

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Red Cross Blood Drive - Tuesday, August 4th, 1:00 - 6:00pm**  
Save the Date! During the summer the need is great, so FPC is hosting a blood drive in our Fellowship Hall. Make an appointment via our Facebook page, contact Baxter Bouchillon directly, or just show up. Give the gift of life!

### Capital Campaign

Today we begin the run-up to our Capital Campaign with a message from **Joe Moon**. Dr. Moon is a long-time FPC choir member, elder, and the Dean for Campus Life at Oxford College. The official kick-off for this campaign is Sunday, August 16th. Look for a letter and pledge cards in your mailbox this week.

### CHURCH NURSERY WORKER

Responsibilities include teaching and supervision of young children (toddlers through 5 years) during bell choir rehearsal, Sunday School, and worship on Sunday mornings: 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Compensation is negotiable depending upon the level of experience of the candidate. Please direct interested candidates to contact the church office or send resumes to [info@fpccov.org](mailto:info@fpccov.org).



Nursery Worker Wanted

### Montreat Retreat

It is time to start signing up 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 round table.

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, August 2

10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

#### Tuesday, August 4

1:00 - 6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive  
4:00 Exercise

#### Thursday, August 6

10:00 & 11:15 ELC Open House  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

#### Sunday, August 9

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
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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Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)

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Covington, Georgia 30014



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 August: cooking oil.** You may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

**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:

Josh & Holly Hughes Family

### Next Week:

Nina Giles

### Usher Chair:

Jean Wolverton

### 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.

Pastor

Dan Walden

Director of Youth

and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug

Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Maria Serrato

Nursery

Tiffany McWaters

Director of the

Early Learning Center



## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2015



## Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*Toccata in G Major*

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Serenade*

Rolf Lovland

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Douglas Wagner

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!

**Who publish peace, who bring good tidings,  
Who publish salvation, and proclaim, "Your God reigns!"**

God will judge among many peoples,

**And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation: neither  
shall they learn war any more.**

**We lift up our voices and praise the God who offers us  
peace and justice!**

### ✦ HYMN 620

LAUDA ANIMA

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, your grace and mercy are ever-present in our lives, your forgiveness falls like summer rain upon us even when we fail to live in Christ-like ways. And yet, we are quick to carry a grudge - quick to find fault, quick to assign blame, quick to harden our hearts toward others. Set us apart, loving God, to extend and model the grace you have shown us by offering grace to others. We pray in the name of the One who died so that we might fully live. Amen.**

*(silence for personal reflection)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### ✦ 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**

ANTHEM

Friedrich Seitz

“Adagio” from *Concerto No. 2 for Violin and Piano*

Jake McCarthy, violin 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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MOMENT

Joe Moon

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

*Debt-free Living!*

The Rev. W. Larry Owens

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 187 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Declaration of Faith* (1977)

**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 front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

John A. Behnke

*Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling*

✦ DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

**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

**Holy God, in this moment draw us to yourself and make us aware not so much of what we’ve given as of all that we have received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in power and gladness and great courage to live out in the world what we pray and profess. Amen**

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

✦ HYMN 475

NETTLETON

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

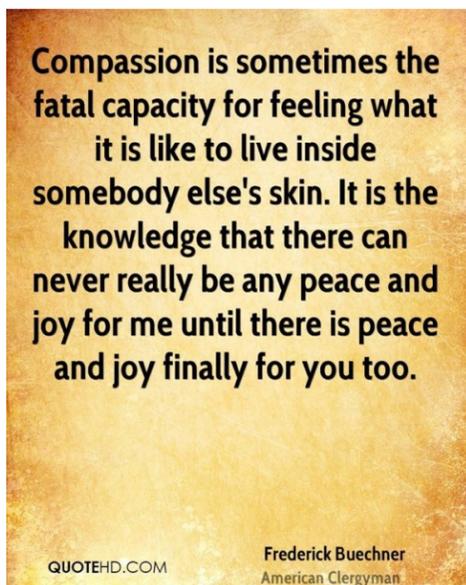
✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE

Donald P. Hustad

*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

✦ Please stand if you are able.



*Worship Notes*

✦ **The Rev. W. Larry Owens** is our guest preacher and worship leader today. Larry is a long-time Presbyterian minister and is the Director of Annual Giving for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. He previously pastored several small church and was the Director of Development for Thornwell Homes before he began serving Presbyterian Homes.

✦ **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*

† Betty Strohecker-rehabilitation

(mother of Diane Loeble)

† Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain

† Sharon Walton-treatment for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Greg Jones-broken neck vertebrae, Atlanta Medical Center (Rob Jones’ father)

† Betty Lunsford-fall, home

† 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-chemotherapy

† Jan Coulon-home

† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

† Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter 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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Rick Gunter** and his family in the death of his brother, **Dan Gunter**, who died July 27, in Gainesville, Georgia. Memorial gifts may be made to North Lanier Baptist Church Missions, Cumming, Georgia.

**Hospital Visitor:**

Jon Williams

**Staff Notes:**

**Billy Wade** is out for continuing education from July 22--August 4.

Should you need assistance during this time, please call the church office and you will be directed to the appropriate person, as soon as we are able.