

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 31

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

Tuesday, February 2

4:00 Exercise
Circle Meetings as below

Wednesday, February 3

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 4

10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Transfiguration of the Lord
Sunday, February 7**

Scout Sunday

Souper Bowl of Caring

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
12:00 Witness Team Meeting

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, reservations are necessary. 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!"



**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:
Rob/Kerry Jones Family

Next Week:
Doug & Brigham Arnold 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>	



**Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany**

January 31, 2016

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* J. S. Bach

Fanfare and Processional (Nicaea/Hymn to Joy) Gayden Sikes

INTROIT *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE
Youth Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**Our mouths will speak the praise of the Lord,
and all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and
ever! Amen.**

✦ **HYMN 610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
(stanzas 1, 2, 4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we honor you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
You alone are worthy to be praised; yet when we come
to worship you, our minds wander. Our focus is not on
you, but is centered on our personal affairs in this
world. Our wills are unruly, our affections unsettled.
Forgive us that our hearts have not been fixed on you,
where true joy is to be found. Grant us the ministry of
your Holy Spirit that your Spirit may lead us to make
time for the amendment of our lives. This we pray in the
name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Through Christ's death on the cross and our confession of
our sins, we are forgiven.

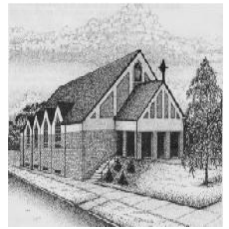
**All praise and power be to you, O Lord, for you have
given and forgiven.**

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

Amen!



✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AZMON

Hymn 610, stanza 5

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

J. S. Bach, arr. Hopson

O God, You Are My Refuge

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 READINGS

Psalm 96:1-13
Revelation 4:9-11

SERMON

The Rev. Al Myers

Outline of the sermon with hymns to be sung by the congregation during the course of the message. Please remain seated for each of these hymns.

“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Psalm 96:1-13

Introduction

96:1

a. Sing to the Lord

HYMN 667, verse 4, When Morning Gilds the Skies

b. Sing to the Lord a new song

HYMN 276, verses 1 - 3 Sing a New Song unto the Lord

1. Sing praises to God, sing a new song because the Lord is a God who saves 96:2 & 3

HYMN 620, stanzas 1-2, Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

2. Sing praises to God, sing a new song because the Lord is the God who created to world and everything in it 96:5b - 6

HYMN 32, verses 1-2, I Sing the Mighty Power of God

3. Sing praises to God, sing a new song because of who God is 96:4 - 5a

HYMN 12, verses 1-4, Immortal, Invisible, God Only

Wise

Conclusion

96:7 - 13

This God whom we are summoned to worship is coming to rule the peoples of the world

HYMN 606, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ 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

Aria

Flor Peeters

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Hymn 108, stanza 6

Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory, evermore and evermore! Amen.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, fill us with your Spirit that our hearts will overflow in praise, and our knees will bow and our tongues confess that Jesus is Lord. Guide us by your love that we will stand for justice and reach out with compassion for the sake of your people; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

AZMON

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

✦ POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

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

† Leon Hughes-foot surgery, home

† Faye Kitchens-back pain

† Kelly Dittman-heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon)

† Diane Loeble-knee surgery, home

† Krissy Jones-surgery

† Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home

† Bernice Bailey-knee surgery, home

† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Vickie Sewell-breathing difficulties

† Gina Marasco-pregnancy complications (cousin of Danielle Schubert)

† Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)

† Kim Bailey-Bicycle accident

(Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)

† Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)

† Mickey Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Tootles Tingler's sister)

† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

† Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain

† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis

† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)

† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

† 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

† Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab

† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

Riverside

† Joy Knight -hospice care

† Martha Borders

† Rita Harrell

† George Stamps-rehab

† Jack Yoder-rehab

Benton House

† Doris Mote

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney

† Bill Taylor

† Elizabeth Gadilhe

† Betty Robinson

† J. L. Johnson

Hospital Visitor: Jean Wolverton

Please update your prayer requests this week!
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321

