

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 3
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
5:00 Youth Connection
Tuesday, April 5
Circle Meetings as listed below
4:00 Exercise
Wednesday, April 6
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 7
10:30 Ambassador Choir
Sunday, April 10
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
5:00 Youth Connection

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings for April 5

Circle I meets at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

Circle II meets at 10:30 at the home of Alice Walker.

Circle III meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Fortson.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin)
†Judy Davis-knee surgery, home
†Kevin and Amy Lanclos family, Amy and daughters Emily Anne (stable) and Hannah (life-threatening injuries)-car accident (by Kerry Jones)
†Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Roger Tingler-hip replacement, rehab in Madison
†Lane Alderman-hospice, former pastor of Roswell Presbyterian (friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade)
†Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)
†Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)

†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
†Jan Coulon-home
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
†Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab
†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†J. L. Johnson (transferred to north of Atlanta)

Riverside
†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Martha Borders
†Rita Harrell
†Jack Yoder-rehab

Benton House
†George Stamps

Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Bill Taylor
†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Betty Goins
†Hughie Hudson

Hospital Visitor: Jon Williams

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 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

April suggested donations are:
canned fruit

Baby Love: The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect **disposable baby diapers and wipes** to distribute to local agencies to help families in need. You may place your donations in the **cradle** here at the church and the donations will be delivered. Monetary donations are also accepted. Your donation by check, or cash in an envelope with your name will be credited to your offering statement.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

March Usher Chair:
Tom Stillerman

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2016
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden
Jake McCarthy

Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

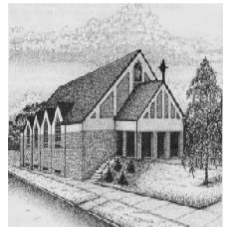
Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Second Sunday
of Easter
April 3, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Fugue in G Minor* J. S. Bach
He Is Risen! (NEANDER) Peter Pindar Stearns
Duchy Road Tromba Dick Sanderman

INTROIT *The Strife Is O'er* VICTORY
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦CALL TO WORSHIP from Micah 6:8, 4:2, Isaiah 40:1, 60:2

Our country is involved in sometimes violent realities which confront the majority of the world in our time.

"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly with the Lord."

We come to Easter especially this season with prayers and hope for a peace the world has never known.

"God will arbitrate among the nations...they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning-hooks; ...and all war shall end."

We come to Easter with a longing for reconciliation in our politics, in our family matters, with our neighbors.

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and tell her that sad days are gone."

"Arise my people! Let your light shine for all nations to see!"

"All nations will come to the Light...to see the glory of the Lord." Amen.

✦HYMN 327 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 18:2-3
"The Lord is my fort where I can enter and be safe...All I need to do is cry to Him...and I am saved..." Let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the Past, help me to let go of things that hold me too tightly: anger and resentment, lingering doubt and disappointment, guilt and failure. Help me to entrust my past misdeeds and sins to You so that I might be free to greet the present.

God of the Present: Let me be open to opportunities at each moment, the music of the spheres, the whispered

need of a stranger, the gift of giving to the poor, reconciliation to my enemy. Help us to savor all the fullness of Easter living.

God of the Future: Give me the vision of hope that I might see beyond the worries of today and put my trust in Your grace and love for Your people. Easter me, Lord, by Your Presence. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Psalm 51:1- 2, 19
“O loving and kind God, have mercy...take away the stain of my transgressions. Wash me, cleanse me. And when my heart is right, then...rejoice in the good I do.” **Amen.**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** WAYFARING STRANGER
Hymn 437
You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy! You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *King Jesus Is Alive!* Victor C. Johnson
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs
Janet Carmichael, soprano

*King Jesus is alive! King Jesus is alive; He is alive!
He made old death behave; then He got up out of that grave!
Spread the news from shore to shore: He's alive forevermore!
Tell Mary not to weep. He is alive!
Tell Thomas "Just believe." Tell old Peter not to grieve!
Shout it louder than before. He's alive forevermore!
Oh, He is risen, go shout the victory!
Our debt of sin was paid at Calvary!
He's alive! King Jesus is alive! He's alive forevermore!*

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 READINGS Jeremiah 31:31-33
Luke 4:16-22, 28-30; Revelation 3:14-16

SERMON *Resurrection Politics*
(*Thank God There Are No Elections in Heaven*)
A Dialogue Sermon by Patrick Carmichael and Larry Kennon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 354** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* BATTLE HYMN

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Iona Community of South Africa

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost.

This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not die, but have everlasting life.

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, war and terrorism.

This is true: Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly".

It is not true that we are simply victims of the power of evil that seek to rule the world.

This is true: Jesus said, "To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world".

It is not true that dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history.

This is true: The hour comes; and it is NOW, that all true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth.

So we pray, so we believe!

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY arr. David Cherwien
Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

✦ **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

Lord, You give continuously. In the darkness You give new light. You give food and nurture, comfort and grace. You give Easter joy and hope to your people. So turn our parsimony and taking of blessings into generosity of stewardship. Made in your image, let us be givers, and tenders of your creation, lost in wonder, love and praise. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

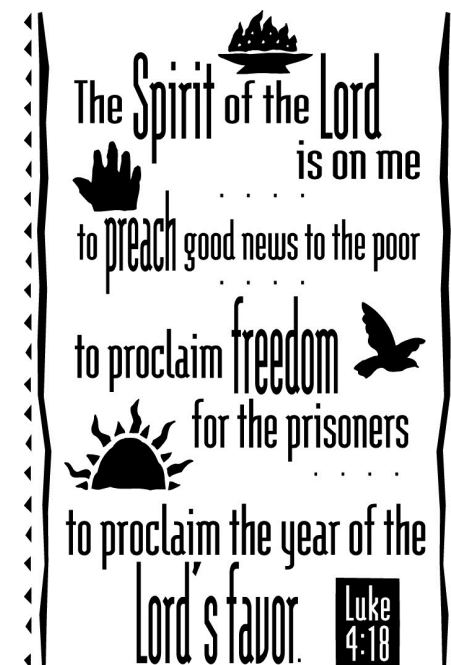
✦ **HYMN 821** HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
How Can I Keep from Singing?
Dan Walden, stanza 1; Congregation stanzas 2-4

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** SHALOM, CHAVERIM
Hymn 540 (sing 2 times)
**Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends!
Shalom, shalom.
Till we meet again, till we meet again,
Shalom, shalom.**

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Forth in Thy Name, Alleluia!* John Purifoy

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ Larry Kennon and Patrick Carmichael are the preachers and 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.