

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

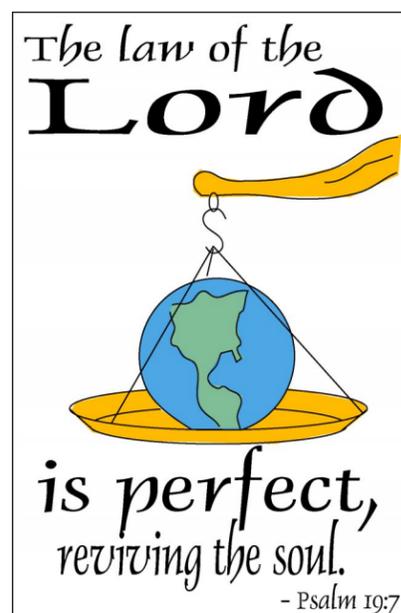
**Sunday, June 25**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**Tuesday, June 27**  
4:00 Exercise Class

**Thursday, June 29**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, July 2**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**Montreat Retreat Information:** Registration is now open for the Congregational Retreat at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. It will take place November 3-5, 2017. Room and breakfast rates are on the pink form available in the narthex from the ushers' table. Please read the form as we have changed some of our procedures. We ask that those who plan to attend register no later than August 15. All fees must be paid in full by October 1. Make your check out to the church and put "Montreat Retreat" in the memo space. If you want to attend the retreat but are staying at places other than Assembly Inn, please register, but let us know that you do not need a room. If you want breakfasts without a room, we need to know that also.



### 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](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

**June** suggested donations are:  
punch drinks, sweetened Kool-aid, toilet paper

**Baby Love** is our program to collect diapers and wipes, or donations toward them, to give to local organizations which distribute them to parents in need. Place diapers in the cradle in the narthex. Donations should be designated to "Baby Love".



### THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

**June Chair:**  
Jean Wolverton

**July Chair:**  
Scarlett McCurry



**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

### MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2017**  
Adriane Ivey  
Michael Thompson  
Danny Vining  
Jean Wolverton  
Jake McCarthy  
Koen Ardis

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Scarlett McCurry  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman

**Class of 2019**  
Carter Gibson  
John McCarthy  
Teresa McCurry  
Cheryl Meichsner  
Miriam Wheeler

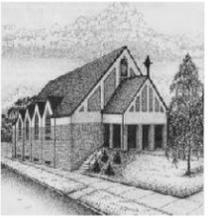
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Third Sunday  
after Pentecost

June 25, 2017



Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>Trumpet Flourish</i>	Leon Nelson
	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Martin Luther
	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	Jeffrey Honore

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19:7-10, 14

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;**  
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;  
**the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.**  
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
**sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honey-comb.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my rock and my redeemer.

✠HYMN 41 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt, we confess that our faith is small, that we trust in our own devices more than in your gracious promises to sustain us. Lord, increase our faith; guide us amidst our unbelief. Forgive us the ways we have failed to love one another, the peace we have made that is no peace. Forgive us for the wounds we have caused and the bitterness we have harbored, the trust we have broken. Forgive us for the animosities between nations, the strife we have stirred in the name of religion. Save us by the blood of the Christ who died for us all and in whose name we pray.

(silence for personal reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      AMAZING GRACE  
Hymn 649, stanza 4  
**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      FAITHFULNESS  
Hymn 39, refrain  
**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM      *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*      Moses Hogan  
Janet Carmichael, soprano

#### 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS      Matthew 5:33-37  
2 Corinthians 1:15b-22

SERMON      *Promise Keeping*      William B. Wade, Jr.

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 838      *Standing on the Promises*      PROMISES

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      from *A Declaration of Faith*  
**We testify that God is faithful.  
Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
God keeps promises and gives us hope.  
In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus God kept promises. All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ. But the work of God in Christ is not over. God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen. The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us. In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth, certainty of victory over death, assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death. This hope gives us courage for the present struggles.**

#### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

#### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY      Ed Dunbar  
Trio on "Praise Ye the Triune God!" (FLEMMING)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      HENDON  
Hymn 697, stanza 1  
**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

#### ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, by your grace you have called us. By your presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power, send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice boldly, keeping our promises faithfully, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 748      *Go with Us, Lord*      TALLIS' CANON

#### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE      *Toccata in F, BWV 540*      J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.



### Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with worship today.  
✦ **Alan Bunn** is attending the Worship and Music Conference at Montreat this week.  
✦ 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.  
✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Bobbie Banks-back at Merryvale (aunt of Day Kennon)  
†Janet Burts-home, recovering from surgery (daughter, Bill & Diane Loebler)  
†Norma Smith-needs heart surgery (friend of the Schubert family)  
†Tootles Tingler-recovering from knee surgery  
†Wayne McCurry-home (father of Tommy & Tiffany McCurry)  
†Brandon Vining-recovering from surgery (son of Beth & Danny Vining)  
†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)  
†Charlotte Epps-home  
†Mr. Andy-recovering from stroke (neighbor of the Arnold family)  
†Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loebler)  
†Debi (Dee) Selin-rehab in Snellville  
†Anderson Krieger-Scottish Rite  
†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)  
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)  
†Fran Prince-chemotherapy  
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)  
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)  
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Louise Strickland-home  
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)  
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis  
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)  
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

†Jan Coulon-home  
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma  
**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
†Bill Taylor-Hope House, Lawrenceville  
†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare  
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA  
†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA  
**Riverside**  
†Martha Borders  
†Betty Goins  
**Merryvale**  
†Guy McGiboney  
†Betty Robinson  
†Louise White  
†Alice Gadilhe  
†Hughie Hudson  
**Peace Corps Volunteer**  
†Pattie Lanford stationed Zambia

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Milton Patton** in the death of his friends Richard Hall and Claude Bennet, who died last week.

**Hospital Visitors:**  
Cy Wolverton

**Please update** your prayer requests this week! Requests that have not been updated will be removed next week.  
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