

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 24

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service featuring
the Oxford Singers
3:00 Cello Concert sponsored by
the Arts Association at FPC
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, January 26

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, January 27

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 28

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, January 30

8:00 Men's Breakfast Study
Bring your own breakfast
8:45 Meals on Wheels
Meet in the fellowship hall

Sunday, January 31

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
5:00 Youth Connection

Offering Statements for 2015 are available for pick-up in the narthex. You will need these statements if you itemize your income tax filing. They are in alphabetical order. Children who gave have a statement included with the parents' or grandparents' statements.

Ash Wednesday Service and Supper

On Wednesday, February 10, First United Methodist Church will host the Ash Wednesday worship service with a pancake supper preceding the service. If you intend to attend the supper, please call the FPC office by Monday, February 8, before 4 p.m. We must notify FUMC how many will attend the supper from FPC. Thanks!



In January, we would like everyone to send thank you notes in appreciation of **Billy Wade** as our Pastor and especially for his **30 years of service** with us. You may send cards directly to Billy or to the church office:

First Presbyterian Church
1169 Clark Street SW
Covington, GA 30014

Be sure to mark it:
"Attn: Billy Wade Thank You!"

FUN, FOOD, FRIENDS

Let's try the church dinner club again, but with no elaborate schedule. On Saturday, February 6, we will have a single occasion for dinner. If you are interested in participating, as a hostess or just a guest call the church office or put a reservation in the offering plate. The group of hostesses will plan a menu and assign a dish to each person. We will RANDOMLY put 8 people in each home. If you have any questions, just call Jean Wolverton at 678-342-3463. Please sign up below, tear off and place it in the offering plate.

I/we wish to participate in **SUPPER CLUB on February 6, 2016**

Name(s) _____

As hosts _____ As guests _____

**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. For **January** suggested donations are: **soups, chili, chicken & dumplings, spaghetti sauces.**

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 **cradle** 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:

Weesner Family

Next Week:

Rob & Kerry Jones Family

January Usher Chair:

Jean Wolverton

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

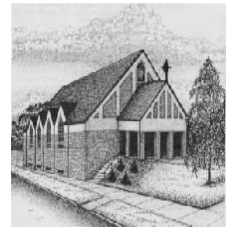
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Alan Bunn, piano

INTROIT *Gloria in Excelsis* D. Edwards
Oxford Singing Children

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24
Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

✦HYMN 388 *Come All You People* UYAI MOSE

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE RESTORATION
Hymn 415, stanza 1
solo: Janet Carmichael
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.
All:
I will rise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, hear our prayer. It is not easy to admit what we have done or said. We wish we could take back some things. We wish they had never happened. We cannot seem to stop ourselves sometimes. We are sorry. Please help us. Help the whole world, we pray, because there are many others who also are doing bad and making a mess of things. Forgive us all and help us to do better, in Jesus' name.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE George W. Cooke
Down in My Heart
I have the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart...down in my heart to stay.
I have the peace that passes understanding down in my heart...down in my heart to stay.
I have the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart...down in my heart to stay.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Jesus said: "In the world you have troubles; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM *Ding Dong Merrily on High* arr. R. Gray
A Jubilant Song M. L. Lightfoot
Oxford Singing Children

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN *Joseph's Story*
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 READING Genesis 45:1-15

SERMON *Providence* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* AUSTIN

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *One Candle* A. Beck/Fisher
Gracie Bates, solo

✦ 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

Dear God, we know that everything that we have and everything that we are comes from you because you love us so much. Please accept our gifts to you and use them to help your people everywhere. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE S. Edwards
Gloria in Excelsis
Oxford Singing Children

✦ POSTLUDE Alan Bunn, piano

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Joseph Forgives His Brothers

Oxford Singing Children is an auditioned choir for students in 4th-7th grades. The choir provides basic musicianship skills, performance experience and other musical opportunities, while building friendships and learning the benefit of teamwork. The group rehearses weekly at FPC as a part of our outreach in the community. Under the direction of Mary Lynn Luke, Artistic Director (Music), and Eva Bone, Rehearsal Assistant, the OSC presented *Christmas in Covington* to celebrate the holiday season in December. With the additional expertise of Jay Tryall, Artistic Director (Stage), the group will perform the musical *Shrek, Jr.* on April 14th and 16th at Newton High School. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.newtoncountyarts.org>.

Mary Lynn Luke has been an integral member of the fine arts communities in Newton County and Rockdale County for many years. After receiving a degree in music education from Furman University, she taught choral music in the Rockdale County School System for 20 years. Currently she is the director of music ministries at Crossroads United Methodist Church in Conyers and Choral Conductor of the Oxford Little Singers, Oxford Singing Children and Oxford Youth Singers with the Arts Association in Newton County. Mary Lynn lives in Conyers with her husband, John, and their two children, Brian and Allison.

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the leading of 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Faye Kitchens-back pain	†Jan Coulon-home
†Kelly Dittman-heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon)	†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Diane Loebler-knee surgery 1/25	†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
†Jack Yoder-Riverside	†Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia
†Krissy Jones-surgery	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home	†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Bernice Bailey-knee surgery, home	†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†Jim Stillerman-surgery, home	Riverside
†Wally Bold - pneumonia (great-uncle of Lori Ardis)	†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Martha Borders
†Vickie Sewell-breathing difficulties	†Rita Harrell
†Gina Marasco-pregnancy complications (cousin of Danielle Schubert)	†George Stamps
†Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)	Benton House
†Kim Bailey-Bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)	†Doris Mote
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)	Merryvale
†Mickey Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Tootles Tingler's sister)	†Guy McGiboney
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	†Bill Taylor
†Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain	†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Betty Robinson
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	†J. L. Johnson
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)	Celebration:
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant	Jack Weesner (son of Donna & Chris, grandson of Carol & Guy McGiboney) was named Junior Cattleman of the Year by the Piedmont Cattleman's Association.
†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)	Buncie Lanners received the R.O. Arnold Award for her contributions to our community as Executive Director of the Arts Association in Newton County.
†Edie Chandler Lowe-radiation	Hospital Visitor: Cy Wolverton

