

**WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON**

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**CHURCH STAFF**

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

**CHURCH SESSION**

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING**

<b>Class of 2016</b> Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden Jake McCarthy	<b>Class of 2017</b> Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton	<b>Class of 2018</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman	<b>Ushers:</b> Children of the Church  <b>Sound System:</b> Ken Walker
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*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

†Judy Davis-knee surgery, rehab, in Madison	†Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)
†Kevin and Amy Lanclos family, Amy and daughters Emily Anne (stable) and Hannah (life-threatening injuries)-car accident	†Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)
†Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)	†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis	†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Roger Tingler-hip replacement, Athens	†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Lane Alderman-hospice, former pastor of Roswell Presbyterian (friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade)	†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
†Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)	†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
†Kelly Dittman-doing well after heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon)	†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
†Diane Loebke-knee surgery, home	†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
†Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home	†Jan Coulon-home
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
	†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
	†Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia

**THIS WEEK AT FPC**

<b>Sunday, March 13</b> <b>Children's Sunday</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Hunger Walk	<b>Friday, March 18</b> 6:30 ELC Art Affair
<b>Tuesday, March 15</b> 4:00 Exercise	<b>Saturday, March 19</b> 8:00 Men's Study Breakfast
<b>Wednesday, March 16</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sunday, March 20</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Girl Scout Sunday 5:00 Youth Connection
<b>Thursday, March 17</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir	



**First Presbyterian Church**

Covington, Georgia

March 13, 2016

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY**



**Order of Worship**

(Please enter quietly and listen to God.)

**MUSIC TO HELP US GET READY TO WORSHIP**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
*Gather Us In*  
*Listen, God Is Calling*

Jason D. Payne  
Jeffrey Honore  
NENO LAKE MUNGU

Ms. Alice

**ELEVEN CHIMES FOR 11 O'CLOCK**

**BEGINNING WITH PRAISE TO GOD**

*Rain Down*  
Children's Choir

RAIN DOWN

\* **GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 78:5-7

Leader: He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,  
**Everyone: Which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;**

Leader: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,

**Everyone: And rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God,**

Leader: And not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

\* **SINGING GOD'S PRAISES** Hymn 409 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S :LEIGH

**CONFESSING OUR SIN**

Leader: When we get together to worship God, it is important for us to admit all of the things that we've done wrong, and to ask God to forgive us. Let us pray together for God's forgiveness.

**Everyone: Holy God, we thank you that you love us and care for us all the time. We know that this week we have not always lived the way you tell us to live. We have done wrong things and not done all of the good things we should have done. Only you can save us; so please forgive us and help us to live as your friends. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Leader: Friends, I bring you good news! God doesn't hold a grudge. God loves us so much that nothing can come between God and us. The good news is that we are all forgiven!

\* **SONG OF JOY AND THANKS** Hymn 610 AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
 the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

\* **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

Rejoice with Me!  
Children's Choir

Vicki Hancock Wright

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCH

A PRAYER FOR GOD TO HELP US UNDERSTAND

THE WORD OF GOD

Lost and Found

Luke 15:11-32

- ◆ Scene 1: The Deal
- ◆ Scene 2: Prone to Wander
- ◆ Scene 3: The Plan
- ◆ Scene 4: The Man Had Two Sons

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found. Was blind but now I see.  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear. And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

- ◆ Epilogue

\* A SONG OF FAITH Hymn 419 *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

\* SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE from: *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*

Leader: Who are you?

**Everyone: I am a child of God**

Leader: What does it mean to be a child of God?

**Everyone: That I belong to God, who loves me.**

Leader: What makes you a child of God?

**Everyone: Grace—God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.**

Leader: How do you thank God for this gift of love?

**Everyone: I promise to love and trust God with all my heart.**

SAD THINGS AND HAPPY THINGS

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND FOR ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Leader: O God, who came to us as a child, who welcomes the child, and who calls us to be more like children, we thank you for all the gifts and blessings that children bring.

Leader: For their smiles and tears, their questions and wisdom, their energy, playfulness, imagination and love,

**Everyone: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: For the things that they teach us, and their eagerness to learn; for the challenges they bring us, and the gifts they share,

**Everyone: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: For their laughter, for their wonder,

**Everyone: We thank you, O God.**

Leader: O God, who has compassion on the weak and promises life abundant for all, we pray for the needs of children.

Leader: For those who live in poor conditions, for those who live in fear,

**Everyone: We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: For those who lack attention and care; for those who feel left out,

**Everyone: We pray to you, O God.**

Leader: O God, as we hear the voice of Jesus to let the children come, help us to open wide our arms, welcoming those who are near and reaching out to those who are far away. Help us to share your love as we:

**Everyone: Remember the children, listen to the children, celebrate the children, serve the children, and love the children the way that Jesus taught us.**

Leader: The same Jesus who taught us all to pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen**

SHARING WITH OTHERS

MUSICAL OFFERING

*When Love Is Found*

Emma Lou Diemer

Ms. Alice

\* A SONG OF THANKSGIVING Hymn 700 I'M GONNA LIVE

**I'm gonna live so (live so) God can use me  
Anywhere Lord, anytime!  
(repeat)**

\* PRAYER TO MAKE US STRONGER DISCIPLES

**Dear God, we know that everything that we have and everything that we are comes from you because you love us so much. Please accept our gifts to you and use them to help your people everywhere. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

\* A SONG TO CARRY IN OUR HEADS AND HEARTS Hymn 462 HANKEY

*I Love To Tell the Story*

\* A WORD OF FAITH AND BLESSING

\* MUSIC FOR LEAVING Ms. Alice

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

J. Bert Carlson

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

WORSHIP NOTES

- ◆ Assisting with worship today are: Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, and members of our Youth Connection.
- ◆ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn ON your cell phones** at the end of worship.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, March 26th | 1:00 to 4:00 pm

**Come** and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship!! We will have traditional outside games for all ages and Easter egg hunt at 2:00 pm.

- **Bring:** Basket with 10 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (per child) and finger food or dessert to share.
- **Where: Home of Doug and Debra Arnold**  
80 River Shoals Court, Covington, 30016 (off of Flat Shoals Rd.)

**Palm Sunday Children's Choir**  
Sunday, March 20th

On Palm Sunday our Children's Choir will be processing into worship waving palms and singing a special song to mark the occasion of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. All children in grades K - 5 are welcome to join us in song.

**Rehearsals are held each Sunday morning at 9:30 am** in the choir room with Mr. Alan Bunn.