

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

We're heading back to Thornwell! The Witness Team will be leading another group of volunteers to Thornwell Home for Children **October 16 - 20**. Come join us for some work, fellowship and worship. You are welcome to come for the entire time or just a day. Contact Jan Giles at FamilyGilesGa@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

Circle Meetings for October

Presbyterian Women's Circles meet on the first Tuesday of the month. This month the circles are meeting on **October 6**, at the following locations:

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

Circle II meets at 10:30 at the home of Jean Blair;

Circle III meets at 7:00 pm at the home of Stephanie Fortson.

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

Sandy's Dog Park - Save the Date

Interested in Volunteering? Help is needed to clear the land on which Sandy's Dog Park is being built. Sandy's Dog Park will be located in Chimney Park... A Park With Heart. Chimney Park is located at 8201 Hazelbrand Road, Covington, GA 30014, which is behind the Newton County Health Department and the Covington Library. Volunteers are needed for the following dates: **October 17 and 24** from 9 am until 2 pm. The park is being built in memory of Sandy Elder, daughter of Jim and Jean Elder. Sandy was a member here.

Montreat Retreat - The Time is NOW!

Sign up now for the congregational retreat to Montreat, NC, which is scheduled for the weekend of **November 6-8, 2015**. This is an intergenerational event that combines worship, study and fun in the beautiful mountains of our Presbyterian Conference Center near Asheville, NC. A deposit of \$50 will be due with registration. Forms with the prices listed are in the narthex on the desk by the front doors.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 4

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

Tuesday, October 6

Women's Circles - see above
4:00 Exercise
5:00 Nominating Committee meets

Wednesday, October 7

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 8

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, October 10

Change the World Day
Youth Connection

Sunday, October 11

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

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 could really use the following items:
hot and cold cereals and grits

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 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:

Moss Family

Next Week:

Weesner Family

Usher Chair:

Gary Boteler

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.

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

Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans

Nursery

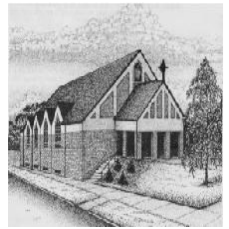
Kara Sugg

Interim Director of the

Early Learning Center



**Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 4, 2015
World Communion Sunday**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Emma Lou Diemer

Cantabile

Cesar Franck

O Lamb of God, I Come

Eduard Broughton

INTROIT

Beach Spring Stomp

Jeffrey Honoré

Handbell Choir

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:8, 11-14

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

Happy are those who rest in God.

Come and listen, children of God.

Teach us the way of truth and life.

Let us depart from evil and do good.

Let us seek peace and pursue it.

✦HYMN 327

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The angels praised God, saying:

"Peace on earth, good will to all."

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Gary Boteler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OPEN MY EYES

Hymn 451, stanza 2

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 11:27-32

SERMON

Discerning the Body

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 306 Blest Be the Tie That Binds (stanza 1)

DENNIS

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ. We believe that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We believe that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker. We believe that the church is witness both by word and deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Adagio from Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C

J. S. Bach

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

O God, through the bread and the cup, you have made us one with you and with one another. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of Peace, always will be with us. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ came to us proclaiming peace -- peace to all those who are near, peace to all who are far away.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

In Christ's body we are joined together. In Christ's body we are made one. The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sing on cue



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

I Corinthians 11:23-26

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(We will be invited to come to the table by rows. Return down the side aisle. If you cannot come up front, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you. There is gluten-free bread for those who need it.)

ANTHEM

In Remembrance Sanctuary Choir

Buryl Red

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted. Drink and remember too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 318 In Christ There Is No East or West

ST. PETER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Ephesians 6:15

Go now into all the world, proclaiming the good news of the gospel.

The grace of God be with you; the love of Christ be with you; the Spirit's peace be with you--here and everywhere, now and forever. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

Gary Boteler is our Stewardship Speaker this morning. Gary Boteler currently serves on our session as Co-Chair of Finance Team. He is a CPA and partner in the regional accounting firm Carr, Riggs, and Ingram. Gary and his wife, Susan, have been members of our church for over 4 years. The Rev. Louly F. Hay and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, are assisting in the leading of worship. Today's Affirmation of Faith is excerpted and adapted from the Confession of Belhar. 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

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) Louise White-home in Tybee 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 Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta

Presbytery Lisa Baker-cancer treatment Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment 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 Doris Mote Merryvale Guy McGiboney Bill Taylor Elizabeth Gadilhe Betty Robinson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Carol Stillerman in the death of her mother.

Hospital Visitor: Bob & Darcel Tabb

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God in memory of Don Bollinger by his family.