

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on Clark Street. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend with your friends and neighbors!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Please see the insert in the bulletin about volunteering to prepare or to provide food for this community effort at serving dinner to those who are in need or would be alone on Thanksgiving.



Pledge Update: To date we have received 79 pledges for a total of \$350,246. Last year we had 92 pledges for a total of \$408,764. The session will begin the budget process for 2016 soon. If you have not made a commitment for 2016, please prayerfully consider doing so. Just drop your commitment card in the offering plate or mail it to the church. There are extra cards in the narthex if you need one. Or call the church office and Peni will be glad to mail one to you. (770-76-7321)

Loss in Our Lives, Hope in Our Hearts is a FREE 3-part workshop exploring ways we can honor the experience of our grief while holding onto hope in our hearts during this holiday season. Everyone experiences loss...loss of a loved one; loss of a dream; loss of a job, relationship, money, a pet, the predictability of our lives. Frequently the pain of these losses is magnified at this time of year. You are invited to this workshop. There are flyers on the narthex table that tell about the details of time and place. **Dr. Cindy Elrod**, whom you may have met, is the presenter. The series begins on Sunday, December 6.

Gift Box for Presbyterian Homes: If you bring items for the Santa Express for Presbyterian Homes, you may place them in the labeled box in the narthex. Gift lists are available in the pouch attached to the box. All gifts are due November 29th.

Year to date statements of giving are available in the narthex. Please check them for errors or omissions. If you find a mistake please notify Peni Haug as soon as possible. 770-786-7321.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 22
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, November 24
4:00 Exercise
7:00 Thanksgiving Service at Good Shepherd

Wednesday, November 25
12:00 Thanksgiving Dinner food preparation at the Theme School

Thursday, November 26
Happy Thanksgiving!
11:00 - 2:00 Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Friday, November 27
Church Office Closed

Sunday, November 29
Advent 1
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

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, but during November it is suggested that you donate: **bread, rolls and cookies**



Food Pantry Needs

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:

Need volunteer

Next Week:

Caryn Thompson and CJ Hunt

November Usher Chair:

Charles Ardis

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
Fletcher Stamps
Jack Weesner

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.
Dan Walden
Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

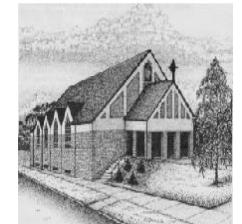
Pastor
Director of Youth and Children's Ministry
Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker
Organist/Ambassador Choir
Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans Nursery
Kara Sugg
Interim Director of the Early Learning Center



Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2015



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Almighty King*

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

We Gather Together

Ann Ke Kan, flute

Alice Walker, piano

Felice de Giardini

arr. Phillip Keveren

arr. Marilyn Carson

SIYAHAMBA

INTROIT

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Children's Choir

Psalm 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God, a great king above all gods.

In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's too.

The sea is the Lord's, for the Lord made it; for God's hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

HYMN 367

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

RESPONSE Hymn 415

Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

Solo: Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power.

All: 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.

RESTORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The world you created rarely looks like the world we have made it to be. Lord, forgive us. We have misused your good gifts, and failed to understand the true meaning of an abundant life. We have confused our

needs with our wants, and mixed up our priorities. We have hoarded your blessings, and neglected those to whom you have called us. Fill us with your Spirit and make us new creatures, faithful, wise and loving: through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
 (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON
 Hymn 475, stanza 1
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

†THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
 And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *All Thy Gifts of Love* David Brunner
 Sanctuary Choir
 For food in a world where many walk in hunger,
 For peace in a world where many walk in fear,
 For friends in a world where many walk alone,
 We give you thanks O God.
 For health in a world where many walk in sickness,
 For joy in a world where many walk in grief,
 For friends in a world where many walk alone,
 We give you thanks, O God.
 For love in a world where many walk in anger,
 Light in a world where many walk in darkness,
 Friends in a world where many walk alone,
 We give you thanks, O God.
 For these and all the many things unspoken,
 For gifts unknown or, as of yet, unseen.
 For these and all thy gifts of love,
 We give thee thanks, O God.

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 Colossians 3:15-17

SERMON *A Grateful Heart* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

†HYMN 643

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Now Thank We All Our God

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

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Andante in C Major, K. 315* W. A. Mozart
 Ann Ke Kan, flute Alice Walker, piano

†DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we come giving thanks for the abundance of your blessings. Help us to grow in our faith, to stretch without becoming overburdened, to find the joy in offering ourselves to you. Take what we bring in gratitude, and do with it more than we yet have imagined; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

†HYMN 336 *We Gather Together* KREMSE

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL RESPONSE *We Gather Together* KREMSE
 Sanctuary Choir

†POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach

†Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

†Ann Ke Kan, is our guest musician today. She is a native of Tennessee and a second year student at Oxford College.
 †Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's 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

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| †Vickie Sewell-breathing difficulties | †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma |
| †Gina Marasco-pregnancy complications (cousin of Danielle Schubert) | †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) |
| †Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter) | †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment |
| †Ursula Kaminski-home | †Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School.) |
| †Lucille Brown-broken Leg/hip, surgery (mother of Sherri Bolton) | Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers |
| †George Stamps-Newton Medical | †Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA |
| †Wilbur Fisher-meningitis, former Newton High coach | Riverside †Joy Knight -hospice care |
| †Kim Bailey-Bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law) | †Martha Borders |
| †Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin) | †Rita Harrell |
| †Mickey Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Tootles Tingler's sister) | Benton House †George Stamps |
| †Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) | †Doris Mote |
| †Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain | Merryvale †Guy McGiboney |
| †Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) | †Bill Taylor |
| †Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis | †Elizabeth Gadilhe |
| †John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) | †Betty Robinson |
| †Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney) | |
| †Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter) | Hospital Visitor: Alice Walker |
| †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant | |
| †Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship) | |
| †Edie Chandler Lowe-radiation | |
| †Jan Coulon-home | |