

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

Staff Thank You

In June, we would like everyone to send thank you notes in appreciation of Alice Walker, our organist, director of the Ambassador Choir, and Ken Walker, our Sound Engineer, for all the ways they reach out to members of our church and into the community.

You may send cards to the church office at First Presbyterian Church, 1169 Clark Street SW, Covington, GA 30014. Be sure to mark it "Attn: Alice Walker Thank You!" "Ken Walker, Thank You!"

July 12: Church-wide Picnic: The picnic will be held at the Clark's Grove Pavilion. Clark's Grove is the neighborhood just west of the church. Swimming will be open at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., we EAT!

Do You Need a Name Tag? Please sign up on the list on the narthex table and one will be made for you. We will be making the tags in the near future so please sign up by June 14. You may call or e-mail the church office: penihaug@gmail.com.

WANTED:



CHURCH NURSERY WORKER

We are searching for a replacement for Ms. Pauleen Green who has left us after serving faithfully for more than 5 years. 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 am until 12:30 pm. 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.

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, June 28
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Thursday, July 2
No Ambassador Choir

Tuesday, June 30
4:00 Exercise

Sunday, July 5
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.

E-mail:

Pastor, Billy Wade: wbwade75@gmail.com

Dan Walden: djwalden@mac.com

Church Office/Peni Haug: penihaug@gmail.com

Website: www.fpccov.org

Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW
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 June: sweetened packets of kool-aid;** 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:

The Weesner Family

Next Week:

The Rob/Kerry Jones Family

June Usher Chair:

Betty Bailey

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.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		<i>Nursery</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>	Tiffany McWaters	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost**

June 28, 2015



Order of Worship
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Anna Laura Page
Prelude in G Minor J. S. Bach
Communion Cesar Franck

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 96:1-3

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 people!

✠ **HYMN 35** LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE RESTORATION

Hymn 415, stanza 1
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, so often our thoughts are not your thoughts, nor our ways your ways. We speak before we think, and there are things we wish we could take back. We do things we do not want to do and cannot seem to do the things we know we should do. Forgive us. Turn us around and send us in new directions. Guide our thoughts and fill our mouths with words of your grace and love. Help us to reach out to others with kindness and compassion, and offerings of hope and peace in Christ's name. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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 Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *A Beautiful Life* William M. Golden
Dan and Perri Walden, duet

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
Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that understanding, we may believe, and believing we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS James 1:22-27
Matthew 5:16

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Thoughts, Words and Deeds
Part 3: *Doers*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
We testify God is at work here and now when people obey Christ's commission to witness to him and make disciples of all nations, when they spread the good news by their words and embody it in their lives.
We believe that God sends us to tell all the nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.
We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death.
We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.

We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.

We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers.

We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion and peace.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *I Love to Tell the Story* Michael J. Glasgow

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE
Hymn 700, stanza 1
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from Hymn 707)
Take thou our selves, O Lord, heart, mind and will; through our surrendered souls, thy plans fulfill. We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 741 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET
(stanza 1)

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *The Solid Rock* Don Hustad

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with leading 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

†Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain
†Sharon Walton-treatment for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Carolyn Bailey-foot surgery with extended recovery (Randy Layton's sister)
†Rosalee Thompson-Nursing & Rehab Center, Social Circle (Manager of Food Pantry)
†Jean Elder-bad fall, several fractures, recovering at home
†Greg Jones-broken neck vertebrae, Atlanta Medical Center (Rob Jones' father)
†Betty Lunsford-fall, surgery from fractured femur, Newton Medical
†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)
†Bill Miller-stroke (Beth Vinings' brother)
†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-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Jeanne Cannon-Benton House, Brunswick, Georgia

Riverside
†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Martha Borders
†Rita Harrell
†Doris Hicks

Benton House
†George Stamps
†Doris Mote

Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Bill Taylor
†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Betty Robinson

Hannah Moon graduated from the University of Georgia with a Masters of Education in College Student Affairs Administration on May 8, 2015. She is the daughter of Joe and Cindy Moon.

Hospital Visitor: Stephanie Fortson

