

Ongoing Activities in the Life  
of the Church

This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, April 23</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 "Honk, Jr." musical	<b>Thursday, April 27</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir
<b>Tuesday, April 25</b> 4:00 Exercise Class	<b>Friday, April 28</b> 7:30 Youth Lock-in
<b>Wednesday, April 26</b> 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	<b>Sunday, April 30</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service



Our big spring **LOCK-IN** is upon us! All middle and high school youth are invited to spend the night with us at the church. We'll gather at the church Friday evening at 7:30, then head out to Game Time for some fun recreation before returning to the church to work on our worship plans for **Confirmation & Youth Sunday** which are both happening on Sunday, May 7th. We'll enjoy breakfast together on Saturday morning before pickup time at 8:00 a.m.



THE ROAD TO  
EMMAUS

WELCOME TO  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON

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The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

April suggested donations are:  
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:  
Carter Gibson

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

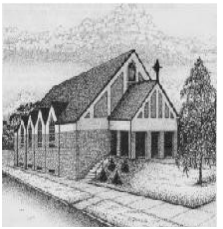
**Class of 2019**  
Carter Gibson  
John McCarthy  
Teresa McCurry  
Cheryl Meichsner  
Miriam Wheeler

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	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
Alan Bunn	Music Director		Early Learning Center



Second Sunday  
of Easter  
April 23, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *My Song Is Love Unknown* Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*John Roark*

INTROIT *Day of Arising* RAABE  
*Sanctuary Choir*

✦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.**

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN 238 JUDAS MACCABEUS  
*Thine is the Glory*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Merciful God, Creator and Redeemer of life, forgive us when we fail to recognize your presence among us. By your Spirit, open our eyes, ears and hearts that we may experience resurrection now and in the future you promise through Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VICTORY  
Hymn 236, stanza 1  
**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee; Alleluia!**

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE  
The peace of the risen Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

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 Luke 24:13-35

SERMON *The Emmaus Road* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA NO.1

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.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal  
Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Hymn Improvisation*  
*John Roark*

DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH  
Hymn 606  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye Heavenly Hosts;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
God, give us eyes to see Christ with us.  
Give us ears to hear his calling our names.  
Give us hearts to spread his love. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD  
INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 252 *The Day of Arising* RAABE  
stanza 1: Choir, stanzas 2 - 4: All

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.  
He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord!

CHORAL RESPONSE *Day of Arising* RAABE  
Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE *Tuba Tune* C.S. LANG  
John Roark

Please stand if you are able.



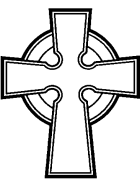
Worship Notes

We welcome the Rev. Dr. John Roark who is playing the organ this morning. John is a long-time friend of this congregation, who helped and advised us in the process when we had this organ built. He is a Presbyterian minister, having last served the Buford Presbyterian Church. He continues to supply pulpits and to play the organ in churches in this presbytery and beyond.

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](http://www.fpccov.org).



In Our Thoughts and Prayers	
†Alice Walker-home recovering from surgery	†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Jorge Trujillo Herera-treatment for diabetes complications (brother of Pily Waetzig)	†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Jose Luis Trujillo Herera-recovering from heart surgery (brother of Pily Waetzig)	†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
†Richard Hall-liver cancer (friend of Milton Patton)	†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
†Sam Hay, Jr.-home	†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
†Tootles Tingler-home	†Jan Coulon-home
†Betty Strohecker-home (mother of Diane Loeble)	†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loeble)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Tommy Venable-heart attack, Piedmont-Newton (nephew of Maxine Blankenship)	†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Peggy Spears-home (mother of Jean Blair)	†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†Debi (Dee) Selin-Atlanta Medical Center rehab	†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
†Anderson Krieger-Chemo at home	Riverside
†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)	†Martha Borders
†Nat Allen Long-diabetes complications (stepson of Alice Walker)	†Rita Harrell
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)	Merryvale
†Fran Prince-chemotherapy	†Guy McGiboney
†Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)	†Bill Taylor
†Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)	†Betty Robinson
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Louise White
†Louise Strickland-home	†Betty Goins
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)	†Hughie Hudson
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)	Peace Corps Volunteer
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Pattie Lanford stationed in Lusaka, Zambia for 27 months
	There will be a service today in remembrance of Ann Bouchillon which will take place at 2 p.m. in our sanctuary.
	Hospital Visitors: Beth and Danny Vining