

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH



Today is Commitment Sunday, we will celebrate with a luncheon that includes the Varsity Truck (where you can order what you like, as long as it's a hot dog or hamburger, fries or onion rings). We will have a salad bar. There will be surprises for the children.

This year the Stewardship Team has created reusable shopping totes emblazoned with the First Presbyterian Church logo. The FPC bags will be located in the narthex and you may **place your commitment card in your team's bag** anytime on or before Commitment Sunday. Then, please take a tote bag home (and to the grocery store!) with you to show your "FPC Team Spirit" throughout our community.

This month the Presbyterian Women's circles are meeting on **November 3**, at the following locations:

Circle I meets at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

Circle II meets at 10:30 at the home of Carol Dunbar. The third lesson, "Absence of Water-Thirst and Longing", will be lead by Jean Blair.

Circle III meets at 7:00 pm at the home of Penny Blakeney.

Women who are not currently members of a circle are welcome to attend any one of these.

Gift Box for Presbyterian Homes: If you bring items for the Santa Express for Presbyterian Homes, you may place them in the labeled box in the narthex. Gift lists available in pouch attached to the box. All gifts are due November 29th.

WE GATHER TOGETHER!!! WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER---

NOVEMBER 18--5:30 pm: Whet your appetite for that Thanksgiving turkey a week early. Join us around our bountiful table on November 18 for a "warm-up" for Thanksgiving. Your reservation is necessary (use form in pew or call Peni), and a dessert would be appreciated. Choir members, we will start at 5:30 so that you can get to the practice. We look forward to seeing you.

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, November 1 Commitment Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Celebration Lunch 1:00 Youth Connection Rake and Run</p> <p>Tuesday, November 3 10:00 PW Circle 1 in the Martin Fellowship Hall 4:00 Exercise</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 4 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, November 5 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p>November 6-8 Montreat Retreat</p> <p>Sunday, November 8 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p>
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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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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, but during November it is suggested that you donate: **bread, rolls and cookies**



Food Pantry Needs

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

Nursery Volunteers today:
Jason/Krissy Jones Family

Next Week:
need volunteer

November Usher Chair:
Charles Ardis

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

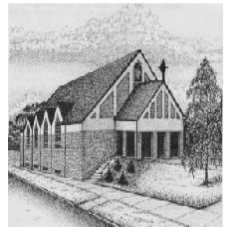
Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
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>Interim Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	



**All Saints Day
Commitment Sunday
November 1, 2015**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *For All the Saints* Michael Burkhardt
My Faith Looks Up to Thee OLIVET
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot Harry Vibbard
Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE

INTROIT Handbell Peal
Handbell Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens.
Praise God in the heights!
Praise God, all you angels!
Praise God, all you heavenly hosts!
Praise the Lord, all God's people!

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 409** ABBOT'S LEIGH
God Is Here!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have given our lives to other things. We have spent days with little thought of you or what you might call us to do and be. We have called to you only when there are things we think we want, or situations we wish to avoid. Open our hearts to your love and grace, our eyes to the abundance you offer. Then move us in the direction to which you would lead us through Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE** Hymn 475, stanza 1 NETTLETON

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 3 (sung on cue)
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* arr. Sheldon Curry
Darcel Tabb, solo

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 Hebrews 10:24-25

SERMON *Stirring It Up* William B. Wade, Jr.
Part 2: *Time and Talents*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON
(stanzas 1-3)

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
**Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.
Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.
He put God's claim on his life above all else.
He joined others in God's worship and praise.
He drew strength from the Scriptures.
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
personal lives that are centered in God
and open to God's reality and rule.
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.
It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and
rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's
work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's
goodness.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River?* Dale Wood

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HENDON
Hymn 697, stanza 4
**Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take
my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every
power as thou shalt choose.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us give thanks to God.

Almighty God, the heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of
temples made with human hands. Hear our thanksgiving for this place,
and accept the work of our hands offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a symbol,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in
your name, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For making us your children by your abundant grace, and feeding us
day by day with the bread of life,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For your Word to us, and the grace to live by it,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For hearing our prayers and supplying our needs,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For pardoning our sins and restoring us to the fellowship of believers,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For blessing our vows and crowning our years with your goodness,
we give you thanks, O Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and encouraged us by
their perseverance, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

To you, Almighty God, be the glory and the majesty, and the power, now
and forever. **Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 697 (stanzas 5-6) HENDON

**Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take my self and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only,
all for thee.**

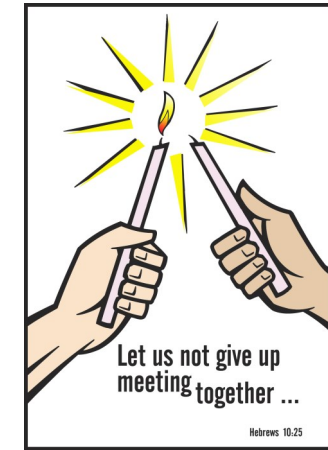
✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE

Hymn 700, stanza 1
Choir: *I'm gonna live so God can use me*
Congregation: anywhere, Lord, anytime!
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✦POSTLUDE *Carillon de Westminster* Louis Vierne

✦Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

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

†George Stamps-Riverside for rehab †Wilbur Fisher-meningitis, former Newton High coach †Kim Bailey-Bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law) †Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin) †Mickey Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Tootles Tingle's sister) †Allen Ensminger-motorcycle accident, home (brother of Perri Walden) †Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) †Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain †Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) †Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis †John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) †Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney) †Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter) †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant †Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson) †Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship) †Edie Chandler Lowe-radiation	†Jan Coulon-home †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment †Anderson Krieger-continuing treat- ment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School.) Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers †Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA Riverside †Joy Knight -hospice care †Martha Borders †Rita Harrell Benton House †George Stamps (Riverside for rehab) †Doris Mote Merryvale †Guy McGiboney †Bill Taylor †Elizabeth Gadilhe †Betty Robinson Hospital Visitor: Cy Wolverton
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