

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 14

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion & Blessing of the PW Circles
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, August 17

6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 18

10:30 Ambassador Choir
12:00 Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Lunch

Sunday, August 21

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Church Swim Party
6:00 Summer Picnic

The Silver Saints and the Ambassador Choir will have lunch together on **Thursday, August 18, at noon**. Anyone who is in the choir or who is qualified for the senior discount at grocery stores is welcome to attend. If you have been a regular attendee you need not make a reservation, but if you are new to Silver Saints, please call the church office to get on the list so we know how much food to prepare and how many places to set at the table! There is always plenty of friendly conversation and fellowship!

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

Once again the Stillermans have invited us to enjoy this Sunday afternoon at their lovely home. Swimming could begin at 4:00 and then supper will be at 6:00. The Congregational Life and Care Team will provide fried chicken, ice tea and lemonade. Each family should bring the sides and desserts to share. In case of hot humid weather (like last year), Pam has indicated we can be inside the house plus there are many shaded areas. Hope to see you there. Call the church to make **reservations!**



Montreat Retreat

The Church Family Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **November 4-6, 2016**. It's time now to make your reservation with a \$50 deposit. The form has the costs listed. We do need a completed form and your deposit to confirm your place on this much-loved retreat. If you've never been...ask Billy Wade, Dan

Walden or anyone who has attended in the past and they will tell you it's wonderful! **We need to know immediately who intends to attend.**

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.

August suggested donations are:
2 lb. bags of flour or sugar



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

August Chairs:
Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler

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

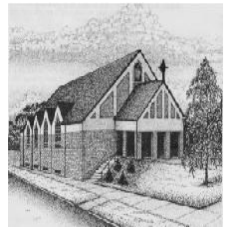
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in A* J. S. Bach
Fairest Lord Jesus Joel Raney
O Love, How Deep, How Broad DEO GRACIAS

INTROIT *Handbell Peal*
Handbell Ensemble & Bob Tabb, reader

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

✦ **HYMN 401** *Here In This Place* GATHER US IN

✦ **PRAYER OF 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

BLESSING AND SONG Presbyterian Women
(song words printed at end of service)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 63
I Peter 1:23-25

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Worship: Proclaiming the Word

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*
God makes himself known through his Word.
God has not waited to be discovered.

The Lord has taken the initiative and addressed his Word to humankind in many ways. Through the Word of God the world was created. The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. Through the Word of God the New Creation is being formed.

We believe God's Word is God's communication to us. Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways, we confidently listen for his Word in Jesus Christ, in holy Scripture, in preaching and the sacraments.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *As We Gather at Your Table* Joshua Evanovich

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE

Hymn 700, stanza 1
(congregation sings "anywhere, Lord, anytime")
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, stretch us beyond the limits we set, the risks we dare not take, that our gratitude may overflow in acts of grace and goodness to others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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.

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise...

Therefore we join our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Hymn 556)
Sanctuary Choir

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands!...
...Great is the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *Christ Has Died* (Hymn 557)
Sanctuary Choir

...Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours now and forever.

AMEN *Amen* (Hymn 558)
Sanctuary Choir

Words of Institution

Communion

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

ANTHEM *Draw the Circle Wide* Mark Miller
Sanctuary Choir, Jim Patrick, solo

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side. Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still. Let this be our song: No one stands alone. Standing side by side, Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ HYMN 526 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* LINSTAD
all: stanza 1; solo: stanza 2; all: stanza 3

✦ POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* (Can. BWV 79) J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.

For All the Faithful Women

Hymn 324 (adapted)
Hymn tune is AURELIA (Hymn 321)

*For all the faithful women who served in days of old
To You shall thanks be given, to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness, proclaimed Your power to save.*

*We praise you for **Elizabeth**, her hospitality
Bestowed upon young Mary before our Savior's birth.
We sing of busy **Martha**, who toiled with pot and pan,
While sister Mary listened to hear the Savior's plan.*

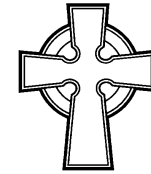
*Bless **Ruth** who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith.
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.
Oh God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise
That faithful in Your service, our lives may sing Your praise.*

Worship Notes

✦ The Rev. Louly Fowler Hay and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries are assisting with leading worship.

✦ 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

† Krissy Jones-back surgery at Emory, September 2

† Joyce Ashworth-hip problem

† Louise Strickland-home

† John Stamps-hip surgery

† Tootles Tingler-back surgery on August 8, home

† Rita Harrell-infection, Riverside

† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)

† Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment

† Mary Annese (Barbara Martin's mother)

† Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications

† Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn)

† Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin)

† Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)

† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)

† Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)

† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† 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 (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 Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare

† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

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

Riverside

† Joy Knight -hospice care

† Martha Borders

† Rita Harrell

† George Stamps

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney

† Bill Taylor

† Betty Robinson

† Louise White

† Betty Goins

† Hughie Hudson

Hospital Visitor:
Louly Hay