

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

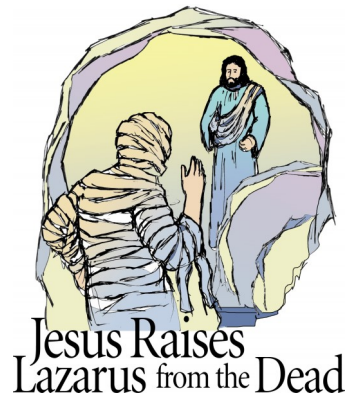
Sunday, April 2 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Thursday, April 6 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, April 4 PW Circles - see below 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, April 9 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Wednesday, April 5 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection

April Presbyterian Women Circles

The **Elizabeth Circle** meets Tuesday, **April 4**, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall

The **Ruth Circle** meets on Tuesday, *April 4*, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Fortson

The **Martha Circle** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Beth Vining.
Date Change: Tuesday, **April 11**



A couple of weeks ago, we received a **check from a bank that had no donor name on it** so we could not give credit to the person who sent it. It was not an insignificant amount and so we'd like to know who to credit it to on their giving statement. If you had your bank write or send a check, please call the church office to let us know. Thanks. 770-786-7321

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) 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.

April suggested donations are:
 canned fruit

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

April Usher Chair:
 Carter Gibson

Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017
 Baxter Bouchillon
 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

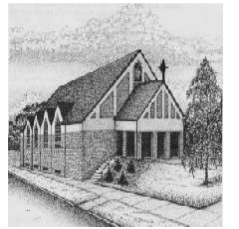
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* Paul Manz
Draw Us to Thee Johann Gottfried Walther
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship HOLY MANNA

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *My Song is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN (v. 1)
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✠CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant to us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Amen. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Psalm 130

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord is great power to redeem.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Taizé

Hymn 544

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

(sing 3 times)

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Victor C. Johnson

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
Ambassador Choir

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley; He had to walk it by Himself.
Nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself.
Jesus prayed in the garden; He had to pray all by Himself.
Nobody else could pray with Him; He had to pray all by Himself.
Jesus died way out on Calvary; He was pierced and crucified.
Oh, nobody else could die in His place; He had to die all by Himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.*

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

John 11:1-45

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Hicks
Giving Life to Lazarus

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 215

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love is This

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in
Christ Jesus our Lord.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Guenter Raphael

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HENDON

Hymn 697, stanza 1

**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in
ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God of new life, you restore us with the hope of the
gospel; you bind up our wounds and make us whole
once again. You enliven us with the gift of your Spirit
and empower us to serve you in thought, word, and
deed. Accept now the gifts we bring; transform their
worth and enhance their effectiveness to accord with
your will. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 166, stanza 3

ST. FLAVIAN

**And through these days of penitence, and through this
Passiontide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord,
with us abide.**

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

LOVE UNKNOWN (v. 5)

My Song is Love Unknown
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE *All Glory Be to God on High*

Michael Burkhardt

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Welcome to Our Guest Preacher

Douglas Hicks joined Oxford College as dean in July 2016. He is the William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Religion at Oxford and affiliate professor at the Candler School of Theology of Emory University.

Prior to coming to Oxford, Hicks was a professor of religion, provost, and dean of the faculty at Colgate University. From 1998 to 2012 he was professor of leadership studies and religion at the University of Richmond's Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Author and editor of nine books, his scholarship focuses on leadership, religion in politics and the workplace, and the ethical dimensions of economic issues, and he is a frequent commentator in the media on these and other topics.

Hicks received an AB degree from Davidson College, an MDiv from Duke University, and MA and PhD degrees in religion from Harvard University. He has held visiting faculty positions at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond and at the Harvard Divinity School. He is a former president of the Academy of Religious Leadership and former chair of the Religion and Social Sciences section of the American Academy of Religion.

A native of Indianapolis and a member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, he is married to Catherine L. Bagwell, who is professor of psychology at Oxford College. They have two children, Noah and Ada.

Worship Notes

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

† Ursula Kaminski-under hospice care

† Sam Hay, Jr.-rehab at Pres. Village, Austell

† Tootles Tingler-back surgery

† Betty Strohecker-rehab (mother of Diane Loeble)

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

† Tommy Venable-heart attack, Piedmont-Newton (nephew of Maxine Blankenship)

† Peggy Spears-Monticello for rehab (mother of Jean Blair)

† Chuck Brasher-heart valve surgery, home

† Debi (Dee) Selin-Atlanta Medical Center rehab

† Jim Ramsey - Riverside after fall

† Warren Liem-home

† Joel Kitchens-home

† Anderson Krieger-Chemo at Scottish Rite

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

† Bill Miller-home (brother of Beth Vining)

† Nat Allen Long-diabetes complications (stepson of Alice Walker)

† Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

† Fran Prince-chemotherapy

† Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)

† Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)

† Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer

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

† Louise Strickland-home

† 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)

† 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:

† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare

† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

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

Riverside

† Martha Borders

† Rita Harrell

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney

† Bill Taylor

† Betty Robinson

† Louise White

† Betty Goins

† Hughie Hudson

Peace Corps Volunteer

† Pattie Lanford stationed in Lusaka, Zambia for 27 months

Hospital Visitor:

Stephanie Fortson

