

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES
IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

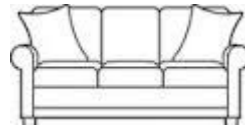


The **Witness Team** will be on their **Mission trip** from **October 3 - 5**, to Thornwell Home for Children in South Carolina. Please keep the team in your prayers as they travel and work this weekend.

Duo-Organ Concert

Becky Griffin Ramsey and Alice Griffin Walker will be in concert **today, at 3:00** at **First United Methodist Church** (1113 Conyers Street). Sponsored by The Arts Association of Newton County. Works by Liszt, Bach, Mendelssohn, Gigout, and Saint-Saens. No admission: An offering will be collected to benefit a scholarship fund honoring T. K. Adams.

The Community Food Pantry is in need of some new furniture: sofas and chairs with wood, metal or vinyl surfaces. Thank you.



Presbyterian Women Audio/Visual Resource

Dan Walden has graciously made available for each PW Circle a six-minute DVD which combines both of the DVD's used at the Unit Meeting on September 8. Subjects covered are: 1) the new Horizons Bible Study on II Corinthians, and 2) Prayer. Circle Leaders may pick up their complimentary DVD from the PW mailbox, or, if more convenient, Alice will mail. Thank you, Dan!

Montreat Retreat - November 7-9, 2014



All are invited to the church retreat in Montreat. Please register using the bright yellow form on the table in the narthex. It is now time to make the second payment for the upcoming FPC Retreat. To make the payment accurate we really need to know how many plan to attend. We'd appreciate your registration form and deposit ASAP. Thanks!

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 28

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

Tuesday, September 30

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, October 1

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 2

10:30 Ambassador Choir
Noon Covington Square Lunch
7:00 Circle 4 at A. Savage's home

Sunday, October 5

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

Menu for October 8, Mid-Week Feast:

Fried Chicken
Potato casserole
Steamed vegetable blend
Buttered rosemary rolls
Remember to bring your favorite dessert to share.

**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 September:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rahman noodles and other staple food items

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Nina Giles
Next Week:
Baxter & Lisa Bouchillon Family

Ushers:

Sam Hay, IV, Chair
Sam Hay, III, Jack Weesner,
Fletcher Stamps

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton
Sam Hay, IV

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman

Class of 2016

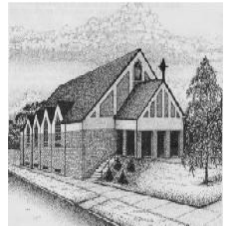
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		<i>Nursery</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>	Tiffany McWaters	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 28, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Peter Davis
Rejoice, the Lord Is King arr. Michael Burkhardt
Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish Melody

INTROIT *O God, You are My God Alone (Psalms 63)* GRATUS
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 63:1-4

O God, you are our God, we seek you.
Our souls thirst for you.
Our flesh faints for you as in a dry and weary land where no water is.
So, we have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life, our lips will praise you.
So, we will bless you as long as we live; we will lift up our hands and call on your name.

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 401** GATHER US IN
Here in This Place
Jon Paschal, guitar
Liane Bouchillon, liturgical dance

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we have been distracted from the life to which you invite us. We too often are caught up in the lives we think are more promising. Catch our attention by your burning love, and remind us of your call, for we pray in the name of the one who saves us, Jesus the Christ (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 729, stanza 4)

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.*

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**
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.

ANTHEM *Saints Bound for Heaven* arr. J. King/Wm. Walker
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON The Rev. Khalia J. Williams
Is That Your Final Answer?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 720** *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*
Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in hymnal
THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Be Still My Soul* arr. Krug
Handbell Choir

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** Hymn 700
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Congregation sings refrain: **Anywhere, Lord, Anytime!**

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
You touch our lips, O God, and with our voices we praise you. You touch our hearts and make our lives new. Send us forth from here with joy and with a burning desire to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE BUNESSAN
Christ Be Beside Me
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Grand March* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

✦ Please stand if you are able.



The Rev. **Khalia J. Williams**, Chapel Coordinator and Adjunct Professor of Worship and Preaching, is our preacher today. Khalia is an ordained minister and liturgical artist, and a current Ph.D. candidate at Graduate Theological Union in Liturgical Studies with a focus on theology, worship, and performance theory. Khalia is a native of Los Angeles, CA, and is sought after for her ability to teach ministries in the areas of worship planning, leadership, and the integration of worship and the arts. Khalia is a mentor to young women across the country, and is driven by her passion to empower God's people to reach their full potential in Christ.

Worship Notes

✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the worship service 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

† Diane Loeble-broken foot
† Rick Gunter-broken ankle
† Jack Yoder-Madison
† Jeanie Liem-dialysis, needs kidney donor
† Joe Schell - kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones)
† Pat Patrick - recovering from surgery
† Don Bollinger - home
† Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe)
† Peter Musarra-recovering from surgery (Danielle Schubert's father)
† Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
† Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
† Mike Peppers-severe heart problems (friend of the Liems)
† Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)
† Cassandra Morrow--severe pain from broken wrist and surgery (Congregational Consultant with the Presbytery Of Greater Atlanta)
† Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
† Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)
† Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)
† Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)

† Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School. He is doing well on maintenance chemo. The family is grateful for all the prayers.)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Mary Crudup-Hope Center, Dacula
† Mary Cline-relocated
† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside
† Joy Knight
† Martha Borders

Benton House
† George Stamps
† Doris Mote
† Velma Prescott

Covington Square
† Rita Harrell

Merryvale
† Bill Taylor
† Elizabeth Gadilhe

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Elmer Blankenship who died on September 23.

Hospital Visitor:
Day Kennon



What Does It Mean to be Presbyterian?

A class will meet to study this subject every Sunday morning in October. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The class will be taught by Billy Wade, Dan Walden and Bill Loeble. You are invited!