


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



What Does It Mean to be Presbyterian?

A class will meet to study this subject every Sunday morning in October. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The class will be taught by Billy Wade, Dan Walden and Bill Loeble. You are invited!

Early Learning Center Fall Festival

Bring your kids! We invite the children of FPC and their parents to the Fall Festival which will take place on October 16, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Fun and games for all!

Attention Bakers: If you can supply a cake or baked goods for the ELC Fall Festival Cakewalk, please sign up on the clipboard in the narthex. The Festival is Thursday, October 16, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FPC is going to try to have a **church basketball team** this year. You will just need to reply to Cam Wade and let him know if you are interested in playing so that we can see how many people we will have. It will not be funded by the church and so we will not know how much each person will need to pay until we know how many players we have. We think games will be played during the week at Turner Lake gym in Covington. Come on out and have fun!!! Cam Wade:
cam.wade@blountconstruction.com or cell 770-317-5853

Montreat Retreat - November 7-9, 2014

If you wish to go, please make sure to register by tomorrow. Those who have not paid in full have received a notice to pay the balance by 10/15. Thanks!



This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 12
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, October 14
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, October 15
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 16
10:30 Ambassador Choir
5:30 ELC Fall Festival

Sunday, October 19
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
No Youth Connection (fall break)

Challenged by the Spirit!



**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 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for October:

Grits, hot and cold cereals, and other staple food items

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers Today:
Shaun & Aubrey Evans Family

Next Week:
Trista Hooten-Wilson

Ushers:
Jim Stillerman, chair

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton
Sam Hay, IV

Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman

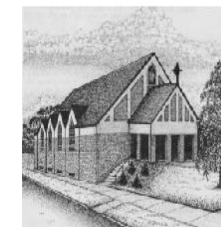
Class of 2016
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

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>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Tiffany McWaters	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		



**Eighteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 12, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Hyfrydol* improvisation

INTROIT *Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door* Children's Choir
SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'

CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, your mercy is more than our minds can measure. Your love outlasts our sin. We have sought retribution rather than reconciliation. We have displayed false piety rather than true compassion. We pray for your forgiveness, and pray that you will renew us by the love of Christ who was crucified and died for us. (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

GLORIA PATRI Hymn 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Cantate Domino* Pitoni/Grayson
Sanctuary Choir

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 Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Are You Suited for the Kingdom?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 475 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world. He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness. In his lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us. Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will. He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness. In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us. Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for ourselves, but for him. In him is our only hope of salvation.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Perri Walden

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *A Song In The Morning* Gilbert F. Martin

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MONKLAND
Hymn 31, stanza 1
Let us with a glad some mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord, we offer you our lives in response to your inexpressible gift to us in Jesus Christ. Heal our spirits, convict our hearts, and send us forth into the world with the good news, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in hymnal

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 309 ABBOT'S LEIGH
Come, Great God of All the Ages

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'
Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door
Children's Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Rondra* improvisation

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Moment for Stewardship Speaker

Perri Walden and her family joined First Presbyterian Church Covington in 1993. She is a retired Newton County Schools educator who is currently teaching a lottery-funded pre-k class in Walton County. Perri has been a member of the choir, taught children's Sunday School, participated in VBS, and is currently on session. She is the wife of Dan Walden, mother of Aubrey Evans and Jodi Walden, and the grandmother (O'ma) of Holden and Amelia Evans.

Worship Notes

✦ We welcome Don Land is our guest organist today. He is the organist at the Conyers Seventh Day Adventist Church and Independent Representative for Walker Technical Company.
✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the worship service 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

† Alice Walker-foot surgery on 10/9
† Haley Williams-daughter born 4 months premature (friend of Travis Moss)
† John Stark-brother-in-law of Stephanie Fortson
† Diane Loeble-broken foot
† Rick Gunter-broken ankle
† Jack Yoder-Madison
† Jeanie Liem-dialysis, needs kidney donor
† Joe Schell - kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones)
† Don Bollinger - home
† Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe)
† Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
† Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
† Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)
† Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)
† Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
† Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)
† Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)
† Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)

† Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Mary Crudup-Hope Center, Dacula
† Mary Cline-relocated
† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside
† Joy Knight
† Martha Borders

Benton House
† George Stamps
† Doris Mote

Covington Square
† Rita Harrell

Merryvale
† Bill Taylor
† Elizabeth Gadilhe

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.

Hospital Visitor:
Louly Hay

