

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 4

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

Tuesday, September 6

4:00 Exercise
6:00 Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper

Wednesday, September 7

6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 8

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 11

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
6:00-8:00 Prayer for Public Safety Personnel (Church at Cov.)
7:00 Prayer Service on the

Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper, Tuesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. **All women** of the church are invited! The Rev. Louly Fowler Hay will be the speaker for the evening. Join us for the delicious salads and great fellowship!

September 11 Community Service

We are invited to take part in two community events on Sunday, September 11. There will be an opportunity to "come and pray for a badge of protection for our public safety personnel and first responders" at the Church at Covington (across from Merryvale on Hwy 142 in Oxford). We are invited to "come and go" between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Also, we are invited to join the Community on Our Knees again this year on the city square. Representatives from various churches and religious groups will join in leading prayer for the community, country and the world. It will begin at 7:00 p.m.

FPELC is selling discount cards for \$10. These cards are good September 1, 2016 through September 1, 2017. There are many businesses around the square participating as well as local businesses in Covington. Please email Kara at fpelcdirector@gmail.com for more information or to purchase the cards.

Montreat Retreat

The Church Family Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **November 4-6, 2016**. It's time now to make your reservation with a \$50 deposit. The form has the costs listed. We do need a completed form and your deposit to confirm your place on this much-loved retreat. If you've never been...ask Billy Wade, Dan Walden or anyone who has attended in the past and they will tell you it's wonderful! **We need to know immediately who intends to attend.**



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.

September suggested donations are: boxed macaroni and cheese; Rahman 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

August Chairs:
Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2016
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden
Jake McCarthy

Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

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

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 Haug	Secretary-Treasurer	Kara Sugg	Director of the
Alan Bunn	Music Director		Early Learning Center



Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 4, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

When in Our Music God Is Glorified Matt Limbaugh
Be Thou My Vision Irish Melody

INTROIT

Our God Is an Awesome God AWESOME GOD
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90:1-2, 16-17

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God...

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us, yes, the work of our hands establish it.

HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show* LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you have called each of us into being and have given us work to do, but we confess that we have been, at times, unhappy with our work, unproductive in our labors, and uncommitted to your will for our lives. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to hear your call. By your Spirit equip us and enliven us for the work that is ours to do in the service of Christ, in whose name we pray.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 619, stanza 1

Praise my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *O God Beyond All Praising* Dan Forrest
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

O God beyond all praising we worship You today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift You send, At blessings without number and mercies without end. We lift our hearts before you and wait upon Your word; We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord; For we can only wonder at every gift You send, At blessings without number and mercies without end. For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, And we through Him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring, That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King. And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still: To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways, And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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 Matthew 16:24-26

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
What Do You Want to Be?

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
Christ calls us to live in the presence of God. Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of

worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Siyahamba* Zulu Melody

✦ 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
Lord, we give thanks for your abundant grace and goodness. Take our voices that we may speak out in love. Take our hands and let them work for you. Take our feet and move them in the paths you set before us; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 720 *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE AWESOME GOD
Our God Is an Awesome God
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Second Sonata - Grave

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Celebration of Literacy in Newton County!

Newton READS, Action Ministries and GA Piedmont Technical College are partnering to host a Celebration of Literacy Luncheon on **Wed. Sept. 21st from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**. The luncheon will be held at GA Piedmont Technical College (Bob Williams Parkway location) and is FREE. We are recruiting NEW TUTORS for the Adult Basic Education/GED Preparation classes that we will be piloting in the fall. Please come and learn the impact that this program has had on countless individuals/families since 2000. We will be celebrating...and reigniting.... a passion to improve literacy in Newton County. Interested or want to learn more?..... please RSVP to Laura Bertram at nccp@bellsouth.net or call 770-786-0807. We need you....come join us!

Worship Notes

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

† Krissy Jones-back surgery at Emory, September 2
† Dan Walden-shoulder injury
† Harley Gardner-healing from ear surgery (daughter of BJ Gardener, ELC teacher)
† Joyce Ashworth-hip problem
† Louise Strickland-home
† Tootles Tingler-back surgery, healing prayers still needed, home
† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)
† Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment
† Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications
† Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn)
† Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)
† Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)
† Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)
† 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

† Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
† Jan Coulon-home
† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
† J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

Riverside

† Joy Knight -hospice care
† Martha Borders
† Rita Harrell
† George Stamps

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney
† Bill Taylor
† Betty Robinson
† Louise White
† Betty Goins
† Hughie Hudson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Dan & Perri Walden**, and family in the death of his father, **Jerry Walden**, who died on Tuesday. Mr. Walden was the grandfather of **Aubrey Evans and Jodi Atkins** and great-grandfather to **Holden and Amelia Evans**.

Hospital Visitor:
Jon Williams