

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, March 6
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
12:00 Witness Team Meets
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, March 8
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, March 9
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 10
10:30 Ambassador Choir

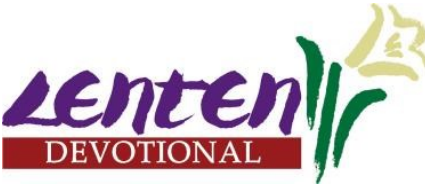
Sunday, March 13
Children's Sunday
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Hunger Walk

March 13: Children's Sunday. We will celebrate Children's Sunday on March 13 during our regular worship service. The liturgy for the service will be geared toward the child in all of us. Some of our liturgists will be children, and special music will be presented by the Children's Choir. *Children will rehearse during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.*

Hunger Walk, Sunday, March 13th

We'll have lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship, then caravan down I-20 to Turner Field where the walk kicks off at 2:00 pm. Bring or wear comfortable walking clothes and shoes to worship. **Fun for the WHOLE family!!**

Peni Haug will be on vacation March 7-16. While she is away the office will be staffed by volunteers with shortened times some days, closed on Mondays.



Forty Days and Forty Nights
Alice Griffin Walker

When I joined First Presbyterian Church of Covington in Fall 2003, I was unfamiliar with the hymn "Forty Days and Forty Nights." Since that time, I have played and sung this hymn many times. The hymn has come to have special meaning during my annual observation of Lent. The words reflect on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130. (Glory to God, page 167, footnote.)

*Forty days and forty nights, you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?
Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call
victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fall!
So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.
Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side,
that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.*

**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 the pastor as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website (www.fpccov.org) and clicking on "Media."



The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

March suggested donations are:
canned vegetables

Baby Love: The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect **disposable baby diapers and wipes** to distribute to local agencies to help families in need. You may place your donations in the **cradle** here at the church and the donations will be delivered. Monetary donations are also accepted. Your donation by check, or cash in an envelope with your name will be credited to your offering statement.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

March Usher Chair: Baxter Bouchillon	Sound Engineer: Ken Walker
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

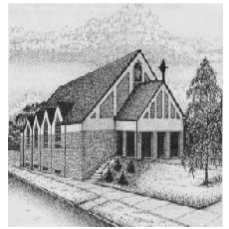
Class of 2016 Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden Jake McCarthy	Class of 2017 Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton	Class of 2018 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans <i>Nursery</i> Kara Sugg <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Allegro Maestoso e Andante, Op. 65, No. 4
Elegy Sir George Thalben-Ball
Yinying Luo, organ

INTROIT SLANE
Be Thou My Vision
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 130
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
Lord hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
that you may be revered.

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.
My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is plenteous redemption.

He will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

✦ **HYMN 624** TOULON
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, hear our prayers. There are things we have done and said which we wish we could take back. We have thoughts we cannot control. You tell us that you seek to forgive everything. Help us to believe that. Help us to forgive others and to forgive ourselves. We need new chances. We need your mercy. We need your love. We pray this in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GIFT OF LOVE
 Hymn 693, stanza 3
*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
 our spirits long to be made whole.
 Let inward love guide every deed;
 by this we worship, and are freed.*
 ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA
 Hymn 620, stanza 1
*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your
 tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King.*

✠ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.
 And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Here Is Love* Rees/Lowry
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Here is love, vast as the ocean, lovingkindness as the flood,
 When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious
 blood.
 Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His
 praise?
 He can never be forgotten throughout heaven's eternal days.
 On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened, deep and wide.
 Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gra-
 cious tide.
 Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
 And God's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.
 Here is love, vast as the ocean. Here is love. Here is love.*

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 John 12:1-8

SERMON *The Extravagance of Love* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN 209 *My Song is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN
 (stanzas 1-4)

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
 p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Andante Religioso, Op. 65, No. 4
 Yinying Luo, organ

✠ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him
 all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly
 host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
**O Lord, we offer you our most precious gift, the gift of
 ourselves, in response to your inexpressible gift to us,
 our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

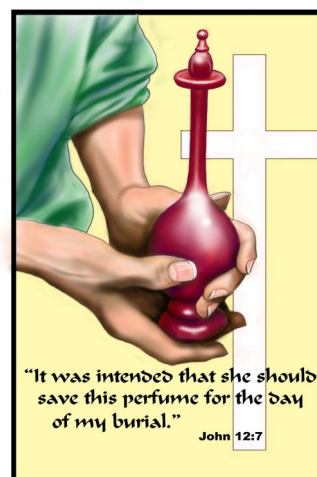
✠ HYMN 209 *My Song is Love Unknown* LOVE UNKNOWN
 (stanza 5)

✠ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✠ POSTLUDE Louis Vierne
Toccata from Vingt-Quatre Pieces de Fantaisie
 Yinying Luo, organ

✠ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✠ We cordially welcome to our service this morning **Yinying Luo**, organist. Yinying graduated from Agnes Scott College in 2014. She is pursuing a Master of Music degree at The Juilliard School in New York as a student of Grammy Award winner Paul Jacobs. Yinying was awarded second place in the Atlanta Chapter AGO Regional Competition in 2013. Originally from Shenzhen, China, Yinying intended to be an economics major before starting organ studies with Dr. Calvert Johnson in 2011. ✠ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, will be helping to lead worship this morning. ✠ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Judy Davis-knee surgery, rehab, in Madison	† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Kevin and Amy Lanclos family, Amy and daughters Emily Anne (stable) and Hannah (life-threatening injuries)-car accident (by Kerry Jones)	† Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
† Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)	† Jan Coulon-home
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)	† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Roger Tingler-hip replacement, home	† Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
† Lane Alderman-hospice, former pastor of Roswell Presbyterian (friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade)	† Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia
† Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Kelly Dittman-doing well after heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon)	† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab
† Diane Loeble-knee surgery, home	† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
† Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home	Riverside
† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Joy Knight -hospice care
† Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)	† Martha Borders
† Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)	† Rita Harrell
† Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)	† Jack Yoder-rehab
† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	Benton House
† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	† George Stamps
† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	Merryvale
† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)	† Guy McGiboney
	† Bill Taylor
	† Elizabeth Gadilhe
	† Betty Robinson
	† J. L. Johnson
	† Louise White
	† Betty Goins
	We extend our sympathy and prayers for Tommy McCurry and Tiffany McCurry in the death of their grandmother and for the family of Doris Mote who died last week.
	Hospital Visitor: Stephanie Fortson