

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 10
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, July 12
4:00 Exercise

Monday, July 11
10:45 Ambassador Choir sings at
Salem Camp meeting

Friday, July 15
Youth Lake Day

Sunday, July 17
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Youth Lake Day Friday, July 15th

Our good friends the Botelers have invited us down to their place on Lake Jackson for a day of tubing and jet-ski fun!

All students who are rising 6th through 12th grades are invited...and parents are always welcome as well. We'll leave from the church parking lot at 10:00 am and return by 4:00 pm. Bring a towel, a snack to share, and as always... **BRING A FRIEND!**

We need to know how many folks to plan for, so please call Dan at 404-405-3559, or e-mail djwalden@mac.com to confirm that you are coming.

188th Salem Camp Meeting on July 8 -15, 2016

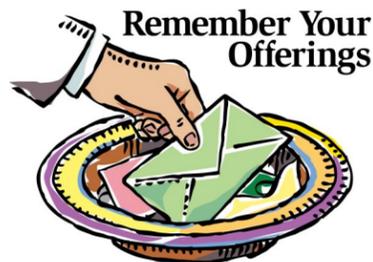
Annual Camp Meeting Services at Salem Camp Ground began on ay, July 8, 2016, at 8:00 pm and continuing daily at 10:45 am and 8:00 pm through Friday, July 15, 2016. Family style meals will be served daily at Salem Hotel at 8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 6:00 pm. To make meal reservations, please call 770-786-6841. Preachers are Dr. William J. Carl, III, and the Rev. Dr. Bill Burch. Alice and Becky will play grand pianos for every Service, and Ambassador Choir will sing on Monday, July 11th at 10:45.

Summer break is in full swing for our local schools, but not for the church! As you make your plans to get away for some well-deserved rest and relaxation, please remember to keep your offering up-to-date by mailing a check to the church office, or by using our new online resource, OnRealm.

If you haven't already received an invitation to sign-up, send an e-mail to Peni Haug at penihaug@gmail.com.

Blue Hymnals

We still have a number of the old blue Presbyterian hymnals in the mail/storage room. We have had no luck in giving them away to other churches, so we are once again offering them to whoever would like a copy. If they are not gone by August 1, we will recycle them. There are a few copies in the narthex on the desk by the front door. (More available as needed.)



**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.

July suggested donations are:
bar soap; toothpaste; shampoo

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

July Usher Chair:
Charles Ardis

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

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



**Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost**
July 10, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Alan Bunn, piano

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 16 and Psalm 31

Protect me, O God, for in You I take refuge.
You are my Lord. I have no good apart from You.
The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.
My heart is glad, my soul rejoices, my body rests secure.
For You let not Your faithful see sheol.
But we leap and sing in the circle of Your love.
You relieve my pain, You disarm my tormentors.
In Your Presence there is fullness of joy.
In Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.
Yes, forevermore!

✦ HYMN 307

CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Adapted from Rev. R. McQuilkin

It's sundown, Lord. The shadows of my life stretch back into the dimness of time.
So I fear those times I should stain Your honor, grieve Your loving heart.

I have left too many things undone and done too many things remiss in Your Presence, this day.
Let me finish well. Let me get home before dark.
The darkness of my spirit grown mean and small, fruit shriveled on the vine, bitter to the taste of my neighbors.
No, Lord. Let the fruit grow lush and sweet, a joy to all who taste.

It will be a Spirit sign of God at work, stronger, fuller, brighter at the end of this day.

Lord, let me get home before dark.

The outer me decays. I cling to shadows cast by mortality. I hold hostage to a spirit pressing to be free and open and fruitful.

Of Your grace, Father, let me get Home before dark.

It's sundown, Lord. Let me get Home before dark.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PRECIOUS LORD

Hymn 834
Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, help me stand: I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer* Albert Hay Malotte
Julianna Laseter, soprano Alan Bunn, piano

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

Lord, thou are both the Journey and the Journey's end. And as we make our own journey, give us listening ears and responsive hearts. Come, Lord, and make new music in our souls. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 3:20-22

SERMON *That Crazy Baptist Jew* The Rev. Larry Kennon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 69 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(written by the Confirmation Class at North Decatur Presbyterian Church, 1972)

**We believe in one God and Father of all life;
who created light to fill the dark void of space;
who leads us in Exodus from bondage to freedom;
who is the source of all life and all light and
all freedom; whose justice is His mercy, whose
wrath is His peace.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who came into the world to be the light to dispel
our darkness; who teaches us and heals our minds
and bodies; who shares His victory in life and
death so that we may live and die in faith and
hope.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's gift of His
presence with us now;
who calls us to be His Church and fills our lives
with wonder and purpose; who witnesses to the
mighty works of God and sends us out as the
scattered church to live the life of love
and forgiveness.**

**This we believe in the name of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Alan Bunn, piano

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 643, stanza 1 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
***Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and
voices, Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this
world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath
blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and
still is ours today.***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, however long we live; our times are in Your
hands. We count our days and fill them up with daily
blessings. We count our weeks and fill them up with
our busyness. We count our years and fill them up with
our needs. But as stewards, dear Lord, take our times
of life and love and fear and worry and need and
redeem our times. Let us occupy our calendars to
share Your blessings daily, weekly, yearly...thus,
to minister and give back of Your bounty. Lord, we
dedicate our times as well as our gifts. However long
we live, our times are in Your hands. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 157 *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE Alan Bunn, piano

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

- ✦ The Rev. **Larry Kennon** is our preacher today. **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship leadership.
- ✦ We welcome **Julianna Laseter** to our worship service this morning. She will be singing the anthem.
- ✦ 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

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| †Will Vining-foot surgery (grandson of Beth & Danny Vining) | †Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship) |
| †Charles Ardis, surgery, home | †Jan Coulon-home |
| †Joyce Ashworth-hip problem | †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma |
| †Margaret Wallace-radiation | †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) |
| †Louise Strickland-home | Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: |
| †Joel Kitchens-kidney stones | †Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab |
| †John Stamps-hip surgery | †Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA |
| †Emalee Green-hip surgery (the Tinglers' granddaughter) | †J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA |
| †Rita Harrell-infection, Riverside | Riverside |
| †Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry) | †Joy Knight -hospice care |
| †Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment | †Martha Borders |
| †Mary Annese (Barbara Martin's mother) | †Rita Harrell |
| †Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications | †George Stamps |
| †Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn) | Merryvale |
| †Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin) | †Guy McGiboney |
| †Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden) | †Bill Taylor |
| †Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis) | †Betty Robinson |
| †Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member) | †Louise White |
| †Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) | †Betty Goins |
| †Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law) | †Hughie Hudson |
| †Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin) | |
| †Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) | |
| †Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford) | |
| †Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis | |
| †John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) | |
| †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant | |

Hospital Visitor:
Day Kennon

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