

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Meeting Announced:

There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, September 13**, at the conclusion of the morning worship service for the purpose of electing 3 members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for new elders. One of the 3 to be elected will be the youth elder nominee.

Women's Study Group using the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver, begins on Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Day Kennon. Books, which are free, are available in the narthex or from the church office. (More books have been ordered.)

Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Luncheon will be held on Thursday, September 10, at noon. If you are 50 or over or a member of Ambassador Choir, please join us in the fellowship hall. Call the church office to make your reservation.

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

Sunday, September 6

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

Tuesday, September 8

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, September 9

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 10

10:30 Ambassador Choir
12:00 Silver Saints & Ambassador Choir Luncheon

Sunday, September 13

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with The Lord's Supper
Congregational Meeting
12:00 Session Meeting

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."



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:

Bates Family

Next Week:

Henderson 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.
Dan Walden

Pastor

Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Maria Serrato

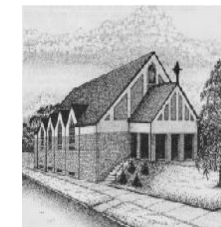
Nursery

Tiffany McWaters

Director of the
Early Learning Center



**Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 6, 2015**



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him
All Creatures of Our God and King*

Carolyn Hamlin
Charles Callahan

INTROIT

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together.

✦HYMN 33

LLANFAIR

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show

CALL TO CONFESSION

from Psalm 139

O Lord you have searched me and known me;
you are acquainted with all my ways.
**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it altogether.**
For you formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God.
**Search me and know my heart;
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you search us and know us.
You know the secrets of our hearts,
even better than we do.
You know how we have run away from your call;
still you are ready to receive us again,
ready to use us again.

In mercy, forgive and heal our inclination to wander.
Fashion us by your Spirit
into vessels fit for good use;
that we may bear faithfully
what you have entrusted to our care—
treasures of Christ's saving work
for a lost and broken world.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

RESPONSE Hymn 693, stanzas 1-2

GIFT OF LOVE

Gift of Love

Adriane and Sophia Hawley

Congregation: 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

✦ *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 our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *American Hymn Sampler*

arr. John Purifoy

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

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

Psalm 19:14

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of
our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our strength
and our redeemer. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:1-23

SERMON *Handwashers*

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 286 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

✦ 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 *My Faith in Thee is Sure*

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

**Gracious God, help us to live as resurrection people,
following the Christ in faith, clinging to him in hope, wit-
nessing to him in love. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us*

ARGENTINA

✦ POSTLUDE *Allegro from Sixth Symphony*

Charles-Marie Widor

✦ Please stand if you are able.



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** again when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Sam Hay, Jr.-Newton Medical

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

† Mickey Humphries-ICU in Virginia for stroke and pneumonia (Tootles Tingle's sister)

† Allen Ensminger-motorcycle accident, ICU at Atlanta Medical Center (brother of Perri Walden)

† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

† Louise White-fall

† Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain

† Sharon Walton-treatment 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)

† Don Bollinger-home

† 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

Hospital Visitor:
Cy Wolverton

