

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

CONCERT TODAY AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Janet Carmichael, soprano, and Robert Sewell, euphonium, will present a concert in the FPC Sanctuary today at 4:30 p.m. These artists will be accompanied by Alice Walker, pianist and organist. The concert will be free and open to the public.



There will be classical as well as lighter music, opera as well as a touch of jazz. This is a concert you will not want to miss.

Come and support the Music Program of First Presbyterian Church!

Quarterly Statements for those who pledge are ready to be picked up on the round table in the narthex. If you do not make a pledge, you may request a statement by calling or sending an e-mail to Peni in the church office using the information on the back panel of this bulletin.

Old Hymnals: If you or your family gave any of the blue hymnals with dedications in them, you may want to keep a copy or two. They are in the hallway outside of the narthex and you can pick up the ones you want.

The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, May 31, 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All men are invited, come and bring a friend! Information regarding breakfast will be announced. If there are cooks among you, call or e-mail Billy Wade: 770-786-7321 or wbwade@bellsouth.net. Make reservations by calling/e-mailing the church office: penihaug@att.net.

Vacation Bible School ** July 7th - 12th ** SAVE THE DATES!!

At **SonTreasure Island**, your treasure seekers will play island games, create colorful crafts and enjoy tropical snacks. But more importantly, they will discover the rich treasure of God's love through the life of Jesus. Adult and youth volunteers are needed. Call Dan Walden at 404-405-3559 for more information.



If you have high school or college graduates in your family call or email the church office to let us know so that we can celebrate with them.

Montreat Retreat is set for November 7-9, 2014

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! See the article in the June *First Press* telling a bit about Montreat and the retreat.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 25
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
4:30 Concert at FPC

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, May 28
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 29
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, June 1
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Noon Called 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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**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 May:

canned meals with meat such as: Spaghetti, ravioli, noodle rings, etc.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:
Doug & Brigham Arnold

Next Week:
CJ & Caryn Thompson

Ushers:
Stillerman Family

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014
Debra Arnold
Bill Loebler
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.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
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>	Krissy Jones	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**

May 25, 2014



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Ein' Feste Burg Ist Unser Gott* Dietrich Buxtehude
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word J. S. Bach

INTROIT LLANFAIR
Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show (Psalm 150)
Ambassador/Sanctuary Choirs

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 2:1-5

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many people shall come and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that the Lord may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. The Lord shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

✠ **HYMN 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

CALL TO CONFESSION Romans 5:6-8

While we were yet helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
One will hardly die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one will dare even to die.
But God's love for us is shown in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, soul and mind, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not truly believed your Word, nor trusted in your promises. We have drawn narrow borders around our understanding of neighbor. We have lived in fear and sought the refuge of our own devising. We have taken our blessings for granted. Forgive us, and by your grace enable us to live faithfully and love fully; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FIRST SONG

Hymn 71, refrain

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be by Savior.

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

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were huddled in fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be with you."

The peace of the risen 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.

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art/Majesty* arr. Joel Raney
Ambassador/Sanctuary Choirs

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, Jesus who died, now glorified, his name be praised.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God! How great thou art!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:3-14

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

Wars and Rumors of Wars

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 757

KINGSFOLD

Today We Are Called to be Disciples

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith, X.2

**All things will be renewed in Christ.
In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation
God has already begun and will surely finish.
We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is underway.
We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering
in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history,
we are confident he will stand at its end.
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's
good creation. There will be no more tears or pain.
All things will be made new. The fellowship of
human beings with God and each other will be perfected.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

CHORAL RESPONSE

CRIMOND

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (Psalm 23)

Ambassador/Sanctuary Choirs

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Cesar Franck

Allegretto Cantando from *Fantaisie in C*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 643, stanza 3)

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to the Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, mold us in your image. Make us instruments of your peace, and ambassadors of reconciliation, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

LLANFAIR

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show (Psalm 150)

Ambassador/Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE

Prelude in A Minor

J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes
✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, will be 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

† Marvin Mills--hospice in South Carolina (brother of Maxine Blankenship)	† Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
† Peter Musarra--recovering from surgery (Danielle Schubert's father)	† Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant
† Lisa Baker--cancer treatment	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Mike Peppers--severe heart problems (friend of the Liems)	† Mary Cline-relocated
† Hulda McDonald--chemotherapy (friend of Judy Davis)	† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
† Connor Jessup--broken leg	† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† Sam Ramsey-heart procedure	† Joy Knight -Riverside
† Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)	† Martha Borders-Riverside
† Cassandra Morrow--severe pain from broken wrist and surgery (She is the Congregational Consultant with the Presbytery Of Greater Atlanta)	Benton House
† Bill Young--re-starting chemo therapy (neighbor of Bernice Bailey)	† George Stamps
† Don Bollinger--back surgery on 5/28	† Mary Crudup
† Bonnie Tingler--rehab in Madison	† Doris Mote
† Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)	† Joan Smith
† Dale Pearce--diagnosed with cancer (friend of Dennis & Judy Hooten)	† Velma Prescott
† Lavonne Bunn--car accident/ankle surgery/rehab, (Alan Bunn's mother)	Covington Square
† Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)	† Rita Harrell
† Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)	Merryvale
† Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)	† Doris Hicks
† Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Bill Taylor
† Louie Katchko-heart surgery (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)	† Elizabeth Gadilhe
† Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)	We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of Enid Plumley, teacher in our ELC, whose mother, Wilhemina Nesbit, died suddenly early Wednesday morning, May 21st in Carnesville, GA.
† Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)	Hospital Visitor: Jon Williams
† Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)	To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.