

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

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CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. *Pastor*
 Dan Walden *Director of Youth and Children's Ministry*
 Peni Haug *Secretary-Treasurer*
 Alan Bunn *Choir Director*

Alice Walker BA, CAGO, AAGO *Organist/Ambassador Choir*
 Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato *Nursery*
 Tiffany McWaters *Director of the Early Learning Center*

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING

Caring for Our Youngest Members in the Nursery:
 Ardis Family
Next week:
 Moss Family

Ushers:
 Children of the Church

Sound System:
 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
 Adriane ivey
 Michael Thompson
 Danny Vining
 Jean Wolverton

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Betty Lunsford-back surgery
 †Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy
 †Ann Bouchillon-home
 †Howard Barton -brain aneurysm (stepfather of Perri Walden)
 †Amanda Teixeira-home, awaiting other surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter)
 †Jan Coulon-back surgery
 †Rosemary Dean-Graves disease
 †Diane Looble-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
 †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)
 †Peni Haug-travel to Israel and Egypt from 2/24 - 3/13
 †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 Visitor:
 Leon Hughes



THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, March 1

Children's Sunday
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 3:00 Concert
 5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, March 3

Circles -
 Circle I 10:00 a.m..
 Circle II 10:30 a.m.
 Circle III 7:00 p.m.
 Circle IV 6:00 p.m.
 4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, March 4

4:00 Adventure Club
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 5

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, March 7

9:00-2:00 Session
 Retreat

Sunday, March 8

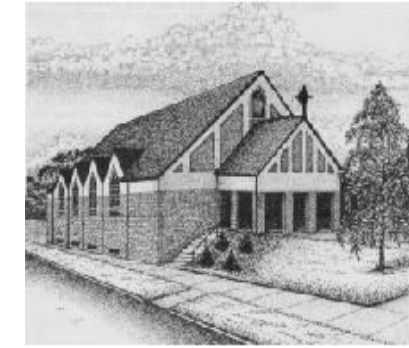
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 Girl Scout Sunday
 5:00 Youth Connection

First Presbyterian Church

Covington, Georgia

March 1, 2015

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY



Order of Worship

(Please enter quietly and listen to God.)

MUSIC TO HELP US GET READY TO WORSHIP

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Children of the Heavenly Father

Ms. Alice
 Paul Karvonen
 Frederick Steffen

ELEVEN CHIMES FOR 11 O'CLOCK

BEGINNING WITH PRAISE TO GOD

Come All You People
 Children's Choir

UYAI MOSE

*** GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

God calls us to this place to worship today.

We come to worship the One who made us and has loved us all our lives.

We come to hear God's Word and to sing songs of praise and thanksgiving.

We come because it is good to be here with others who also love God.

Good morning, God!

*** SINGING GOD'S PRAISES #409**

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

CONFESSING OUR SIN

God knows us well. God knows what we do and what we say. God knows what is in our hearts, and loves us still. God invites us to be honest and confess our sin, so that God's love and forgiveness can come into our hearts.

Let us confess our sin together.

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.

(a time of silence to hear God speaking to us)

GOD'S WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

The Lord says that what is done cannot be undone. There are consequences. But already, even before we spoke, God forgave us. What has been done is past – finished. This is a new day to live as Jesus' disciples! Remember, God says: "You are my people. I have always loved you, and I always will – no matter what you do."

Thank you, God! We love you!

- * SONG OF JOY AND THANKS *Down in My Heart* George W. Cooke
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.

- * SHARING THE PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

THE THEME SONG *The Love of God* Natalie Sleeth
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

Neither death nor life nor anything at all can keep us from the love of God!
Neither tears nor toil nor troubles great and small can keep us from the love of God!
Nothing past and nothing future, nothing now or yet to be
Can prevent God's love forever from surrounding you and me!
Neither flame nor flood nor forces anywhere can keep us from the love of God!
Neither stress nor strife nor struggles that we share can keep us from the love of God!
The love of God is boundless; the love of God is sure.
The love of God is steadfast and ever shall endure.
It touches every creature; it reaches every heart.
God's love is everlasting and never will depart.
Neither pain nor pride nor powers that oppress can keep us from the love of God!
Neither dark nor doubt nor danger and distress can keep us from the love of God!
Nothing past and nothing future; nothing now or yet to be
Can prevent God's love forever from surrounding you and me!
Neither want nor war nor weariness and woe can keep us from the love of God!
Neither height nor depth nor anything we know can keep us from the love of God!
There's not a thing that can be found; there's nothing anywhere around to keep us from the love of God!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH

A SONG OF PRAYER FOR GOD TO HELP US UNDERSTAND
The B-I-B-L-E. Yes, that's the book for me;
I stand alone on the Word of God; The B-I-B-L-E
Children's Choir 1st time through, then EVERYBODY repeat.

THE WORD OF GOD *God's Laughter* Genesis 12:1-3, 17:1-9, 18:1-15

- * A SONG OF FAITH #51 *To Abraham and Sarah* LLANFYLLIN

- * SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE
We believe in God who loves us and wants us to love each other.
This is our God.
We believe in Jesus who cared about children and held them in his arms. He wanted a world where everyone could live together in peace.
This is Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit who keeps working with us until everything is good and true.
This is the Holy Spirit.
We can be the Church, which reminds people of God, because we love each other.
This we believe. Amen.

SAD THINGS AND HAPPY THINGS

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 16 in front of hymnal

SHARING WITH OTHERS

MUSICAL OFFERING *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* David Lowe
Ms. Alice

- * A SONG OF THANKSGIVING *Deep and Wide* Traditional
Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.
Deep and wide, deep and wide, there's a fountain flowing deep and wide.
Children's Choir 1st time through, then EVERYBODY repeat.

- * PRAYER TO MAKE US STRONGER DISCIPLES
At times, Lord, we call for you, but we don't feel your presence with us. Then, we feel anxious and afraid. You tell us to wait, but we are impatient. Give us faith. Give us courage. Help us to trust you, confident that you love us. Through the giving of our money, our abilities and our time, let us show you our love and our commitment to follow Jesus; for we pray in his name. Amen.

- * A SONG TO CARRY IN OUR HEADS AND HEARTS CANONBURY
#722 *Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

- * A WORD OF FAITH AND BLESSING

- * MUSIC FOR LEAVING *Prelude in E Minor* Ms. Alice
Dietrich Buxtehude

- (Whenever you see this, stand up if you can.)

Sanctuary Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Becky Ramsey and Alice Walker.

This afternoon, Sunday, March 1, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., in the FPC Sanctuary, the *Arts Association in Newton County* will present a Concert entitled "Words and Music," featuring Susan Braggiotti, pianist. Also participating are artists Julianna Laseter, soprano; Riccardo Chiapetta, baritone; Becky Ramsey, piano; and Alice Walker, piano. The concert is free, but donations to benefit the Dave Young Vocal Scholarship will be appreciated.

WORSHIP NOTES

- Today's *Affirmation of Faith* was written by children for the World Council of Churches' Seventh Assembly, Canberra, Australia, 1991.