

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

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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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Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Crown Him With Many Crowns
Mel Sampson and Nick Sorrell, trumpet
Ken Jones, Bill Cobham and Jim Patrick, trombone
O Sons and Daughters
Alice Walker, organ

LYRA DAVIDICA
DIADEMATA

O FILII ET FILIAE

OPENING SENTENCES

Mark 15:45-47

INTROIT

Carillon for a Joyful Day
Handbell Choir

Douglas Wagner

OPENING SENTENCES

Mark 16:1-2

♠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

♠ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Joy Dawned
Children's Choir

Michael Bedford

♠ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Now the Green Blade Rises
Youth Choir

NOEL NOUVELET

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.*



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God. The gifts given for Thornwell Homes and the Food Pantry are given in witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Memory of

Donald and Katherine Stephenson
Ray & Edy Moy
Howard and Madelle Boteler
Lucille Brown
Frank Davis
Newt & Edna Hinton
Henry & Mary Lott, Ken Lott
Sapie & Mary Morcock
Charles & Grace Kennon
Ed Robinson
Betsy Morehouse Simpson
Our Parents & Siblings
Mary Crudup
Jim Ashworth
Pete & Pat Arnold
Jerry Barboe, Ive & Lora Mae Ridley,
Ben & Eva Barboe
Sandra Elder
Lamar Lunsford
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth I. Walker, Sr.
David Stillerman
Hyman & Marguerite Stillerman
Arnold & Evelyn Underwood
Jean Oldham
Their Parents
Nancy Driver, Doris & Gregg Noble

Given by

Mason Stephenson & Family

Gary & Susan Boteler
Doug & Sherri Bolton
Sarah Davis & Family

The Hinton

Larry & Day Kennon
Betty Robinson
Betsy & Sandy Morehouse
Gene & Margaret A. Wallace
Ed Crudup
Joyce Ashworth
Doug & Debra Arnold

Jackie Barboe
Jean & Jim Elder
Betty Lunsford
Ken & Alice Walker

Jim & Pam Stillerman
Stephanie Scarborough
Billy & Stephanie Fortson
Reed & Penny Blakeney

In Honor of

Easter
Betty Robinson
Opa & Oma
Steve & Pat Bozarth
John, Susan & Hannah Curtis
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Griffin
Ann Bouchillon
The Congregation of FPC

Given by

Serwaa Amuzu
Sally Pat Williams
Holden & Amelia Evans
Doug & Debra Arnold
Jackie Barboe
Ken & Alice Walker
Stephanie Scarborough
Theodosia & Billy Wade

This Week at FPC

Sunday, March 27, Easter

9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, March 29

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 30

4:00 Adventure Club
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 31

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Friday - Sunday, April 1-3

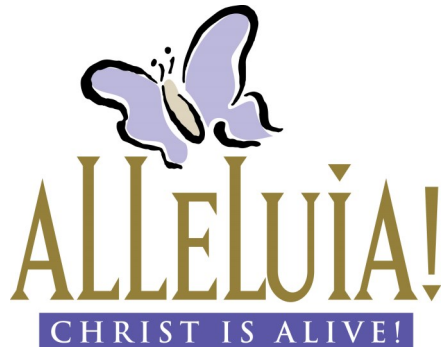
Mission Trip to Thornwell Homes

Sunday, April 3

9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Mission to Thornwell

The Witness Team is planning a trip to Thornwell Home for Children on April 1-3. The projects we do there will be determined once we know who is interested in going. If you would like to participate in this important mission, please contact Perri Walden at perriwalden@charter.net.



An 80th Birthday Party for Sarah Davis, hosted by her daughters will be held next Sunday, April 3rd from 3-5 pm. Everyone from FPC is invited! The party will be held at the Oxford City Hall, 110 W. Clark St., Oxford. Please RSVP by tomorrow to Janet Neese, 404-259-6818.



*Members of our church family who
 have died since Easter 2015*

Jean Oldham, Don Bollinger and Frances Ivey

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading."

I Peter 1:3-4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

ANTHEM

And Can It Be?
 Sanctuary Choir

Dan Forrest

SERMON

The Short Version

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

Death will be destroyed. In the death of Jesus Christ

God's way in the world seemed finally defeated.

But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death.

Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death.

But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
 from "Messiah"

G. F. Handel

Janet Carmichael, soprano

Jake McCarthy, violin

✦HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, give us eyes to see and ears to hear, that we may perceive your presence among us and know your everlasting love for us and for the world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦RECESSIONAL HYMN 826 Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

✦CHARGE

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE Hallelujah Chorus Sanctuary Choir G. F. Handel

✦POSTLUDE Forth in Thy Name, Alleluia! John Purifoy

✦Please stand, if able.

Worship Notes

- ✦We welcome to our service this morning, Nick Sorrell, Mel Sampson, Jim Patrick, Ken Jones and Bill Cobham, and thank them for their musical talents which enhanced our worship. ✦Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship this morning. ✦Dennis Amuzu is the crucifer for this morning's worship. ✦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

- †Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin) †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) †Judy Davis-knee surgery, home †Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia †Kevin and Amy Lanclos family, Amy and daughters Emily Anne (stable) and Hannah (life-threatening injuries)-car accident (by Kerry Jones) †Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab †Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden) †Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA †Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis) †J. L. Johnson-north of Atlanta †Roger Tingler-hip replacement, rehab in Madison †Lane Alderman-hospice care, former pastor of Roswell Presbyterian (friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade) †Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member) †Kelly Dittman-doing well after heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon) †Diane Loeble-knee surgery, home †Martha Borders †Rita Harrell †Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home †Jack Yoder-rehab †Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) †Elizabeth Gadilhe †Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter) †Betty Robinson †Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law) †Louise White †Betty Goins †Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin) †Celebrate with Jack Weesner, son of Donna and Chris Weesner and grandson of Carol and Guy McGiboney who was selected as an Ambassador to serve at the state convention of the Future Farmers of America (FFA). Jack is a senior at Eastside High School and an elder at FPC. †Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) †Hospital Visitor: Jean Blair †Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) †John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant †Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship) †Jan Coulon-home †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma