

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 22 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 "Little Mermaid"	Thursday, April 26 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, April 24 1:00 Book Club (see below) 4:00 Exercise Class	Friday, April 27 Youth Lock In at FPC
Wednesday, April 25 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	Sunday, April 29 Youth Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Little Mermaid & Aristocats

Today @ 3:00pm

Our very own Gracie Kate Bates and Ada Hicks will be performing in the Oxford Singing Children's performance of the **Little Mermaid & Aristocats** today.

The **Book Club** will meet on Tuesday, April 24, at 1:00 p.m. in the home of Jean Carol Mundy, 3158 Legion Drive, Apartment 5. Please park at the back. They will be discussing "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.



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.

First Quarter Statements of Giving are available in the narthex for those who pledge or give regularly. They are in alphabetical order on the usher's table. Taking yours home saves us postage! So, please be a good steward. Thanks for your generosity to the church.

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) 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

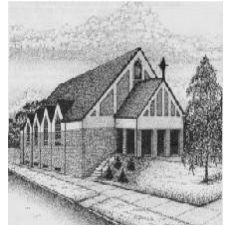
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Fanfare and Processional* Douglas E. Wagner
All Glory, Laud, and Honor Melchior Teschner

INTROIT *Worship the Lord, Rejoice and Sing* Hal H. Hopson
Sanctuary Choir
Worship the Lord, rejoice and sing. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 30
You have turned my mourning into dancing.
You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

✦ **HYMN 267** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt, we confess that our faith is small, that we trust in our own devices more than in your gracious promises to sustain us. Lord, increase our faith; guide us amidst our unbelief. Forgive us the ways we have failed to love one another, the peace we have made that is no peace. Forgive us for the wounds we have caused and the bitterness we have harbored. Forgive us for the animosities between nations, the strife we have stirred in the name of religion. Save us by the blood of the Christ who died for us all and in whose name we pray.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** SOLID ROCK
Hymn 353, stanza 1
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

On that first evening when they were gathered in fear behind closed doors, the risen Jesus came and stood among his disciples and said: "Peace be with you".
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Alleluia! Christ is Risen* Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross did suffer for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory now is risen from the dead.*

*Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which with all its full abundance at his second coming yield;
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grace.*

*Christ is risen, we are risen; Shed upon us heavenly grace,
Rain, and dew, and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
That we, Lord, with hearts in heaven here on earth may fruitful be,
And by angel hands be gathered and be ever safe with thee.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Savior, who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit, fount of love and sanctity,
Alleluia! Alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.
Amen, amen, 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 I John 3:16-24

SERMON *How We Know Love* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 697 (stanzas 1-3) *Take My Life* HENDON

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *The Holy City* Stephen Adams
Janet Carmichael, soprano Alice Walker, accompanist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HENDON
Hymn 697, stanza 4

*Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I
withhold; take my intellect and use every power as
thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, help our lives to express the faith we profess,
so that others also may hear and know your abundant love;
for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 697 (stanzas 5-6) *Take My Life* HENDON

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE PUER NOBIS NASCITUR
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* arr. Peter Davis

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Interim Choir Director

We welcome **Mindy Martin Forehand** as our Interim Choir Director for the next few weeks. Mindy is a native of Houma, Louisiana and holds a Bachelor of Music in Education from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. She received her Masters in Choral Conducting at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

This is Mindy's fourth year as Director of Choral Activities in McDonough, Georgia. Mindy is an active member of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Association for Music Education.

Mindy has worked with such notable conductors and composers as Charles Bruffy, Weston Noble, James Jordan, Bruce Chamberlain, Elizabeth Schauer, Geoffrey Boers, Sandra Snow, Giselle Wyers, Dennis Shrock, Sabine Horstmann, Cecelia McDowall, David Childs, and Mark Hayes. She has also commissioned numerous works for her choirs from composers such as Blake Henson, Joe Alexander, **Alexis Renee Ward**, and Joshua Carver. Mindy's choirs consistently receive superior ratings at District, State, and National Festivals, and she has traveled nationally and internationally with her students for competitions and performances.

Previously, Mindy served as Assistant Director of the internationally recognized Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus and the director of the University of Arizona Faculty/Staff Choir. Mindy's prior employment includes two years as head of choral activities and piano classes at Ruston High School in Ruston, Louisiana, and two years as head of choral activities and fine arts classes at Brusly and Port Allen High Schools in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She was also employed four years at Trinity United Methodist Church in Ruston, assisting with children and youth music ministries, and taught private voice and piano lessons. As an undergrad, Mindy was the founder and director of *Les belles chanteuses*, the Louisiana Tech Women's Chorus and also served as student director of the Louisiana Tech Concert Choir.

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
† Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)
† Wolf Waetzig-head injury, home
Peni Kehoe-sinus surgery, 4/26
† Lewis Bunn-lung cancer (father of Alan Bunn)
† Hannah Elledge-Lyme Disease (grand-daughter 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

Sympathy and Prayers:

We express our sympathy and prayers for the family of **George Stamps**, who died on Thursday.

Celebrations:

Jake McCarthy was awarded the Chase Cain Memorial Scholarship for his efforts to improve our community. Jake is a graduating senior and a Youth Elder in this congregation. He is the son of **Terri Digby and John McCarthy**. We celebrate with **Sophia Hawley** on her selection to the prestigious 2018 Governor's Honors Program in Communicative Arts. Sophia is a rising junior at Eastside High School and is a Youth Elder here at FPC. She is the daughter of **Brad Hawley & Adriane Ivey**.

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton