

## 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.

**Change of Location - Women's Study Group:** The "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" study group will meet in the Jubilee Classroom (instead of at Day Kennon's house) at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, September 29, 2015**. Participants are invited to come a little early to enjoy some light refreshments.

### It's Not Too Late to Make a Pledge to the Capital Campaign

Please consider prayerfully how you might contribute to the ongoing ministry of Christ's church in this place as together we **Restore** our facilities, **Renew** our commitments, and **ReachOut** in compassion to a world in need of Jesus Christ. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you forgot to bring your pledge card, we have extras in the narthex.



### 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

<b>Sunday, September 27</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>Wednesday, September 30</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
	<b>Thursday, October 1</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir
<b>Tuesday, September 29</b> 10:00 Women's Study at FPC in the Jubilee Classroom 4:00 Exercise	<b>Sunday, October 4</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection

## 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](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



### Food Pantry Needs

**The Food Pantry** could really use the following items: **Ramen noodles, boxed mac & cheese** - we haven't been able to get these items from Atlanta Food Bank the last couple of orders, so we are out completely.

**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:

Ardis Family

**Next Week:**

Moss Family

### Usher Chair:

Adriane Ivey-Hawley

### 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

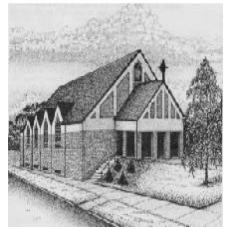
Baxter Bouchillon  
 Adriane Ivey  
 Michael Thompson  
 Danny Vining  
 Jean Wolverton

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Evangelism Sunday**  
**September 27, 2015**



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *Listen, God Is Calling* NENO LAKE MUNGU  
*Lead On, O King Eternal!* Michael Helman  
*O God Beyond All Praising* Robert Buckley Farlee

**INTROIT** *Together We Serve* SAN ANSELMO  
 Sanctuary Choir

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Open wide the doors.

**People: Invite the people in and send us out into the world.**

Leader: Open our hearts.

**People: See what love can do. Let God work through us.**

Leader: Open our minds and open our eyes.

**People: Let us see you at work throughout our daily lives, and in people made in your image.**

Leader: Open our voices

**People: to share our stories of faith and to sing praises to you, gracious God.**

◆HYMN 409 *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you call us in all the seasons of life, in darkness and in light, in joy and in sorrow. Jesus, you beckon us to follow you, to live as you showed, to be obedient to what you taught. Yet often we hold back. We question how we can know your voice; we make excuses of things we have to do and words we have to share. We look for the great task, and you give us the common work of being witnesses and loving and caring for those near us and in our community. Forgive us we plead. Empower us through your Spirit that we may be bold disciples. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AZMON

Hymn 610, stanzas 1 and 2

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears; brings life, and health, and peace.**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

As forgiven people of God, we are freed to love and extend God's peace to others. The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM

Kum Ba Yah  
Children's Choir

KUM BA YAH

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

Most gracious God, prepare our hearts and minds to receive your Word by the insight of the Holy Spirit through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-23

SERMON

*Called Out*

William B. Wade, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 462

*I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

David Cherwien

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SCHUMANN

Hymn 708, stanza 1

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Just outside these walls there's a world that's lost.

**The mission field begins just outside these walls.**

Just outside these walls despair runs free.

**Hopelessness is found just outside these walls.**

Just outside these walls the world is searching,

**looking for the truth that we hold so dear.**

Just outside these walls can you hear them calling,

**crying out for help, just outside these walls?**

Just outside these walls the Savior is waiting

**for his church to appear just outside these walls.**

How will they know if they're never told?

**How will we tell them if we never go?**

Just outside these walls a lost world is waiting.

**Will we answer the call just outside these walls?**

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

✦ HYMN 610, stanzas 3-5

AZMON

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Together We Serve*

SAN ANSELMO

Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE

*Recessional March*

William H. Harris

✦ Please stand if you are able.



*Worship Notes*

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting in the leading of worship.

✦ Parts of today's liturgy are from Evangelism Sunday materials by the PC(USA). "Just Outside These Walls", used today as a litany, is a song written by Danny Lacey, copyright 2007 Van Ness Press, Inc. by LifeWay Worship Music Group.

✦ 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)

† Brian Bradford-car accident, Athens Regional (grandson of Reed Blakeney)

† Mickey Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Tootles Tingle's sister)

† Allen Ensminger-motorcycle accident, Atlanta Medical Center (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 Presbyterian 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 prayers and sympathy for the family of **Don Bollinger** in his death on Monday, September 21, especially for his wife, **Mary**. A memorial service will be held at FPC on Saturday, October 3, at 11:00 a.m.

**Hospital Visitor:**

Louly Hay

