

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

It's a Celebration!!

Please join Joel and Jeff Wolverton and their families in the fellowship hall following the church service today. We will enjoy cake and punch as we celebrate 50 years of marriage for Jean and Cy Wolverton!!

Quarterly statements for those who pledge are ready to be picked up from the table in the narthex. It's good stewardship for us as it saves us postage, time and gas if we don't mail them! If you do not pledge and want a statement please call or e-mail and the church office will print one for you.

ELC Workday - Saturday, July 26th; 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Come this Saturday morning and help the parents and staff of our Early Learning Center get the place spruced up for the start of the new school year. Projects will include general cleanup, minor repairs, attaching items to walls, etc. No special skills are needed...just a willing and generous spirit!

Summer Stewardship

While you are preparing for vacation remember that the church's expenses do not take a vacation. If you will mail your check or do an on-line payment before you leave, the lights will still be on at the church to welcome you home. Thanks!



**Montreat Retreat
November 7-9, 2014
Registration Needed by August 3**

The congregation is invited to the church retreat in Montreat. Please register using the bright yellow form on the table in the narthex. If you've never attended, you are in for a real treat!

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 by August 3rd.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 20

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
noon Reception for the Wolvertons in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, July 22

4:00 Exercise

Thursday, July 24

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, July 26

10:00 ELC Workday

Sunday, July 27

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

**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 -11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for July:

Bath Soap, shampoo, toothpaste and other staple food items.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Courtney & Eric Henderson
Family

Next Week:

Nick & Jessica Jessup Family

Ushers:

Jon & Jane Williams
Cy & Jean Wolverton

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
Kevin Weber

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

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*
Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

Tiffany McWaters *Nursery
Director of
the Early Learning Center*



**Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost
July 20, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Trust in God with All My Heart* J. S. Bach
The Church's One Foundation Samuel S. Wesley
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Gordon Young

✦ **INTROIT**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 96:1-3

O sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless God's name.
Tell of God's salvation from day to day.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all the peoples!

✦ **HYMN 35** LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we claim to have fellowship with Christ, yet walk in darkness, we are liars. If we claim to possess the light, but hide it under a bushel, of what use is such a wisdom to the world? If we rest secure in our abundance, while all about us others go hungry and their lives are imperiled, what has become of our call to share the good news? You know our inmost selves, O God. We cannot hide from you. Forgive our betrayal of your Son, and restore us to fellowship with him.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DETROIT

(Hymn 444, stanza 1)
"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

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**
 For he is our peace, who has made us one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility. The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Gracie Bates, 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 25:19-28

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Trouble in the Family : Stirring the Pot

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 265** DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
from A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Heavenly Sunlight* Diane Bish

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** ASHGROVE
 Hymn 37, stanza 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Lord, help us to love you with all our heart, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves by the grace and power of Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 757** KINGSFOLD
Today We All Are Called to be Disciples

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ **POSTLUDE** *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Gayden Sikes

✦ Please stand if you are able.



The **Flowers in the Sanctuary** are given by Carol and Ellis Dunbar to the Glory of God and in honor of Jean and Cy Wolverton on the occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Worship Notes

✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, is assisting with the leading of worship 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

†Verona Miles-recovering from dog attack
 †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)
 †Don Bollinger-home
 †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)
 †Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)
 †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)
 †Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
 †Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)
 †Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
 †Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
 †Mary Crudup-Hope Center
 †Mary Cline-relocated
 †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
 †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
 †Joy Knight -Riverside
 †Bonnie Tingler--Riverside
 †Martha Borders-Riverside

Benton House
 †George Stamps
 †Doris Mote
 †Velma Prescott

Covington Square
 †Rita Harrell

Merryvale
 †Doris Hicks
 †Bill Taylor
 †Elizabeth Gadilhe

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Jeanie Liem and her family in the death of her brother, Marvin Mead.

Hospital Visitor:
 Stephanie Fortson

New Address:
 Mary Crudup
 Hope Center
 1200 Winder Hwy.
 Dacula, GA 30019