

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE John 16:33
 Jesus said: "I have said this to you,
 that in me you may have peace.
 In the world you have tribulation;
 but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
 The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEMS *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. Jay Althouse
Ye Followers of the Lamb arr. Edwin Ferguson
 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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
 Paisley Lynn Jessup

✦ HYMN 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Acts 2:38-39
 Ephesians 4:4-7

SERMON William B. Wade Jr.
The Promise to You and Your Children

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 488 WATERLIFE
I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

✦ 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 Mark Miller
What Does the Lord Require of You?
 Oxford Youth Singers

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE
 Hymn 700, stanza 1
***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
**God of wisdom and love, giver of all good things, we
 thank you for your loving-kindness, and for your con-
 stant care over us and all creation. In glad thanksgiving
 for your grace, we offer you our gifts; and pray for the
 power to offer and present our very selves to you, dedi-
 cated and fit for your acceptance through Jesus Christ
 our Lord. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
 INTO THE WORLD**


✦ HYMN 541 RANDOLPH
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ Please stand, if you are able.



Oxford Youth Singers is a group of 83 audi-
 tioned 8th-12th graders from a seven county
 area. They perform choral music in the fall and
 musical theatre in the spring. This year they will
 be performing *How to Succeed in Business
 Without Really Trying* on March 21, 22 &
 23. They rehearse weekly at FPC and are un-
 der the direction of Mary Lynn Luke, Eva Bone
 and Jay Tryall.



Paisley Lynn Jessup is receiving the
 Sacrament of Baptism today. Paisley
 is the daughter of Jessica and Nick
 Jessup, and the sister of Conner and
 Dylan.

Worship Notes

*We welcome the Oxford Youth Singers today and give thanks for sharing their talents with us.
 *Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
 *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

†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery
 1/29, in Colorado (Lynn Miller's
 daughter)
 †Jan Coulon-back surgery
 †Rosemary Dean-Graves disease
 †Diane Loeble-knee replacement
 surgery, home
 †David Sewell-knee replacement,
 home
 †Jeanie Liem-kidney transplant,
 home
 †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
 †Linda Pemberton-home, (mother
 of Tiffany McWaters, ELC Director)
 †Catherine Horton-Riverside (sister
 of Maxine Blankenship
 †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive
 Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta
 Presbytery
 †Warren Liem-home
 †Don Bollinger-home
 †Ann Bouchillon-home
 †Joe Schell-dialysis (father of
 Krissy Jones)
 †Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of
 Bernice & Betty Bailey)
 †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
 †Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the
 Liems)
 †Steve Hayner--cancer treatment,
 (President of Columbia Seminary)
 †Richard Carmichael-cancer treat-
 ment (brother of Patrick Carmi-
 chael)
 †Anderson Krieger-maintenance
 chemotherapy (6th grade student

at Providence Christian School.)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline-relocated
 †Russ Cole -The Magnolias,
 Conyers
 †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood
 Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside

†Joy Knight
 †Martha Borders
 †Rita Harrell

Benton House

†George Stamps
 †Doris Mote

Merryvale

†Bill Taylor
 †Elizabeth Gadilhe
 †Betty Robinson

Hospital Visitors:
 Bob and Darcel Tabb

*To keep our concerns up-to-date,
 names may remain on this list for
 up to four weeks. Please contact
 the church if you wish your name
 or family member's name to be
 continued or removed.*

Year End statements of giving are available in the narthex for all households who gave to the church in 2014. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. If there is not a report for you and you feel you should have one, call the church office and we will get one printed. Thank you for your generous offerings!

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Parenting Workshops

Parenting is one of the most important roles that many of us will take on in life. While it can be both exciting and terrifying at the same time, there is much that we can do to improve the outcome of our efforts. Join us for a series of workshops led by the Rev. Melanie Stanley-Soulen, LPC, staff counselor with the Care & Counseling Centers of Georgia.

- Today, at 5:00-7:00 pm. Dinner and childcare provided

Please let us know that you are coming and how many (and what ages) children you will be bringing so that we can plan our meals and childcare accordingly. E-mail info@fpccov.org or call Dan Walden at 770-786-7321



Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 1st, Special Offering

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single church youth group in South Carolina: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football

game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country. Next Sunday, February 1st, our youth will be collecting donations in soup pots as you leave morning worship. Every dollar donated will go to our local Community Food Pantry. Please consider giving generously.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 25

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

Tuesday, January 27

4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, January 28

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 29

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, February 1

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
6:30 Youth Connection - Super Bowl Party

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

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for January:** soups, chili, chicken & dumplings, spaghetti sauce

Baby Love: The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local helping agencies for families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today
Shawn & Aubrey Evans Family
Next Week:
Hooten-Wilson Family

Ushers
Ardis Family

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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
Adrian Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

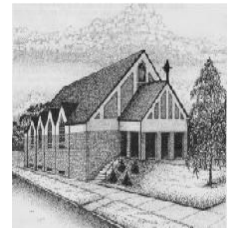
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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|---|---|
| William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> | Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i> |
| Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i> | <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> |
| Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> | Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i> |
| Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> | Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i> |
| Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i> | |



Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2015



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* J. S. Bach
Prelude on HYFRYDOL Raymond H. Haan
Chime-Prelude on MONKLAND Robert J. Powell

INTROIT *Shout Allelu!* Roger Emerson
Oxford Youth Singers

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 92:1-4

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the works of your hands we sing for joy.

✠ **HYMN 409** *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we often have been less than loving. We have nursed our anger and harbored our resentments toward others. We have been impatient with those who will not, or cannot, move at our pace and unkind to those who seem to get in the way of the things we want to do. We have been jealous of those who have gotten things, or gained positions, that we have wanted for ourselves. Forgive us, Lord, and teach us how to love and how to forgive one another, for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O WALY WALY

Hymn 693, stanza 3

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** AMAZING GRACE

Hymn 649, stanza 1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.