinson
Rosemary Stancil

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost

- 9:15 a.m. Summer Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 9:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Info Meeting, Bride's Room, Tinsley-Stern Building
- 10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 11:05 a.m. Fellowship, Atrium
- 11:30 a.m. History of the Church by Ron Bogue, Part 2, Moses Waddel Room

Sunday, June 9 - Saturday, June 15 - Youth Mission Trip to Heifer Ranch

Monday, June 10 - Thursday, June 13 - Weekday School Camp

Tuesday, June 11

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Bride's Room
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training & Supervision, Moses Waddel Room, Rooms 308, 309, 310

Wednesday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Weekday School Wonderful Wednesday
- 11:30 a.m. The Bookless Book Group, Bone Island Grillhouse, 2055 Oconee Connector
- 12:30 p.m. Prayers for Healing, Sanctuary
- 3:00 p.m. Bridge, Room 302
- 4:00 p.m. Chair Yoga, Room 310

Sunday, June 16

- 10:00 a.m. Service, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching

LOOKING AHEAD

June 16, 23 - History of the Church by Ron Bogue, Parts 3 and 4

June 23-29 - Montreat Worship & Music Conference

June 26 - Bookless Book Group

July 8-11 - Weekday School Camp

July 10 & 24 - Bookless Book Group

July 21-27 - Montreat Youth Conference

Summer Schedule

Sunday School and Children's Church will not meet over the summer. Children are invited to remain in worship. Watch for the church mouse in your bulletin each Sunday with "A Time for Children."



Summer Office Hours

The church office will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons through July 26. Our office hours are: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday. If you need assistance after hours, please call the church office to reach the pastor on call.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH WITH RON BOGUE

Sundays, June 9, 16, 23

Everyone is invited to the Moses Waddel Room after worship at 11:30 a.m. Sundays through June 23 for Ron Bogue's popular series on the history of FPC.

SUMMER CHOIR

All interested singers are invited to join us in the choir room at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays to rehearse music for that morning's service. Our Chancel Choir will be the foundation of this group. Singers may join us for any single Sunday or for as many as they wish, even for the whole summer. Adults, youth, and children are all welcome.

Today is Pentecost

Pentecost, the birthday of the church, falls seven weeks after Easter (50 days). Pentecost celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, the giver and renewer of life, who instills our faith and enables us to follow Jesus Christ. Symbols of Pentecost include the dove plus those derived from the story in Acts 2: wind, fire, and the color red for flames.

Stephen Ministry

Could God be calling you to become a Stephen Minister? Stephen Ministers are members who receive training to offer one-to-one Christian care to persons struggling with the death of a loved one, chronic illness, unemployment, divorce, or other life stressor. Apply now to join the next class which begins August 20. Applications are in the Atrium, church office, and on our website.

Books for Keeps Book Drive Through Today

This year marks 10 years that BFK has been giving away books to Athens-area students. Eight thousand students at 18 elementary schools in Georgia will receive 95,000 books this year, surpassing half-a-million books given away!

FPC has become a large supporter of Books for Keeps with our annual book drive. You can help make sure no child in our community goes a summer without great books to read. Please bring your used books to the bins in the Atrium or church office. Books of all kinds will be accepted, then sold by BFK with proceeds used to buy new children's books. Learn more at booksforkeeps.org. Thank you!

Isaac Toney to Preach

We will welcome Isaac Toney back as our guest preacher on Sunday, June 30. Isaac is currently seeking his first call after graduating from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta with a Master of Divinity. Prior to this, he graduated in May 2016 from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky, where he studied history and religion with a focus in Christian ethics. Isaac grew up and was confirmed in our church and is the son of Chuck and Laura Toney.

Weekend Retreat at Montreat Women's Connection Conference "The Greatest of These Is Love" Friday, August 9 - Sunday, August 11

Keynote speaker will be civil rights activist, faith leader, and founder of the Revolutionary Love Project, Valarie Kaur with special guest artist Amy Grant. Register for the Women's Connection Conference on the Montreat website. Conference cost is \$236 until June 28.

FPC has reserved use of the Georgia Lodge at beautiful Montreat. Cost for two nights at the Georgia Lodge is \$60. Meals are extra. Please register on the FPC website by June 28 to stay with FPC friends at the Georgia Lodge or stop by the Atrium table today.