

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 14

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, February 16

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, February 17

4:00 Adventure Club
11:00 Worship Service
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 18

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, February 20

8:00 Men's Breakfast and Study

Sunday, February 21

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

Men's Bible Study will gather in the Martin Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning, **February 20, at 8:00 am.** We will be studying The Doctrine of Resurrection. Bring your breakfast and a friend.

Offering Statements for 2015 are available for pick-up in the narthex. You will need these statements if you itemize your income tax filing. They are in alphabetical order. Children who gave have a statement included with the parents' or grandparents' statements.



"Turning toward God . . ." by Billy Wade

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation and brings no regret, but worldly grief produces death."
(2 Corinthians 7:10)

The story is told of a man who went to the doctor complaining that he was tired and run down all the time. The doctor checked him over and finally said, "Well, the best thing you can do is to stop drinking, go on a diet, start jogging and stop carousing around town every night." The man thought about it for a moment and then said: "What's the next best thing?" *

When the woman caught in adultery came to Jesus, he made it plain that we're all guilty. No one can throw stones. But, he also told the woman to go and sin no more-not as much a demand as an invitation, a way to finally live. You see, it is not just a matter of feeling guilty. It is not just a matter of saying we are sorry-though that is a good place to start. So often what we offer is just regret for being caught at something. But what we have to do then is act.

Paul says, ". . . godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation . . . but worldly grief produces death." We can wallow in our guilt and it will cripple and kill us, and at times that is what we might think we deserve. But God calls us to repentance, which means turning and heading in another direction. It is turning toward God, the God who knows us so well, but still loves us so much and never turns away from us. "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," Paul says elsewhere (Romans 5:8).

The truth is we are not always going to get the forgiveness we seek from others; but, there is nothing that God does not forgive. The only unforgivable sin is our refusal to let the Spirit of God into our hearts. We are the only ones standing in the way-and God keeps knocking.

*Told in James W. Moore's, *Some Folks Feel the Rain . . . Others Just Get Wet*, Dimensions for Living, Nashville, 1999, p. 51.

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) 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.

For **February** suggested donations are: **canned meats, chicken, beef, beef stew, spam, ham (no tuna).**

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 **cradle** 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:
Jason & Krissy Jones Family

February Usher Chair:

Joyce Ashworth

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

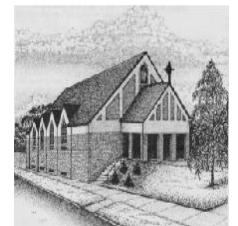
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



First Sunday in Lent

February 14, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Robert Hebble

Fanfare in C Major

Henry Purcell

Aria from "Suite in D"

J. S. Bach

INTROIT *In Silence My Soul Thirsts*

Sanctuary Choir

MY SOUL THIRSTS

Psalm 91:1-2

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the
Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
Amen!

†HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant to us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AMAZING GRACE

Hymn 649, stanza 1

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

†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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

What Can Jesus Do for Us?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

ST. FLAVIAN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

H. Alexander Matthews

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

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.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In hardship and blessing keep us faithful, Lord. Give us eyes to see the way you would lead us, and strength to follow; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

We do not live by bread alone. Jesus said:

"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(We will be invited to come to the table by rows. If you cannot come up front, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you.)

ANTHEM *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Moses Hogan

Sanctuary Choir
Janet Carmichael, solo

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 516 KINGDOM

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE MY SOUL THIRSTS

In Silence My Soul Thirsts

Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE J. S. Bach

Sinfonia from the Cantata "Wir Danken Dir, Gott"

Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

♦Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, will be helping to lead worship this morning.

♦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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Leon Hughes-foot surgery, home

†Kelly Dittman-heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon)

†Diane Loeble-knee surgery, home

†Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home

†Bernice Bailey-knee surgery, home

†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

†Vickie Sewell-breathing difficulties

†Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)

†Kim Bailey-Bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)

†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)

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

†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

†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)

†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)

†Jan Coulon-home

†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)

†Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab

†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

Riverside

†Joy Knight -hospice care

†Martha Borders

†Rita Harrell

†George Stamps-rehab

†Jack Yoder-rehab

Benton House

†Doris Mote

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney

†Bill Taylor

†Elizabeth Gadilhe

†Betty Robinson

†J. L. Johnson

We extend our prayers and sympathy for **Alton Cochran** in the death of his brother, **Gus Cochran**, who died last week in Ellijay, Georgia.

Hospital Visitor: Alice Walker

Please update your prayer requests this week!

Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321

