

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Meeting Announced:

There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, September 13**, at the conclusion of the morning worship service for the purpose of electing 3 members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for new elders.

Youth and Parents Pool Party and Meeting

Youth Connection **Today, August 30, 4:00-swimming, 6:00-supper**. The Stillermans will host a pool party and dinner for youth and parents. We will use some of our time to make plans for the coming school year.

Women's Study Group using the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, begins on Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 at the home of Day Kennon. Books, which are free, are available in the narthex or from the church office.

Capital Campaign

Please consider prayerfully how you might contribute to the ongoing ministry of Christ's church in this place as together we **Restore** our facilities, **Renew** our commitments, and **ReachOut** in compassion to a world in need of Jesus Christ. We each have the opportunity to participate in the tradition that has been handed down to us and has brought us to this point. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you forgot to bring your pledge card, we have extras in the narthex.



Montreat Retreat - The Time is NOW!

Sign up now for the congregational retreat to Montreat, NC, which is scheduled for the weekend of **November 6-8, 2015**. This is an intergenerational event that combines worship, study and fun in the beautiful mountains of our Presbyterian Conference Center near Asheville, NC. A deposit of \$50 will be due with registration. Forms with the prices listed are in the narthex on the desk by the front doors.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 30

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 & 6:00 Pool Party for Youth and Parents

Tuesday, September 1

4:00 Exercise
6:00 Presbyterian Women's Supper Meeting at FPC

Wednesday, September 2

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 3

10:30 Ambassador Choir
6:00 Stewardship Team Meeting

Sunday, September 6

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

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 one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry could really use the following items: **bar soap, Ramen noodles, canned corn** - we haven't been able to get these items from Atlanta Food Bank the last couple of orders, so we are out completely.

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 receptacle 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

Nursery Volunteers today:

Shaun/Aubrey Evans Family

Next Week:

Hooten-Wilson Family

Usher Chair:

Jean Wolverton

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Bob Tabb
Fletcher Stamps
Jack Weesner

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.
Dan Walden

Pastor

Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Maria Serrato

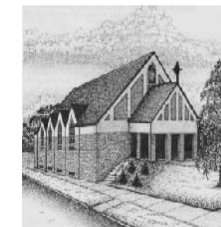
Nursery

Tiffany McWaters

Director of the
Early Learning Center



**Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 30, 2015**



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Come Away to the Skies
Jerusalem, My Happy Home
O What the Joy and the Glory Must Be
O Holy City, Seen of John*

MIDDLEBURY
LAND OF REST
O QUANTA QUALIA
MORWELLHAM

INTROIT

Praise Him, Praise Him!
Children's Choir

anonymous

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

from I Corinthians 15:51-58

Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye...for the trumpet shall sound...and we shall all be changed.

Then shall be brought to pass what is written; death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grace, where is thy victory?

Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

✦HYMN 375 *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession is about being drawn to reconciliation with God. It is responding to His love and His desire to be in relationship to us. So, let us confess and be restored in Him.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all our life here and hereafter to come: we confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring Your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and often refuse Your justice and peace. In Your mercy, forgive us. Make us ready for Your kingdom to come by us and for us. In life or in death, the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John Calvin

To all those who repent of in this life, and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare that the absolution of sins is effected, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 688,
*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.*

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains* from "Elijah"
Janet Carmichael, Laurie Bunn and Perri Walden

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 20:27-38

SERMON

The Rev. Larry Kennon

*The Theory of Everything Part II: Life After Death
(Heaven is Hot, and Hell is Colder)*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 833

ST. MARGARET

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

Arr. Diane Bish

✦ 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

You are the giver of all good things...and we are takers, day by day, daily bread, taking all we need as You supply, taking in gratitude and wonder and joy...So turn our taking into giving...since, Lord, we are in Your giving image, make us giving like You...giving in abundance and joy, giving as Jesus gave Himself up for us all...giving in His blessed name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE
(verses 1-3)

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

WONDROUS LOVE

Hymn 215, verse 4
**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And through eternity, I'll sing on.**

✦ POSTLUDE

Michael Burkhardt

All My Hope on God Is Founded

✦ Please stand if you are able.



There will be a **Gathering of the Presbyterian Women's Circles** of FPC on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, to which all women of our congregation and friends are invited. This marks the beginning of a new year for Presbyterian Women. Attendees are asked to bring a salad to share.



Worship Notes

✦ **The Rev. Larry Kennon** is our guest preacher and worship leader today.
✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is 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** again when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Brian Bradford-car accident, Athens Regional (grandson of Reed Blakeney) † Allen Ensminger-motorcycle accident, ICU at Atlanta Medical Center (brother of Perri Walden) † Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) † Louise White-fall † Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain † Sharon Walton-treatment for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) † Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis † John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) † Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney) † Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter) † Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant † Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson) † Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship) † Edie Chandler Lowe-radiation † Jan Coulon-home † Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma † Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta	Presbytery † Don Bollinger-home † Lisa Baker-cancer treatment † Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School.) Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: † Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers † Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA Riverside † Joy Knight -hospice care † Martha Borders † Rita Harrell Benton House † George Stamps † Doris Mote Merryvale † Guy McGiboney † Bill Taylor † Elizabeth Gadilhe † Betty Robinson We extend our sympathy and prayers for J. L. Johnson and his family in the death of his niece, Annette Hall. Hospital Visitor: Alice Walker
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