

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES
IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Youth Connection

Middle and high school students meet today at 4:30 in the fellowship hall; choir practice at 5:30; dinner at 6:00 (provided by the Thompson family).

Let's get ready for Youth Sunday!!! For the next several Sundays we'll talk about the lectionary, order of worship, choose a sermon topic, choose hymns and scripture. And some of our "finest" church members will share their expertise with us in those areas as well as give direction in writing the sermon, the offertory and the anthem.

Youth Connection for next Sunday, March 23, Middle and high school meets at 4:30 – Fellowship Hall; choir practice at 5:30; Dinner at 6:00 - Supper Volunteer needed. **We will be getting ready for Youth Sunday!**

Your **Cub Scout Pack 4511** will host a Mid-Week Feast on Wednesday, March 19th, at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be spaghetti with meat sauce or veggie sauce, tossed salad with assorted dressings, garlic bread and desserts (you do not need to bring desserts). The cost is \$6.00 for adults or \$3.00 for kids 10 and under. The profits from this meal will help pay for the Pack's spring activities.

Please use a mid-week feast form from the pew rack, call or e-mail the church office at: 770-786-7321, penihaug@att.net.

Men of the Church: The Men of the Church will meet for breakfast and a devotional time on Saturday morning, March 22, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. To reserve your breakfast, please call the church office, 770-786-7321 or e-mail penihaug@att.net. Other gatherings will be held on April 26 and May 24.

Name Tags: We will be making name tags this week. If you need one, please call or e-mail Peni Haug in the church office by Tuesday.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, March 16, Lent 2

9:00 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:30 Youth Connection

Tuesday, March 18

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, March 19

4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 20

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Friday, March 21

6:30 ELC Art Affair at the American Legion

Saturday, March 29

GA Spring Ring for the Handbell Choir

Sunday, March 23

9:00 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:30 Youth Connection

**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 March:

canned vegetables (no corn or green beans); you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Baxter & Lisa Bouchillon Family

Next Week:

Shaun & Aubrey Evans

Ushers:

Billy Fortson, chair

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loebke
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton
Sam Hay, IV

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

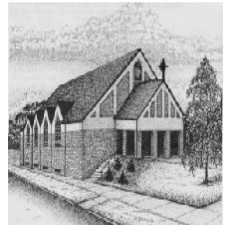
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2014



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Fantasia in C Minor* J. S. Bach

INTROIT RESTORATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will not let your foot be moved, the One who keeps you will not slumber. Behold the one who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life.

The Lord will keep our going out and our coming in from this time forth and for evermore.

✠HYMN 475 NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have called us to love one another. But, we are not always willing, especially when we believe others have done us wrong. We seek forgiveness, but do not forgive others. We hold grudges and plot ways to get even. We speak of your grace, but do not let it guide our ways. Help us. Open our hearts and fill us with your Spirit.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AMAZING GRACE

Hymn 649, stanza 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Forgiven and renewed by Christ's Spirit, let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The God of Abraham* arr. Daniel Judah

Sanctuary Choir

The God of Abraham praise, all praised be his name.

Who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!

The one eternal God, ere aught that now appears;

The First, the Last; beyond all thought, His timeless years!

His spirit floweth free, high surging where it will.

In prophet's word he speaketh old, He speaketh still.

Praise to the living God! All praised be his name

Who was, and is, and is to be, and still the same!

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 Genesis 12:1-4a

John 3:1-17

SERMON The Rev. Ira K. Kennerly

Look Toward Heaven and Count the Stars

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 51 *To Abraham and Sarah* LLANFYLLIN

Verse 1: Choir

Verses 2 and 3: **All**

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah

chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY WARRENTON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 716, stanza 1

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All we have comes from your hand, dear God. Life itself is pure gift. Open our eyes to see your goodness, our hearts to know your amazing grace. Then open our clinched fists to offer a helping hand, and move our feet in the path of love, for your name's sake. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE RESTORATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

✦ POSTLUDE J. S. Bach

"Allegro" from *English Suite No. 2 in A Minor*

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦ We welcome the Rev. Ike Kennerly as our guest preacher today. Ike has been a minister in the PCUSA for 46 years. His last ministries were as General Presbyter of Salem Presbytery in central North Carolina and then as pastor of the Etowah Presbyterian Church for five years, a smaller membership church near his retirement home in Brevard, NC. Ike and Margarett have four adult children and four grandchildren.

✦ 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

† Dale Pearce--diagnosed with cancer (friend of Dennis & Judy Hooten)

† Betsy Simpson--cancer (Sandy Morehouse's sister)

† Llavonne Bunn--car accident/ankle surgery/rehab. (Alan Bunn's mother)

† Reed Blakeney--home

† Helen Stamps--Benton House

† Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)

† Roger Gossage--elbow surgery

† Emma Bowen-sister of Debbie Gossage

† Buster Gregory and his son, Joel--bereavement in the death of son and brother

† Bernice Bailey-home

† Mary Annese-surgery & rehab for broken leg (mother of Barbara Martin)

† Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)

† Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)

† Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Louie Katchko-lung cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)

† Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)

† Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)

† Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)

† Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)

† Helen Sessions-breast cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)

† Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)

† Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)

† Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Mary Cline-relocated

† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers

† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

† Joy Knight -Riverside

† Martha Borders-Riverside

Benton House

† Helen and George Stamps

† Mary Crudup

† Doris Mote

† Frances Ivey

† Joan Smith

† Velma Prescott

Covington Square

† Rita Harrell

Merryvale

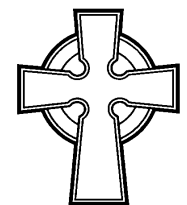
† Doris Hicks

† Bill Taylor

† Elizabeth Gadilhe

Hospital Visitor:

Leon Hughes



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.