

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, September 25**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 1:00 Youth Connection Pool Party

**Tuesday, September 27**  
 4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, September 28**  
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 29**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, October 2**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**Peace and Global Witness Offering**

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

### Witness Mission Trip



The Witness Team will lead a mission trip to Lake Murray, South Carolina, to help with recovery from last year's devastating floods. They will leave **Sunday, October 2, and return Friday, October 7.** If you would be willing to go any or all of those days, contact Patti Lanford at [p.lanford@gmail.com](mailto:p.lanford@gmail.com), or (770) 490-3660. She needs to know

what days you will attend in order to arrange a bed for you at the Lake Murray Presbyterian Church.

If you can't attend, please pray for safe travel and rewarding mission work for the group who will be going!

### Montreat Retreat

Register by September 25!



The Church Family Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **November 4-6, 2016.** It's time now to make your reservation with a \$50 deposit. The form has the costs listed. We do need a completed form and your deposit to confirm your place on this much-loved retreat. If you've never been...ask Billy Wade, Dan Walden or anyone who has attended in the past and they will tell you it's wonderful!

We need to know immediately who intends to attend.

### 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](http://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.

**September** suggested donations are: boxed macaroni and cheese; Rahman noodles



**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

**September Chairs:**  
 Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler

**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

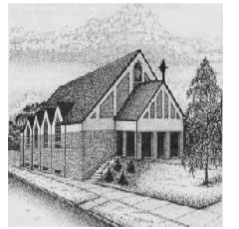
**Class of 2018**  
 Gary Boteler  
 Billy Fortson  
 Scarlett McCurry  
 Stephanie Scarborough  
 Tom Stillerman

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 25, 2016**



### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *My Faithful Heart Rejoices* Johannes Brahms  
*On Eagle's Wings* arr. John Carter  
*Prelude* Derek Healey

**INTROIT** I'M GONNA LIVE  
*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*  
 Children's Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 52:7-8a  
 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns".  
**Hark, your watchmen lift up their voices, together they sing for joy.**

✦ **HYMN 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we have been silent when we should have spoken. We have spoken when we should have been silent. We have not shared the Good News when it was needed most. Fill our hearts until they overflow with your love. Give us words to speak and the courage to speak them. Let our actions show the faith we confess; for we pray in Jesus' name.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GIFT OF LOVE  
 Hymn 693, stanza 3  
**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** LAUDA ANIMA  
 Hymn 619, stanza 1  
**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *Ringin' Victoriously!* Mike Mazzazenta  
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

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

SERMON *Ambassadors for Christ* William B. Wade, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 462 *I Love to Tell the Story* HANKEY

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Adagio from Chorale in A Minor* Cesar Franck

✦ 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

Speak to our hearts, Lord, and move our feet in the

way of justice, mercy and peace. Remembering those who have encouraged us, challenged us, loved us in your name, may we encourage, challenge and love others for Jesus' sake, and our own. Amen.

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ HYMN 475 NETTLETON  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE KINGSFOLD  
*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.

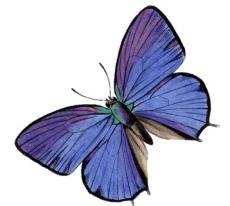


PW placed a collection box in the narthex for the **Santa Claus Express** donations for residents of the Presbyterian Homes of GA. Pick up a flyer today listing the items needed. Anyone can donate. Sunday, November 27, is the deadline to bring your donations.

*Worship Notes*

- ✦ 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

We entreat you on behalf of Christ, be **reconciled** to God.



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

- † Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)
  - † Becky Ramsey-medical tests (sister of Alice Walker)
  - † Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment
  - † Krissy Jones-recovering from back surgery, home
  - † Harley Gardner-healing from ear surgery (daughter of BJ Gardener, ELC teacher)
  - † Joyce Ashworth-hip surgery, October 14, at Emory Mid-town
  - † Louise Strickland-home
  - † Tootles Tingler-back surgery, healing prayers still needed, home
  - † 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
  - † Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
  - 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 **Maxine Blankenship**, whose sister, Catherine Horton, died Friday morning.
- Hospital Visitor:**  
Day Kennon