

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 22

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Oxford Youth Singers
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, January 24

4:00 Exercise Class
10:30 PW Book Study (Bollinger home)

Wednesday, January 25

6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 28

8:00 Men's Study & Breakfast

Sunday, January 29

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
6:00 Parents' and Youth Meeting

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. We will meet on **Tuesday, January 24**, at the home of Mary Bollinger, with Barbara Martin facilitating the discussion. (770-788-0844).

Men's Study and Breakfast

The Men's Study Group will meet at 8:00 a.m. on **Saturday, January 28**, in the fellowship hall for discussion and breakfast. Bring your own breakfast and a friend!

Fellowship Hall Update

Our **Capital Campaign facility improvements** in the Fellowship Hall are nearly complete. The stage has been removed and new flooring has been installed and the hall is now available for meetings or events. An updated sound system will be installed this week to complete the project. Contact the church office with your questions about facility use and availability.



Jacob Wrestles Until Daybreak

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.

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

January Usher Chair:
Scarlett McCurry

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

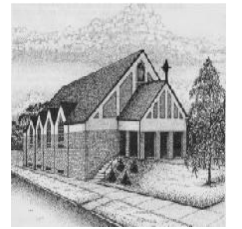
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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>Organist/Ambassador Choir 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>



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Prelude in A Minor

J. S. Bach

If You But Suffer God to Guide You

David Cherwien

How Fair and How Blessed

Marcel Dupre

Nocturne on "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Silesian Folk Melody

INTROIT

Jubilate Deo

Jay Althouse

Oxford Youth Singers

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord God, in you abides constancy of power and mercy; to you a thousand years is as a watch in the night.

To you we lift our hearts in praise for the glory of your nature, and the immeasurable depths of your love.

What are we human beings, that you are mindful of us?

Yet because you have created us and redeemed us through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord, we dare to gather before you this day to worship you as Sovereign God, who has revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Accept our praise and bless us in this corporate endeavor of worship.

Amen! So let it be!

✠HYMN 305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148th

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. In your sovereignty, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. Forgive us for those sins which we think are hidden from you. We confess that we have not sought nor done your will, but exhibit our self-will time and again. Forgive us, heal us, and set us free from sin. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and bless us. In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray.

(silence for personal reflection and prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 619, stanza 1

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Witness* Trad. spiritual/Jack Halloran
Oxford Youth Singers

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 32:22-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8:28, 31-39

SERMON The Rev. Al Meyers
"My Name is Jacob, a First Person Sermon"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 816 WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT
If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Book of Common Order, Church of Scotland

We believe in God; who has created and is creating; who has come in the true man, Jesus, to reconcile and make new; who works in us and others by his Spirit. We trust him.

God calls us to be his church, to celebrate his presence to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *No Time* arr. Susan Brumfield
Oxford Youth Singers

✦ 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

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

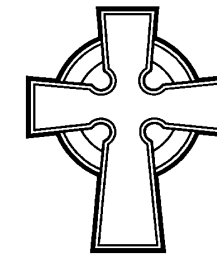
✦ CHORAL RESPONSE Keith Hampton
Praise His Holy Name!
Oxford Youth Singers

✦ POSTLUDE *Postlude on "Hymn to Joy"* Ludwig van Beethoven

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Arts Association's Oxford Singers

The Arts Association in Newton's Oxford Singers programs are auditioned choirs composed of Oxford Little Singers (1st-3rd grades), Oxford Singing Children (4th-7th grades) and Oxford Youth Singers (8th-12th grades). Over 200 students from 18 schools and 7 counties meet weekly throughout the school year to learn basic musicianship skills and gain performance experience while building friendships and discovering the value of teamwork. Staff is composed of Music Directors Mary Lynn Luke and Lenae Rose, Stage Director Jay Tryall, Artistic Director Ric Chiappetta, Administrator Gina Hay-Bryan, and Rehearsal Assistant Eva Bone. OYS presents "Hairspray," March 16-19, and OSC & OLS present "Honk!, Jr!," April 22 & 23; tickets may be purchased online at www.newtoncountyarts.org.



Worship Notes

✦ **The Rev. Al Myers** is our guest preacher today.
✦ **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

†Jose Luis Trujullo Herrera - heart surgery (brother, Pily Waetzig)	†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Sam Hay, Jr.-knee surgery, 1/24	†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
†Alice Walker-gall bladder surgery 1/23	†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
†Carol Baynes-cancer, friend of Phyllis Yoder	†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
†Leonard Kaminski-knee surgery	†Jan Coulon-home
†Ursula Kaminski-cancer	†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Fran Prince-chemotherapy and radiation	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Julianne Schell-lung tumor	†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)	†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)	†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
†Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer	Riverside
†Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, born prematurely experiencing problems	†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)	†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
	†Betty Goins
	†Hughie Hudson
	Hospital Visitor: Cy Wolverton