

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Moment for Stewardship Speaker

Sam Hay, Jr. joined First Presbyterian after graduating from Auburn University in 1955. His father was a former pastor of our church from 1923-1926 and was here when the original sanctuary burned and was rebuilt and dedicated. His mother originally from Covington was a Sunday school teacher. Sam married Louly in 1959 and they have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. He has served as a deacon and an elder in our church. He has served as President of the Men of the Church of Atlanta Presbytery in the past and currently serves on the President's Advisory Committee of Columbia Seminary.

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.

Save the Date! On **Sunday, November 2**, at 4:30, Church of the Good Shepherd will host a choral evensong in commemoration of All Faithful Departed/All Soul's Day. Both of our choirs will join with the choirs of First United Methodist and Good Shepherd choirs. If you have loved ones who have died during the past year you may call or e-mail the names to Good Shepherd and they will be printed in the service leaflet. Church: 770-786-3278 or e-mail: cgse.sam@gmail.com; send the information no later than tomorrow, October 26.

Montreat Payments: If you have a balance due for the Montreat Retreat, it is due no later than November 2 (that's next Sunday). You will receive a reminder in the next few days of the amount you owe.

Baby Love: The Witness Team is collecting diapers and wipes for low income families in this area who have difficulty providing diapers for their children. Formula is provided but there is no assistance for diapers. This program will be known as BABY LOVE. Donations of diapers and/or baby wipes will be received at the church. More information will be available in the November *First Press* newsletter.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 26

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
No Youth Connection

Tuesday, October 28

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, October 29

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 30

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, November 1

Youth Day at Presbyterian College

Sunday, November 2 Consecration Sunday

Challenged by the Spirit!



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9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Celebration Lunch -
"The Varsity" will be here!
No Youth Connection
4:30 Evensong at Good Shepherd Church

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:

The Bates Family

Next Week:

The Henderson Family

Ushers:

Jim Stillerman, chair

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loebler
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.

Pastor

Dan Walden

Director of Youth

and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug

Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

Nursery

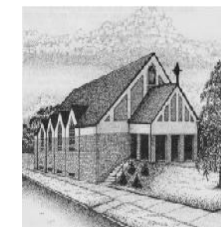
Tiffany McWaters

Director of

the Early Learning Center



**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 26, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ABBOTT'S LEIGH
Frederick Steffen

INTROIT

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Sanctuary Choir

I'M GONNA LIVE

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-2

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

✦ HYMN 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come at your invitation, compelled by your relentless love of us. Yet we come singing half-heartedly, distracted by other things that occupy our minds and command our attention. We profess our faith, but our actions often betray our commitment and dilute our love. We seek an easy path with few challenges. We often avoid opportunities to grow even as we seek evidence of your grace. Enthuse us with your Holy Spirit, we pray, and make us more wholly yours. Give us passion to be bearers of good news and great joy to a world in need of healing and hope; for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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 from Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body, you were called to peace. And be thankful.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Be Still My Soul* arr. Jason Krug
Handbell 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 Acts 2:43-47

SERMON *Taking the Challenge* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 720 *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Sam Hay, Jr.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Sheep May Safely Graze* J. S. Bach

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ASH GROVE

Hymn 37, stanza 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us, and your love that has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 757 KINGSFOLD

Today We Are Called to Be Disciples

✦CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦CHORAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE



I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

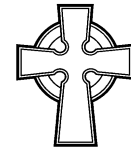
✦POSTLUDE Oliver Holden

Festive Proclamation on All Hail the Power

✦Please stand if you are able.



... they **broke bread**
at home and 
ate their food
with **glad and**
generous hearts,
praising **God** and
 having the
goodwill of all
the **people.** Acts 2:46-47, NRSV



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

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| †Tootles Tingler-recovering from back surgery | †Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister) |
| †Bill Blair-home | †Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) |
| †Tiffany McWaters-recovering from back surgery (ELC Director) | †Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem) |
| †Ann Bouchillon-recovering from surgery | †Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.) |
| †Betty Strohecker-broken/replaced hip (mother of Diane Loeble) | Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: |
| †Alice Walker-recovering from foot surgery, home | †Mary Crudup-Hope Center, Dacula |
| †Haley Williams-daughter born 4 months premature (friend of Travis Moss) | †Mary Cline-relocated |
| †John Stark-brother-in-law of Stephanie Fortson | †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers |
| †Diane Loeble-broken foot | †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville |
| †Rick Gunter-broken ankle | Riverside |
| †Jack Yoder-Madison | †Joy Knight |
| †Jeanie Liem-dialysis, needs kidney donor | †Martha Borders |
| †Joe Schell - kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones) | Benton House |
| †Don Bollinger - home | †George Stamps |
| †Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe) | †Doris Mote |
| †Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey) | Covington Square |
| †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment | †Rita Harrell |
| †Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems) | Merryvale |
| †Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary) | †Bill Taylor |
| †Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael) | †Elizabeth Gadilhe |
| †Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson) | |

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Joan Smith, who died last week. Joan was a long-time member of FPC.

Hospital Visitors:
Bob & Darcel Tabb