

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 1 11:00 Worship Service	Sunday, January 8 9:00 Handbell Choir
Monday, January 2 Church Office Closed	9:30 Children's Choir
Fellowship Hall Construction Begins	10:00 Sunday School
Tuesday, January 3 4:00 Exercise Class (choir room) Circle meetings as listed below	11:00 Worship Service Ordination and Installation of Session Elders for 2017 Congregational Meeting
Thursday, January 5 10:30 Ambassador Choir	5:00 Youth Connection
	Session Meeting, Sunday, January 15 (date change)

Fellowship Hall Construction

Our Capital Campaign facility improvements will continue this week in the Fellowship Hall where the stage will be removed and new flooring will be installed. All meetings or events scheduled for this space will be relocated until further notice. Contact the church office with your questions about facility use and availability.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings for January

The **Elizabeth Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary to hear Elizabeth Martin Pope present Lesson 8 "Abrahamic Faiths" from the PW study book "Who Is Jesus". The daughter of Chis and Barbara Martin, Elizabeth is a doctoral candidate and graduate assistant at UGA's Department of Lifelong Education Administration and Policy. She has a Masters in Islam and BA in religion.

The **Martha Circle** will join the other circles on January 3, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

The **Ruth Circle** will meet Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Fortson. Please note the **change of date**.

Circle Chairs are:

Ann Bouchillon, *Elizabeth Circle*; Jeanie Liem and Cheryl Meichsner, *Martha Circle*; Stephanie Fortson, *Ruth Circle*.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 8, 2017**, at the conclusion of the 11:00 worship service for the purpose of hearing the budget and acting on changes in the call to the pastor.

Women's Winter Bible Study

Presbyterian Women will be offering a short-term Women's Winter Bible Study for women entitled "The Lord's Prayer for Today" by Presbyterian minister William J. Carl, III, at 10:30 a.m. on four Tuesdays: January 10, at the home of Alice Walker (8214 Wood Street, Covington, GA 30013, 770-787-6915); January 17, at the home of Day Kennon (4102 Conyers Street, 30014, 770-786-0443); January 24, in the fellowship hall, hosted by Barbara Martin (770-788-0844); and January 31, will be at the home of Alice Walker.

Study Books are complimentary for all who wish to participate. The books are in the church office and in the narthex of the church. Please sign the signup sheet to let us know how many people to expect. Come and enjoy this short-term Winter Bible study in a relaxing format and get to meet some more Presbyterian Women! For more details call Alice Walker, Day Kennon, or Barbara Martin.

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."



Food Pantry Needs

The **Food Pantry** is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

January suggested donations are:

soups, chili, chicken w/dumplings, spaghetti sauce

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

December Usher Chair:
Scarlett McCurry

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

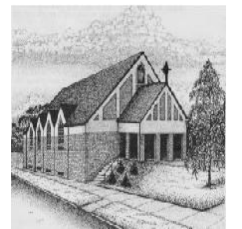
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



First Sunday After Christmas

January 1, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD



PRELUDE

Christmas Bells
O Come All Ye Faithful
Carol of Praise
Christmas Pastoral

Sarah Douglas
Edward Broughton
POLISH CAROL
F. Flaxington Harker

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! AMEN.

✠ **HYMN 147** (stanzas 1-4) *The First Nowell* THE FIRST NOWELL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have

not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRADLE SONG
HYMN 114, stanza 3
*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay,
Close by me forever, and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.*

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Mary, Did You Know?* Buddy Greene & Mark Lowry
Tory Bouchillon, solo

*Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will save our sons
and daughters?*

*Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This child that you've delivered, will soon deliver you
Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm
with his hand?*

*Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby, you have kissed the face of God
The blind will see, the deaf will hear and the dead will live again
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb
Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?
This sleeping child you're holding is the great I Am.*

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Philippians 2:1-11
Luke 2:15-21

SERMON *What Is in a Name?* Dan Walden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 145 *What Child is This?* GREENSLEEVES

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John 1:1-5, 14-18
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *We Three Kings of Orient Are* J. H. Hopkins

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADESTE FIDELES
HYMN 133, stanza 3
*Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest!
O, come let us adore Him, O, come let us adore Him,
O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, and in encouraging those around us to know and follow Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE Sharon Elery Rogers
Trumpet Fanfare on ADESTE FIDELES

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is our preacher today.
✦ **The Rev. Larry Kennon** 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

† Betty Robinson-flu, back to Merryvale	† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
† Julia Osborne Schell-lung tumor (friend of Maxine Blankenship)	† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Rita Harrell-back at Riverside	† Jan Coulon-home
† Will Vining-recovering from surgery (grandson of Danny & Beth Vining)	† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Carol Dunbar-recovering from surgery	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)	† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
† Joyce V. Williams-Recovery from mastectomy (sister, Danny Vining)	† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
† Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer	† J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
† Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, born prematurely experiencing problems	Riverside
† Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Joy Knight -hospice care
† Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment	† Martha Borders
† Louise Strickland-home	† Rita Harrell
† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)	Merryvale
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)	† Guy McGiboney
† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Bill Taylor
† Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)	† Betty Robinson
† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	† Louise White
† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Betty Goins
† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	† Hughie Hudson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Phyllis Yoder, Karen Moss and family in the death of **Jack Yoder**, husband, father and grandfather. Jack died on December 27.

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton