

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 1
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
5:00 Youth connection

Tuesday, May 3
Circle Meetings-see below
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, May 4
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 5
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, May 8
Mother's Day**
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Presbyterian Homes Mother's
Day Offering

Presbyterian Women's Circles meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This month the circles are meeting on **May 3**, at the following locations:

Circle I meets at 10:00 in the fellowship hall.

Circle II meets at 10:30 in the home of Ursula Kaminski. Rachael Mason will lead us in our final lesson of the season: River of Life - Hope.

Circle III meets at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jean Wolverton.



The Mother's Day Offering for the Caring Hands fund of the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia is collected every year on Mother's Day. You will find information in the bulletin and an envelope in which to place your offering.

PENTECOST – BIRTHDAY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Let us gather to celebrate Pentecost with a catered dinner after church on **Sunday, May 15**. The price of this meal will be \$6 per person or \$12 max for a family. Of course, we need reservations, so please call the church office or fill out a "Mid-week Feast" form found in the church pew. We also wish to celebrate the talents of our members. What talents, you ask? Well, knitting, sewing, writing, painting, cooking, wood working, singing, dancing, crafts....this list is endless. If you are willing to share your talents please call Jean Wolverton at 678-342-3463 or Peni in the church office will take your call (770-786-7321).

**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.

April suggested donations are:
canned fruit

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

May Usher Chair:
Billy Fortson

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

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

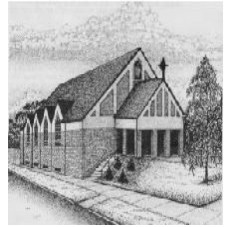
Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

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>	Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		



**Sixth Sunday
of Easter
May 1, 2016**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* David Cherwien
Blest Be the Tie That Binds J. G. Naegeli

INTROIT *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* TRURO
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 40

The Lord has put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise for God...

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

**I have not hid your saving help within my heart,
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation.**

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

✦ **HYMN 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Romans 12

Merciful God, we have lived too much like the world and not enough for it. We have not rejoiced in hope, been patient in tribulation, or constant in prayer. Too often we have failed to practice hospitality. We have avoided the lowly. We have cursed those who do us wrong. We have sought to repay evil with evil. Good Lord, forgive us. Increase our faith, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may live out our days as your people; for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DETROIT

Hymn 444, stanza 1
"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** SOLID ROCK

Hymn 353, stanza 1
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and

righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Rejoice!* Joseph M. Martin
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Come and lift glad songs to the heavens; Come and give your praise to the Lord.
Come and sing a glad alleluia;
Rejoice forevermore. Rejoice, alleluia;
Again I say rejoice,
Come and lift glad songs to the Father;
Come and give your praise to the Son.
Come and sing your praise to the spirit, Forever Three in One.
Rejoice, rejoice let your songs go forth; Rejoice, for He is God.
Sing an alleluia,
Come and lift glad songs unto the Lord.
Alleluia!*

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 Acts 9:1-22

SERMON *Chosen Instruments* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 649 AMAZING GRACE
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION Louly Fowler Hay

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Jesu, Who Dost Ever Guide Me* J. S. Bach

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Hymn 327, stanza 1
From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
O God, stretch us beyond the limits we set, the risks we dare not take, that our gratitude may overflow in acts of grace and goodness to others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

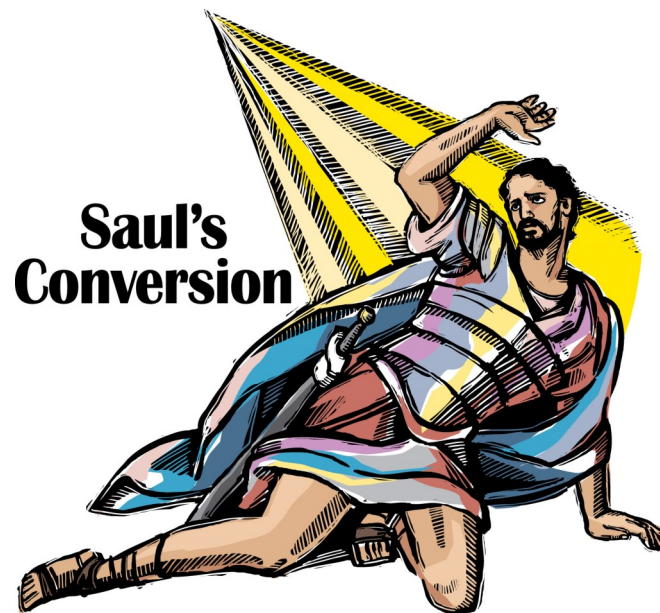
✦ HYMN 475 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE THE TREES OF THE FIELD
You Shall Go Out with Joy
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE *Trumpet Rondo a la Gigue* Lani Smith

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Saul's Conversion

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the leading of worship.
✦ 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

† Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment † Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications † Luke Gregory-diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes † Leon Savage-stroke, Riverside for rehabilitation † Roger Tingler-home † Kora Hester-home (daughter of Kevin & Brittany Hester) † Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn) † Jerry Smart (brother of Faye Kitchens) † Debra Hales (daughter of Faye Kitchens) † Henry Garrison-prostate cancer (brother of Sallie Paschal) † Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin) † Kevin and Amy Lanclos family, Amy and daughters Emily Anne (stable) and Hannah (life-threatening injuries)-car accident † Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden) † Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis) † Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member) † Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) † Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law) † Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin) † Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) † Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis † 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 † Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) † Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: † Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab † Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA † J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA Riverside † Joy Knight -hospice care † Martha Borders † Rita Harrell Benton House † George Stamps Merryvale † Guy McGiboney † Bill Taylor † Betty Robinson † Louise White † Betty Goins † Hughie Hudson Jude Franklin Meller , son of Camie & Rob Meller and grandson of Cheryl & Rick Meichsner was born on April 24th. Hospital Visitor: Alice Walker
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