

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 3 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Thursday, September 7 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Monday, September 4 Labor Day Office Closed	Sunday, September 10 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with Communion
Tuesday, September 5 4:00 Exercise Class	12:00 Session Meeting 6:00 Youth Connection 7:00 Community on Our Knees
Wednesday, September 6 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	



Community On Our Knees

Sunday, September 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we gather together as a community of faith with other churches for a prayer event on the historic downtown Covington square. Through music and prayer we will lift up our public, private and homeschooled students, families, teachers and administrators, as well as all of our public servants and church staffs.

Youth Connection (middle and high school students) will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. for Youth Choir and dinner, then walk to the square for the event at 7:00 p.m. Pickup time will be 8:00 p.m. at the church. **Everyone is invited!!**

Nominations for Elders

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon to consider a slate of new elders to present to the congregation for its vote. They need your help. Please list the names of people you would like for them to consider. Drop the list in the offering plate, give to a Nominating Committee member or turn it into the church office.

Names to Consider:

Nominating Committee: Scarlett McCurry, Tom Stillerman, Carol Dunbar, Darcel Tabb, Koen Ardis and Billy Wade.

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 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

September suggested donations are: boxed macaroni & cheese; rahmen noodles

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

September
Miriam Wheeler



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

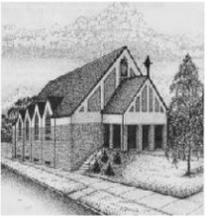
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>Pastorella</i>	J. S. Bach
	<i>Two Festal Contrasts</i>	Frank E. Brown
	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	Karrin Ford
INTROIT	<i>Will You Come and Follow Me</i>	KELVINGROVE Sanctuary Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 105

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually. Amen.

✦ HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. In the name of the One who has called us to be One, we pray.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 634, refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory; great things he has done!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* SWING LOW
Sanctuary Choir

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 READINGS Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:24-28

SERMON *Living the Good Life* Dan Walden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 379 *We Shall Overcome* WE SHALL OVERCOME

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call. The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to all commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of our life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* Mary McDonald

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PLEADING SAVIOR
HYMN 717

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Generous One, give us strength and hope that our lives might witness faithfully to who you are and all that you have done, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 313 LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY
Lord, Make Us More Holy

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE KELVINGROVE
Will You Come and Follow Me
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *The God of Abraham Praise* Michael Burkhardt

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Disaster Relief for Hurricane Victims

If you would like to donate towards disaster relief for those in places ravaged by hurricane Harvey, you may do it through the church by cash, check or on-line giving. For check or cash, put "disaster relief" in the memo space or on an envelope; for on-line giving choose the "Disaster Relief Fund". All donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief department of the PC(USA).

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is preaching and 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** when you leave.

✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Rick Gunter-Piedmont Newton
†Rob Lanford-foot infection, Piedmont Newton

†Matthew Howell-motorcycle accident, Atlanta Medical Center

†Charles Strickland-home, TIA

†Adriane Ivey-recovering from surgery

†David Cooper-lung cancer (father of Rebecca Bates)

†Becky Ramsey-home after surgery

†Krissy Jones-treatment for infection

†Shannon Dillon-found; now in hospital (great niece of Faye Kitchens)

†Anderson Krieger-home, chemotherapy
†Louise Strickland-cancer

†Carol Capell-home, recovering from back surgery

†Heaven Stephenson-healthy pregnancy

†Scarlett McCurry-job and house search

†William Cowden-Grady (father of Rebecca Arnold)

†Donald Vining-recovering from back surgery (brother of Danny Vining)

†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)

†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)

†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Fran Prince-home

†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)

†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)

†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

†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
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Bill Taylor-Bentley Assisted Living, Jefferson, GA

†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

Home

†Jan Coulon

†Debi (Dee) Selin

Peace Corps Volunteer

†Pattie Lanford stationed in Zambia

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker



Please update your prayer requests this week! Those requests that have not been updated 4 weeks after the request will be removed. Thank you!
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321