

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Simple Song* Leonard Bernstein

Lane Johnson, soloist Ann Johnson, accompanist

Sing God a simple song, lauda laude.

Make it up as you go along, lauda laude.

Sing like you like to sing, God loves all simple things.

For God is the simplest of all, For God is the simplest of all.

*I will sing the Lord a new song, to praise him,
to bless him, to bless the Lord. I will sing his praises
while I live, all of my days.*

*Blessed is the man who loves the Lord,
Blessed is the man who praises him.*

Lauda, lauda, laude, and walks in his ways.

*I will lift up my eyes, to the hills from which comes my help.
I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing lauda, laude.*

*For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand.
And the sun shall not smite me by day, or the moon by night.*

*Blessed is the man who loves the Lord lauda, lauda, laude,
and walks in his ways.*

*Lauda, lauda, laude, lauda, lauda di da di day
All of my days.....*

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 READING Mark 4:30-34

SERMON *From Seeds to Shrubs* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 324 *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Declaration of Faith, IX.5*

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.

He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.

Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.

No more than Christ are we spared the darkness,

ambiguity, and the threat of life in the world.

We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Ave Verum* W. A. Mozart

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MONKLAND

Hymn 244 , stanza 1

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, help us to proclaim our faith not only in what we say on Sunday morning, but in where our feet take us and what our hands do during the other days of the week; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 267 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Fugue in D Minor* J. S. Bach

Sermon Series



Mr. Wade's sermons on the parables of Jesus include:

June 9: *Sowing Seed* (The Sower) Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

June 16: *From Seeds to Shrubs* (The Mustard Seed) Mark 4:30-34

June 23: *One Out of a Hundred* (The Lost Sheep) Luke 15:1-7

June 30: *The Other Fig Tree* (The Fig Tree) Luke 13:6-9

Worship Notes

- ♦ Mr. Lane Johnson, our guest soloist for today, holds degrees in voice performance from the University of Kansas (M.M.) in Lawrence, KS and Louisiana State University (B.M.) in Baton Rouge, LA. Lane currently lives in New York City. His mother, Dr. Ann Johnson, is his accompanist today. Dr. Johnson is the niece of Mary Bollinger.
- ♦ 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

†Helen Stamps-Riverside
 †Rick Gunter-broken leg
 †Rebecca Bates-home
 †Susan Wilson-cancer (Michael Wilson's sister)
 †Chris Martin-home
 †Shelby Kinnaird - surgery, June 20
 †Frank Davis-home
 †Teddy Horton-throat cancer (nephew of Blankenship family)
 †Evelyn Underwood-home (mother of Pam Stillerman)
 †Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)
 †Maureen Picard-breast cancer (cousin of Barbara Martin)
 †Jack Yoder-home
 †Velma Prescott-at daughter's home
 †Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)
 †Hazel McClure-broken leg, Riverside
 †Helen Sessions - breast cancer (friend of the Liems)
 †Danielle Schubert-chemotherapy, home
 †Agnes Vining-treatment for cancer (sister-in-law of Danny and Beth Vining)
 †Richard Katenkamp-lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems'
 †Anderson Krieger-leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)
 †Barbara Johnson-home -infection requiring home IV antibiotics.
 †Tyler Head-spinal cord injury, home (Newton High wrestler)
 †Roland Nelson-very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
 †Erin Kelahan-auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth)
 †Claude Bennett-friend of Milton Patton
 †Jeannie Liem-awaiting kidney

transplant
 †Donnie Vining-chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
 †Jackie Wood-brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)
 †Shirley Smith-awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Covington Square

†Rita Harrell
†Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline-relocated
 †Russ Cole -The Magnolia, Conyers
 †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
 †Doris Hicks-Merryvale
 †Clarence Price-Parkview Manor

Benton House

†Helen and George Stamps
 †Mary Crudup
 †Doris Mote
 †Murray and Hazel McClure
 †Frances Ivey

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Linda Chadwick and her family in the death of her husband, Buster Chadwick, who died last Sunday.

Congratulations to Jeanie Liem who was awarded a Life Membership in the Presbyterian Women of FPC during their meeting and supper on June 4.

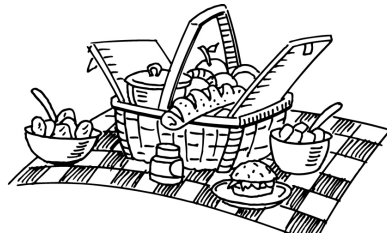
Hospital Visitor:
Cy Wolverton

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.

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Church Picnic: The church picnic is next Sunday, June 23rd, at 4:00 at the home of Jonathan and Sallie Paschal. Everyone is invited. Please bring your chairs and towels. We will be having hamburgers, hotdogs and fried chicken. Bring your best cole-slaw, potato salad or a dessert. Call Darcel Tabb at 678-658-6242 to RSVP so we will know to throw an extra dog on the fire.



Bible Exhibit: The traveling exhibit "Manifold Greatness: The Creation and Afterlife of the King James Bible" will be held in Conyers at the Nancy Guinn Memorial Library now through July 12, during library hours Monday- Thursday, 10:00 – 8:00 and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 – 5:00. The exhibit consists of seven double-sided panels that examine, among other topics, how the King James Version of the Bible came to be written.

From the Witness Team: save the week of Sept. 22 for a **state-side mission trip**. Details will be released soon.

Montreat Retreat Registration

It doesn't seem possible that it's time to think about fall activities already, but, it is! The church retreat at Montreat is scheduled for November 8-10, 2014. The whole church family is invited! The blue registration forms are on the round table in the narthex. Please fill out the form and attach your deposit. Full details are listed on the form. If you have other questions? Speak with Billy Wade or Dan Walden.

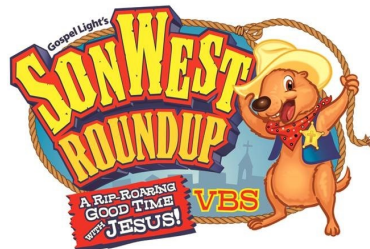
This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 16
Happy Fathers' Day
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Newsletter Deadline

Monday, June 17
Church Office closed all day

Tuesday, June 18
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, June 19
4:00 Prayer Group
Thursday, June 20
10:30 Ambassador Choir
Sunday, June 23
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:00 Church Picnic and swimming at the Paschals'



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date:
July 8-12

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 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for June:

toilet paper and 1 quart Koolaid packets

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:
Rob & Kerry Jones Family

Next Week:
Doug & Brigham Arnold

Ushers:
Jim and Pam Stillerman
Theodosia Wade, Bryson Wade

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2013
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

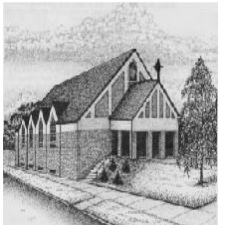
Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
June 16, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude in G Major* J. S. Bach
The King of Love My Shepherd Is Robin Milford

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name, make known God's deeds among the people!
Sing to the Lord, sing praises, tell of all God's wonderful works:

Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the strength of the Lord and the Lord's presence continually!

Remember the wonderful works that God has done.

✦ HYMN 464 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life, we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways. We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have lived as if you are not God, and we have made a mess of our lives and the world. Forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change us and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRENTHAM

Hymn 316, stanza 1

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI Hymn 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.