

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

EVENTIDE

Hymn 543, stanzas 1 and 5

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom and point me to the skies; heaven's morning breaks, and earth vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Shout Glory, Hallelujah* arr. Hopson

When all thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
Shout glory, glory, hallelujah.

Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.

I will praise God forever, I will shout aloud and sing.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed.

Before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ.

Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

I will praise God forever, I will shout aloud and sing.

Through all eternity to thee a joyful song I'll raise.

For O eternity's too short to utter all thy praise.

I will praise God forever; I will shout aloud and sing.

Shout glory, glory, hallelujah.

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

John Chapters 13-16 selected verses

SERMON The Rev. Larry Kennon

The Goodness of Living Is in Sweet Memory

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN

Spiritual

1. *He's got the whole world in His hands.*
2. *He's got you and me brother (sister) in His hands.*
3. *He's got the sun, moon and stars in His hands.*
4. *He's got peace and goodness in His hands.*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and death we belong to God.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God...

We trust in God the Holy Spirit...

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage...to

work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. So, in

gratitude to God, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives...we rejoice that nothing in

life or death can separate us from the love of God in Christ

Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

A MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus* Dale Wood

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE from Hymn 525

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling

in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, you spoil us with Your blessings.

You say Yes to us all the time.

You say Yes to us in creation of life around us.

You say Yes to us in our birth.

You say Yes to us in our baptism.

You say Yes to us in keeping this church alive

and witnessing.

So, today, make us Your Yes people: to say Yes in our

stewardship of Your enfleshed Yes in Your son Jesus.

Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 564

AMERICA

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

✦ POSTLUDE *Our Father Who Art in Heaven* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

Worship Notes

- ◆ The Rev. Larry Kennon is our guest preacher today.
- ◆ Dan Walden, Director of Children and Youth 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

†Chris Martin-home

†Sam Hay, Jr.--home

†Frank Davis--Emory

†Michael Wilson's sister--cancer

†Teddy Horton, friend of Blankenship family--throat cancer

†Evelyn Underwood, mother of Pam Stillerman - home

†Margarite Stillerman, mother of Jim Stillerman - hospice care

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

†Maureen Picard - breast cancer (cousin of Barbara Martin)

†Jack Yoder - rehabilitation at Madison

†Mary Bollinger - fall, broken knee cap

†Jan Coulon - home

†Velma Prescott - at daughter's home

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

†Hazel McClure - broken leg, Riverside

†Helen Sessions - breast cancer (friend of the Liems')

†Danielle Schubert--chemotherapy, home

†Agnes Vining--treatment for cancer (sister-in-law of Danny and Beth Vining)

†Richard Katenkamp--lung & liver cancer (friend of the Liems')

†Anderson Krieger--Leukemia (4th grade student at Flint Hill)

†Barbara Johnson--home

†Tyler Head - Newton High wrestler; spinal cord injury; home

†Clarence Price - Parkview Manor

†Roland Nelson--very ill (nephew of Carol McGiboney)

†Erin Kelahan--auto accident and brittle bone disease (friend of Joyce Ashworth)

†Claude Bennett - friend of Milton Patton

†Jeannie Liem - awaiting kidney transplant

†Donnie Vining--chemotherapy (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)

†Jackie Wood--brain tumor (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)

†Shirley Smith--awaiting kidney transplant (Clarence Price's sister)

Covington Square

†Rita Harrell

†Joy Knight

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline - Azalea Gardens

†Russ Cole - Azalea Gardens

†Gretchen Buendia - Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

†Doris Hicks - Merryvale

Benton House

†Helen and George Stamps

†Mary Crudup

†Doris Mote

†Murray and Hazel McClure

†Frances Ivey

For the prayers, calls, cards and countless acts of kindness during my immobile confinement, I give my heartfelt gratitude. I hope to be mobile soon.
Gratefully,
Mary Bollinger

*We celebrate with **Graham Wade** and **Blair Goodman** who were married yesterday in Charleston, SC. Graham, who grew up at FPC, is the eldest son of Theodosia and Billy Wade.*

We congratulate our graduates:

Sarah Lanners

Davidson College

Shawn Loftin

Mercer University

Meghann Timmins

Emory University

Hospital Visitor:

Jean Wolverton

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.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Greatest Generation will go to lunch Monday, May 27, at the Covington Diner at 11:30 a.m.

Save The Date : Sunday, June 23rd, we will be having our church-wide summer picnic at the home of Jonathan and Sallie Paschal. Mark your calendars and let's all come and have great food and fellowship.

The Congregational Life and Care Team is in need of cards expressing encouragement, sympathy, and birthday greeting cards. They could also use cards with a blank message space that could be used when the need is not met with cards listed above. The team is very faithful about sending cards to people from our church as well as to people in our community. If you have any extra cards available please see Agnes Campbell or Darcel Tabb.



This Week at FPC

Trinity Sunday, May 26

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Monday, May 27

Church Office Closed
11:30 The Greatest Generation
Lunch at Covington Diner

Tuesday, May 28

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, May 29

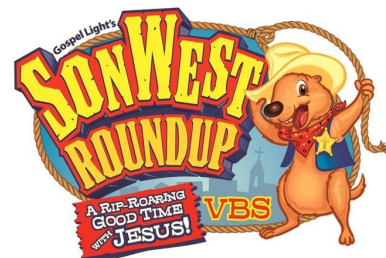
4:00 Prayer Group

Thursday, May 30

11:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, June 2

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service



Vacation Bible School

Save the Date:

July 8-12

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:

One meal boxed dinners with meat in them, Spaghetti-Os, ravioli, noodle rings

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

The Ardis Family

Ushers:

TBA

Next Week:

The Moss Family

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Class of 2013
Patrick Carmichael
Judy Davis
Denny Dobbs
Aubrey Evans
Dave Gregory

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loebke
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton

Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

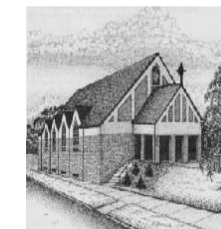
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Memorial Sunday

May 26, 2013



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress* David Cherwien
 Our Refuge and Strength Edward Broughton
 If You But Trust in God to Guide You Georg Neumark

INTROIT *For All the Saints* R. Vaughn Williams
 Sanctuary Choir

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Jewish Kedusha

The Lord bless and keep you. (numbers 6:24)
We remember that His blessing means all of life will prosper under God's watchful care.
 The Lord makes His face to shine upon you. (Numbers 6:25)
We remember that to be blessed is to believe God remembers us!
 The Lord gives you peace. (Numbers 6:26)
We remember that peace is God's preserving presence in our lives.
 And they shall put my name upon Israel, and I will bless them. (Numbers 6:27)
We remember that we wear the name of Christian and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ!

✠ **HYMN 562** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* MELITA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Freedom and Peace, you have called us to be a Shalom people — set free to bring peace among the nations and to love one another. We confess that we have not always lived out our calling. Out of fear, we have ignored the challenges of witness and the opportunities for peace making. We avoid controversy. We refuse to speak up for the truth. We are too tolerant of war and violence. We are people divided against ourselves — as a church and as a nation. We cling to the values of our broken world. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason. Lord, have mercy upon us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen. *(silence for personal reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

(Letters from two soldiers to their children.)