

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, April 15</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:45 "In Betweeners" 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with Communion 5:00 Youth Connection	<b>Wednesday, April 18</b> 6:45 Choir Rehearsal <b>Thursday, April 19</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir <b>Saturday, April 21</b> Great American Cleanup <b>Sunday, April 22</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 "Little Mermaid"
<b>Tuesday, April 17</b> 4:00 Exercise Class	

### Great American Cleanup

Saturday, April 21st

We have been invited to participate in an interfaith community event with other local churches, students from Oxford College and the members of Masjid Attaqwa. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and load up the van to head out to the work site. After morning refreshments, we will work together to clean up the roadside then enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Pickup

time is 1:00 p.m. at the church. Youth and adults are invited to participate. Call Dan Walden at the church office for more information.



**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, August 5, farewell lunch for Pastor Billy Wade in the church fellowship hall.

**Vacation Bible School: June 11 - 15** Adult and youth volunteers of all ages are needed to make this year's VBS safe and successful. Contact Dan Walden at the church office if you are able to help in any way.

**Nicaragua Mission Trip:** Judy Davis will once again be traveling to Nicaragua to deliver water filters and to test the water where wells are available. Because of the airlines increasing luggage fees, we will purchase some of our supplies there. A generous person has already supplied the bags and contents for the baby bags which Judy will be preparing. We can still use small travel size soaps and shampoos. If you would like to contribute to the purchase and delivery of water filters, Spanish Bibles, and food bags, you can do so by a check written to the church and noted "Nicaragua fund".

## 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](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

April suggested donations:  
canned fruit

**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

**April Usher Chair:**  
Doug & Sherri Bolton

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman  
Koen Ardis  
Sophia Hawley

**Class of 2019**  
Carter Gibson  
John McCarthy  
Teresa McCurry  
Cheryl Meichsner  
Miriam Wheeler

**Class of 2020**  
Doug Bolton  
Stan Hall  
Cindy Moon  
Bob Tabb  
Michael Thompson

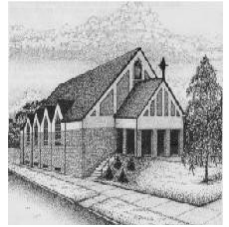
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018



### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *Trumpet Tune* Charles Callahan  
Alice Walker, organ  
*Christ Arose!* Robert Lowry  
Loucy Hay, piano Alice Walker, organ

**INTROIT** *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* HYMN TO JOY  
Sanctuary Choir

*Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 27:13-14  
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!  
**Wait for the Lord, be strong and let your heart take courage.**

✦ **HYMN 245** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* LLANFAIR

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, hear us as we pray. We have been told the Good News, but often we have not heard it. Christ has been among us, but we have failed to recognize him. We have trusted in our own plans and despaired in the results. We have hoped for too little and been unable to see the future you have opened for us. Forgive us. Open our ears and our eyes, and make our hearts yearn for your presence. Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow you with faith and courage, for we pray in Jesus' 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 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.

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-23

### SERMON *Through Locked Doors* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### ✦ HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

### OFFERTORY *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J. S. Bach Loucy Hay, piano Alice Walker, organ

### ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 716, stanza 1

***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

### ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, send us out into the world to show the joy of new life in Christ. Let us be witnesses to the Good News of the Resurrected One. Amen.**

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## SEALING OF THE WORD

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us pray...

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION

(We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row.)

### ANTHEM *Hymn of Promise* Natalie Sleeth Sanctuary Choir

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: Butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody.  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia. At the last a victory, unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see, unrevealed until its season,  
Something yet unknown, which God alone can see.*

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

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### ✦ HYMN 240 ALLELUIA

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### ✦ CHORAL RESPONSE BE NOT AFRAID

*Be Not Afraid*  
Sanctuary Choir

First time: Choir alone:

*Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

Second time: Congregation joins choir in singing

### ✦ POSTLUDE DARWELL's 148TH

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

✦ Please stand if you are able.

## Worship Notes

✦ We thank **Loucy Hay** for her beautiful music at the piano during today's service.

✦ **The Rev. Louly Fowler Hay** and **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, are 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** when you leave.

✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Spencer Boyd-lung cancer  
† Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)  
† Wolf Waetzig-head injury, home  
† Lewis Bunn-lung cancer (father of Alan Bunn)  
† Hannah Elledge-Lyme Disease (granddaughter of Bill & Judy Davis)  
† George Stamps-infection, Putnam General Hospital  
† Roger Wallace-Rockdale Healthcare  
† Sharon Popinski is donating her kidney to her cousin Dewight Wilson on April 13, in Atlanta. (niece & nephew of Joyce Ashworth)  
† Lauran Ashworth - a mastectomy in April in Alexandria, VA (Joyce Ashworth's daughter-in-law)  
† Roger Tingler - shoulder surgery  
† Joel Kitchens - surgery  
† Kathryn Wallace-broken leg  
† Phyllis Pruner-home, bronchitis, pleurisy  
† Larry Kennon-home  
† Roger Gossage-home  
† Sharon Wallace-back surgery (sister of Debbie Gossage)  
† Thomas Stewart-partial leg amputation  
† Patti Lanford-broken ankle (see below)  
† Stephanie Fortson-recovering from knee surgery, home  
† Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis  
† Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy  
† Bettie Miller-hospital, then rehab  
† Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)  
† Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)  
† Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)  
† Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)  
† Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)  
† Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,  
† David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)  
† Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy at home  
† Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

† Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)  
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)  
† Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Julia Brubaker-Benton House  
† Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle  
† Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

### Veteran's Hospital, Milledgeville, GA

† George Stamps  
Georgia War Veterans Home, Rm 319  
2249 Vinson Highway  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

### Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney  
† Betty Robinson  
† Louise White  
† Alice Gadilhe  
† Hughie Hudson  
† Patricia McGuire

### Home

† Jan Coulon  
† Debi (Dee) Selin

### Peace Corps Volunteer

† Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia  
Temporarily at sister's home during recovery for broken foot:  
Patti Lanford  
c/o Nancy Sauls  
483 Fischer Trail  
Ellijay, GA 30540

We celebrate the gift of new life with **Alexis and Thomas Ward** on the birth of their daughter **Hazel Renee Ward**. Hazel was born on April 10.



Hospital Visitor:  
Alice Walker