

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday
 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



Monday, April 10

12:00 Holy Week Worship and lunch at First Baptist

Tuesday, April 11

10:30 Martha Circle
 12:00 Holy Week Worship and lunch at First Baptist
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 12

12:00 Holy Week Worship and lunch at First Baptist; Billy Wade, preacher; Ambassador Choir singing
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 6

10:30 Ambassador Choir (?)
 12:00 Holy Week Worship and lunch at First Baptist
 6:00 Maundy Thursday at FPC in the fellowship hall

Friday, April 7

12:00 Holy Week Worship and lunch at First Baptist

Saturday, April 15

1:00 Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 16 Easter Day

9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service



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

The Oxford College Community Classroom presents:

With a Little Help from our Parents, Friends, and Partners; Relationships across the Lifespan by Dr. Catherine Bagwell, Professor of Psychology at Oxford College.

The relationships we have with others are some of the most valued aspects of our lives. Our social interactions bring us pleasure as well as pain; they occupy a central place in our thoughts and guide our behavior. Dr. Bagwell will focus on how relationships contribute in both positive and negative ways to our adjustment and well-being in childhood, adolescence, and adulthood.

The seminar will be held at the Community Room at Oxford City Hall on **Wednesday, April 19, 6:00-7:00 p.m.**

Catherine Bagwell completed her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Duke University. Prior to coming to Oxford, she held positions at the University of Richmond and Colgate University. She is married to Douglas Hicks, the new Dean of Oxford College. They have two children, Noah and Ada. The family attends church at FPC!

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

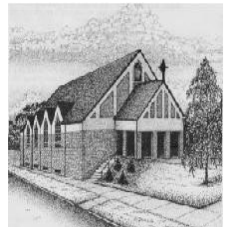
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
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</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



Palm/Passion Sunday

April 9, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Festal Contrast Frank E. Brown
 From *Bible Poems for Organ*: Jaromir Weinberger
 "Hosanna"
 "The Last Supper"

INTROIT

Prepare the Way of the Lord Michael Bedford
 Youth Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 16:11
 Lift up your heads, O gates!
 And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
 The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!
 Lift up your heads, O gates!
 And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
 The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

✠PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
 Bill Cobham and Jim Patrick, trombone

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know us. You know our thoughts. You know our words. You know every motive and intention. You know our ambitions and our fears. You know our fickle nature, our selfishness and our desires to please. Forgive us. Make us thirst for righteousness; give us courage to follow the One who saves us and the world. Let us please you; for we pray in Jesus' name.
 (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HAMBURG
 Hymn 223, stanza 4
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace that surpasses our understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Shadows of the Cross* Dan R. Edwards
Handbell Choir

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 Luke 19:28-44

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
The Stones Will Cry Out!

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 197 *Hosanna, Lord Hosanna* ELLACOMBE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus was God in the flesh. Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners.

We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

William Billings/arr. Fred Bock

When Jesus Wept
Sanctuary Choir

✦ 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

Lord of Life, help our lives to express what our lips profess. Give us faith to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, loving others as he loves us; for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 209 *My Song is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord!

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love Is This
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune Bruce Campbell

✦ Please stand if you are able.



"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:9

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

† Jorge Trujillo Herera-treatment for diabetes complications (brother of Pily Waetzig)	† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)
† Jose Luis Trujillo Herera-recovering from heart surgery (brother of Pily Waetzig)	† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
† Richard Hall-liver cancer (friend of Milton Patton)	† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Ursula Kaminski-under hospice care	† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
† Sam Hay, Jr.-rehab at Pres. Village, Austell	† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Tootles Tingler-home	† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
† Betty Strohecker-rehab (mother of Diane Loeble)	† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
† Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loeble)	† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Tommy Venable-heart attack, Piedmont-Newton (nephew of Maxine Blankenship)	† Jan Coulon-home
† Peggy Spears-home (mother of Jean Blair)	† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Chuck Brasher-heart valve surgery, home	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Debi (Dee) Selin-Atlanta Medical Center rehab	† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
† Jim Ramsey-home	† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
† Warren Liem-home	† J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
† Joel Kitchens-home	Riverside
† Anderson Krieger-Chemo at home	† Martha Borders
† Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)	† Rita Harrell
† Bill Miller-home (brother of Beth Vining)	Merryvale
† Nat Allen Long-diabetes complications (stepson of Alice Walker)	† Guy McGiboney
† Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)	† Bill Taylor
† Fran Prince-chemotherapy	† Betty Robinson
† Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)	† Louise White
† Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)	† Betty Goins
† Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer free	† Hughie Hudson
† Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)	Peace Corps Volunteer
† Louise Strickland-home	† Pattie Lanford stationed in Lusaka, Zambia for 27 months

Our Sympathy and Prayers are extended for **Aubrey Evans** in the death of her birth father, **Andy Elliott**, who died April 6. And for the **Bouchillon family: Jerry, Lauri Irvin and Juli Bouchillon** in the death of wife and mother, **Ann Bouchillon**, who died on April 7. A memorial service will be held on April 23, at 2:00 p.m. at FPC.

Hospital Visitor: Sallie Paschal