

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 9

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, October 12

6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 13

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, October 16

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Baptisms
Congregational Meeting

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 16**, for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and voting on a slate of new elders.

Those being nominated for the session are:

Teresa McCurry	Miriam Wheeler
Carter Gibson	Cheryl Meichsner
John McCarthy	Jake McCarthy (youth)
Koen Ardis (youth)	

The Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women's Circles

We apologize that this article was left out of the October "First Press".

Presbyterian Women (PW) Circles had their First Gathering and Salad Supper on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the FPC Fellowship Hall. It was a great celebration in many ways.

At this Gathering, members enjoyed the fellowship and camaraderie, the unique Bible and Logo quizzes, a delicious supper, the stunningly beautiful décor of the Fellowship Hall, **Rev. Louly Hay's** memory-jogging "Recollections and Reminiscing", the welcome attendance of **Pastor Billy Wade** and his staff, up-dated announcements of PW and First Presbyterian Church's contributions to communities near and far, and even a video showing children reveling in the fun provided by the last item mentioned here. Yes! It was great!

Staff Note: Dan Walden will be on vacation next week. He will return to work on Tuesday, October 18.

Presbyterian Women have placed a collection box in the narthex for the **Santa Claus Express** donations for residents of the Presbyterian Homes of GA. Pick up a flyer today listing the items needed. Anyone can donate. **Sunday, November 27**, is the deadline to bring your donations.

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 the pastor 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.

October suggested donations are:

Cereals (hot & cold) and grits



Baby Love is our program to collect diapers and wipes, or donations toward them, to give to local organizations which distribute them to parents in need. Place diapers in the cradle in the narthex. Donations should be designated to "Baby Love".

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

October Chair: Jean Wolverton

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden
Jake McCarthy

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

Class of 2018

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

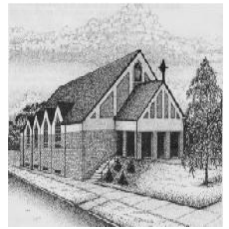
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2016
A Service of Psalms



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

INTROIT *By the Babylonian Rivers* (hymn 72) KAS DZIEDAJA
Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 149

Sing to the Lord a new song.

We sing because God has been faithful and steadfast in love.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth.

We will break forth into joyful singing.

Sing praises to the Lord with all your strength.

We will sing and make music to celebrate God's grace.

✠HYMN 307 (cf. Psalm 27:14) CWM RHONDDA

God of Grace and God of Glory

CALL TO CONFESSION (Psalm 51:17)

"It is a broken spirit you want -- remorse and penitence.
A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not ignore."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Psalm 119

Lord, forgive our hearts consumed with selfish gain.

Turn our hearts toward love for others.

Forgive our eyes gazing at worthless things of this world.

Turn our eyes toward Your presence, Your return, within us and around us.

Forgive our hands that push people away.

Turn our hands to welcome the stranger, the outcast, the enemy.

Forgive our feet kicking up dust on dead-end roads.

Turn our feet onto your path of righteousness and life.

By the grace of the forgiving, transforming One, Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, turn us, O God.

Amen!

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Psalm 23

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Selah! Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

BALM IN GILEAD

Hymn 792, refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

The Lord's Prayer

Michael Head

Perri Walden, solo; Alice Walker, piano

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

Jake McCarthy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 137
Romans 12:9, 19-21

SERMON

The Rev. Larry Kennon

Singing the Lord's Song In A Foreign Land

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 354 *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

BATTLE HYMN

(cf. Psalms 132 and 133)

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Psalm 116:12-13

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

OFFERTORY

arr. Dennis R. Johnson

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

from Psalm 150

Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again gladly for aye we adore Him.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 379

We Shall Overcome

WE SHALL OVERCOME

(cf. Psalm 119:32-66)

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Psalm 96:1-4

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

WE SHALL OVERCOME

We Shall Overcome

Sanctuary Choir

✦POSTLUDE

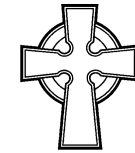
Prelude in A Minor

J. S. Bach

✦Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦**The Rev. Larry Kennon** is our preacher and worship leader today.
✦**Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with leading worship.
✦Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** when you leave.
✦Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Travis Moss-surgery 9/30
†The McCurry family:
Tommy, Scarlet & Heaven-touring Furman University this week for Heaven to apply as a student
†Miriam Witherspoon, recovering from surgery (daughter of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Becky Ramsey-surgery on 10/20
†Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment
†Joyce Ashworth-hip surgery, October 14, at Emory Mid-town
†Louise Strickland-home
†Tootles Tingler-recovering from back surgery
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)
†Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment
†Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis

†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
†Jan Coulon-home
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

Riverside

†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Martha Borders
†Rita Harrell
†George Stamps

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney
†Bill Taylor
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Betty Goins
†Hughie Hudson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Doug Hicks** and his family in the death of his mother, **Susan V. Hicks** who died October 2.

We also remember **The Rev. Penny Hill**, former Exec. Presbyter of the Greater Atlanta Presbytery, who died October 4; we extend our sympathy to her family and to her friends and colleagues.

Hospital Visitor:

Patti Lanford