

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

It takes a church. Your Witness Team would like to thank the congregation for their many contributions to our successful mission trip to Thornwell Home for Children. Gene Wallace took his time to scout out our projects before we arrived and gave us an action plan to follow. Others donated money, provided homemade snacks and, of course, prayed for us. Thank you! We're planning another trip in the fall. Hope you can join us.

Baby Love: Prior to the Christmas holidays diapers were delivered to the Food Pantry, Homeless Shelter, Salvation Army, Pregnancy Center and Project ReNeWal. As members of FPC we are well acquainted with those first three agencies. The remaining two are located in Conyers and they service those in need in the area including Covington. Letters of gratitude were received from them. Prior to Easter 600 diapers and 1200 wipes were delivered to the agencies in Covington. Donations were not sufficient enough to distribute to the groups in Conyers.

Mother's Day is May 10th. Let our donations of diapers and baby wipes given to **Baby Love** say we remember those mothers with babies struggling to obtain basic needs for their families. We all have our traditional ways to celebrate this day and this year we have the opportunity to share with mothers we don't know. Donations of diapers and wipes can be placed in the narthex. Your gift will be appreciated.

Some might find it convenient to make a donation of money to the church. Please indicate the recipient to be Baby Love. Purchases of diapers and wipes will be done for you.

FPC continues to be a great mission church. May we all have a Happy Mother's Day.

First Quarter Statements for those who pledge are in the narthex on the ushers' table. Please pick up your statement if you pledge.

The Newton County Youth Strings (NCYS) program was started in the fall of 2014, under the direction of Erin Cassel, Artistic Director and Cello Instructor, and Viola and Violin Instructor, Rebecca Floyd. Private Suzuki lessons are offered beginning at age 4; in addition, a small strings quartet has been meeting at our church weekly to rehearse. On **Sunday, April 26, at 3:00 p.m.**, the Arts Association will host its first NCYS Strings Recital in our sanctuary for the 5 cello students and the 7 violin students who have studied with these instructors for the 2014-15 school year. Later in May, the string quartet will do a short performance on the square.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 19
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, April 21
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, April 22
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 23
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, April 25
8:00 Men's Study & BYOBreakfast
9:00 Day at the Monastery

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9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Youth Day Worship Service
3:00 Arts Association Youth Strings Recital

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 April:** canned fruits; you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

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 receptacle 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:

Josh/Holly Hughes Family

Next Week:

Nina Giles

April Usher Chair:

Joyce Ashworth

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
Perri Walden

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
Adrian Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	



**Third Sunday
of Easter**

April 19, 2015



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV545* J. S. Bach
How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou, Op. 18, No. 5 Marcel Dupre
Yinying Luo

INTROIT *Serve the Lord with Gladness* Psalm 100/Dilworth
Sanctuary Choir

*Choir sings once and congregation repeats on cue

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. I walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

What shall I render to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will say my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice, and call on the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

✠ **HYMN 645** MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess to you who we are. We often are not the people we claim to be or desire to be. Forgive us not only things we have said or done we should not have, but forgive us also things we have not said or done that we should have. You see into our minds and hearts and know our impure motives and selfish intentions. You know the anger that masks our fears. You know we often have been jealous of others' success, envious of their blessings. When things are difficult for us, we wonder why. Even when we confess our sins, we tend to compare ourselves with others rather than considering how far we fall short of the people you intend us to be. Please do not forgive us our debts as

we often forgive our debtors, but help us to forgive others as you forgive us. Please do not give us what we deserve, but what you graciously offer through 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 my Savior.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE EASTER HYMN

Hymn 123, stanza 2

***Hymn of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

On the evening of his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples who were hiding in fear. He said, "Peace be with you". Ever since, his disciples have greeted one another in similar manner, in his name.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Psalm 100/Dilworth

Serve the Lord with Gladness
Sanctuary Choir

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before his presence with singing, glorious singing.

Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Know that the Lord is God:

It is He that hath made us.

We are the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise:

Give thanks and bless His name.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Then CONGREGATION sings the above on cue).

Amen!

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

Romans 5:1-8

SERMON *Living in an Easter World* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 415 RESTORATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Marcel Dupre

Antiphon on *O Ye Daughters of Jerusalem* Op. 18, No. 3

Yinying Luo

✦ 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

Dear Lord, give us courage that we might be faithful to the life to which you call us. By your Spirit, fill our hearts that we may live gratefully every day; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD*

✦ HYMN 236 *The Strife is O'er* VICTORY

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE Psalm 100/Dilworth

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Congregation please join choir in singing once

✦ POSTLUDE

Alexandre Guilmant

Grand Triumphal Chorus, Op. 47, No. 2

Yinying Luo

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦ We welcome **Yinying Luo** as our guest organist. She is currently a Master of Music degree student in organ performance at The Juilliard School in New York City. She is the recipient of the Irene Diamond Graduate Fellowship and the W. J. Henderson Scholarship. She is studying organ at Juilliard with Grammy Award winner, Paul Jacobs, head of the organ department and internationally renowned organist. In November 2014, Yinying was one of 20 participants in an uninterrupted 18-hour J. S. Bach Organ Marathon at New York's St. Peter's Church; the program was streamed live through WQXR, New York City's classical music station. Competition honors include second place in the Atlanta Chapter in AGO Regional Competition for the Young Organists in 2013, and a finalist in the 2012 Rodgers Classical Organ Competition.

Originally from Shenzhen, China, Yinying intended to be an economics major at Agnes Scott College in Decatur, GA. During the orientation week in college, she accidentally wandered into the college auditorium and heard organ for the first time. Curious about the organ, she began the study of organ with Dr. Calvert Johnson, Agnes Scott Music Professor Emeritus, the following semester in 2011. During her senior year, she studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London for one semester before graduating from Agnes Scott College.

✦ 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

†BJ Luna-2 adult sons died this week of unrelated illnesses (she is school nurse at the Theme School)

†Velma Prescott- surgery, Emory Midtown

†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter)

†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

†Joy Knight -hospice care at Riverside

†Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson)

†Bill Miller-stroke (Beth Vinings' brother)

†Catherine Horton-ill (sister of Maxine Blankenship)

†Darris Burrell-home

†Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy

†Ann Bouchillon-home

†Howard Barton -rehab in Social Circle

†Jan Coulon-home

†David Sewell-knee replacement, home

†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)

†Don Bollinger-home

†Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)

†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment

†Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)

†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers

†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside

†Joy Knight -hospice care

†Martha Borders

†Rita Harrell

Benton House

†George Stamps

†Doris Mote

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney

†Bill Taylor

†Elizabeth Gadilhe

†Betty Robinson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Bob and Darcel Tabb and family at the death of his mother, Rosalie Tabb.

Celebration: Elizabeth Philips, granddaughter of Guy and Carol, was accepted into Purdue University for a PhD program.

Hospital Visitors: Bob and Darcel Tabb