

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

Mother's Day Caring Hands Offering: One of the special offerings we collect each year is for Presbyterian Homes **Caring Hands Fund**. A brochure telling about Caring Hands and an offering envelope is inserted in your bulletin. Give as your heart leads!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Nepal

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas with our partner, ACT Alliance and its members who are already on the ground. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies and medicines to the affected towns and villages. **GIVE:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made on-line, by phone, 1-800-872-3283, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EST), or checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (USA), P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburg, PA 15264-3700. You may also make a check payable to First Presbyterian, memo "PDA Nepal", and place it in the offering plate. **PRAY** for those who suffered loss of family or those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

Mid-Week Feast Join us **Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00**, for the last feast of the school year.

The kid-friendly menu will be: hotdogs, hamburgers, slaw, potato salad and chips. Bring a dessert to share. Please fill out the Mid-Week Feast reservation forms found in the pew pocket to let us know you will be here. You also may reserve at info@fpccov.org or by calling the church office by noon on Tuesday. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

**Mid-week
Feast**



Make Your Reservation Now!

Report on Thornwell Mission Trip:

During supper, Jan Giles, of the Witness Team, will tell about the team experience at Thornwell Home during the 2015 mission trip.

If the way be clear, there will be a **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, May 31**, at the conclusion of the worship service, for the purpose of hearing a report and acting on the session's request for the approval of a Capital Funds Campaign.

First Quarter Statements for those who pledge are in the narthex on the ushers' table. Please pick up your statement if you pledge.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 10
Happy Mother's Day

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

Tuesday, May 12

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 14

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, May 17

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Youth Party at the Boteler's

**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 May: 2 pound bags of sugar;** you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

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 receptacle 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

Nursery Volunteers today:
Shawn & Aubrey Evans Family

Next Week:
Trista Hooten-Wilson

May Usher Chairs:
Fletcher Stamps & Jack Weesner

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Bob Tabb
Fletcher Stamps
Jack Weesner

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
Adrian Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

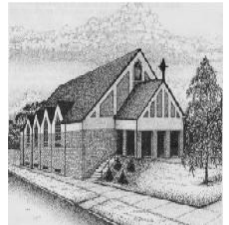
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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>	Tiffany McWaters	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**

May 10, 2015



Order of Worship
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Partita on LASST UNS ERFREUEN* Charles Callahan

INTROIT *Take Me to the Water* TAKE ME TO THE WATER
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 78:1-4

Listen, people, to my teaching;
perk up your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter hidden sayings from of old,
things our parents have told us.

**We will not neglect to tell them to our children,
but tell to the coming generation the
glorious deeds of the Lord, God's power, and
the wonders God has wrought.**

✦ **HYMN 619** LAUDA ANIMA
Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we have tried to be good, but we often cannot seem to do it. The truth is, we have not even always wanted to be good. We do not deserve your love, but you have continued to love us anyway! Help us, by showing us the joy which comes in being children of God, for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymn 288 LIVING GOD

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ALLELUIA NO. 1

Hymn 240, refrain
***Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.***

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Charles Gounod

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Tory Bouchillon, solo

*The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.*

*And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.*

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

Exodus 20:1-2, 12
Ephesians 6:1-4

SERMON

No. 5

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 44 *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us* AUSTIN

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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

Richard Elliott

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

✦ 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

God of grace and hope, send us from this place where we have been loved, equipped and empowered by your Holy Spirit, into this community and the world so needful of the good news. Give us eyes to see and voices to witness. Send us out as ambassadors in the name of Christ, the Savior of the world; for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 488

WATERLIFE

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

TAKE ME TO THE WATER

Take Me to the Water
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE

Toccata

Leon Boellmann

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship today
✦ 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

† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
† Ruth McDaniel-back pain, home
† Nancy Drive-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney)
† Velma Prescott-home
† Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter)
† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson)
† Bill Miller-stroke (Beth Vinings' brother)
† Catherine Horton-ill (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
† Darris Burrell-home
† Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy
† Ann Bouchillon-home
† Howard Barton -rehab in Social Circle
† Jan Coulon-home
† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
† Don Bollinger-home
† Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
† Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)
† Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside

† Joy Knight -hospice care
† Martha Borders
† Rita Harrell
(new phone: 404-422-9538)

Benton House

† George Stamps
† Doris Mote

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney
† Bill Taylor
† Elizabeth Gadilhe
† Betty Robinson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Loucy Hay** and her family in death of her grandmother, **Mary Ernest Houston**, at age 99. She lived in Nashville, Georgia.

Hospital Visitor: Jon Williams

It's that time of year when we celebrate our **Graduates from various institutions**. If you have graduates in your family from high school, college, graduate school, or technical schools, please let us know. We need the student's name, school, awards or degrees, majors, discipline, etc. As we have room, we will list future plans such as continuing education, employment and military. Call or e-mail the church office or info@fpccov.org. We will print the information the last Sunday in May and in the June newsletter.

