

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES  
IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Spring Fling**



Everyone is invited to the Spring Fling on **Saturday May 3rd, 4:00-6:00**. Bring your chairs and a dish to pass, and meet us in the park beside the church. The Congregational Life and Care Team will supply paper products, meat, drinks and special music. If there is bad weather we will move into the fellowship hall. Hope to see you, your family and friends there. If you have questions, call Darcel Tabb, 678-658-6242 or Betty Bailey, 770-786-3048.

The First Presbyterian Church **Brass Ensemble** and the **Ambassador Choir** will be on hand to provide music and lead group singing on Saturday, May 3, at the Spring Fling. Their musical talents will be an added treat!

Once again it is time for us to begin thinking about our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters in Christ. Our church will be responsible for baby bags again this year; so we will be collecting receiving blankets, baby wipes, small size baby powder, soap and lotion, hand sanitizers, and cloth diapers. We can still use travel size shampoos and soaps. You can also contribute to the mission by purchasing:  
 > a water filter-\$30.00  
 > a Spanish Bible or New Testament-\$5.00-\$7.00  
 > paying for extra luggage \$40.00  
 > or simply contributing to the mission in general. We always find needs that we were not expecting. Last year we were able to buy a child's hearing aids with money that you had contributed. Checks can be made to the church with Nicaragua in the memo.

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, April 27**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 4:30 Youth Connection

**Tuesday, April 29**  
 4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, April 30**  
 4:00 Adventure Club  
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, May 1**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Saturday, May 3**  
 4:00 Spring Fling at FPC in the Park

**Sunday, May 4**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service - Youth Sunday and Confirmation

**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.

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

**Nursery Volunteers today:**

Jessup Family

**Next Week:**

Moss Family

**Ushers:**

Charles Ardis, chair  
 Rod & Phyllis Pruner

**Sound Engineer:**

Ken Walker

**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

**Class of 2014**

Debra Arnold  
 Bill Loebke  
 Darcel Tabb  
 Roger Tingler  
 Cy Wolverton  
 Sam Hay, IV

**Class of 2015**

Gary Boteler  
 Billy Fortson  
 Jan Giles  
 Jim Stillerman  
 Kevin Weber

**Class of 2016**

Charles Ardis  
 Joyce Ashworth  
 Betty Bailey  
 Patrick Carmichael  
 Perri Walden

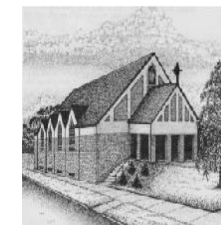
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

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



**Second Sunday  
of Easter**

**April 27, 2014**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE *He Is Risen!* Lani Smith

*Trumpet Voluntary* on EASTER HYMN and LLANFAIR John G. Barr

INTROIT *This is the Day* ESTE ES EL DIA  
 Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP I Peter 1:3

By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**Thanks be to God!**

✠HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, hear our prayers. We confess that despite the good news we hear, we often remain captive to doubt and fear, and are bound by ways that lead to death. We ignore the inspirations of your Spirit. We forget that you walk alongside us; we do not trust your promises. Forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen**  
 (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 Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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.*

*In our end is our beginning;  
In our time, infinity.  
In our doubt, there is believing;  
In our life, eternity.*

*In our death, a resurrection;  
At the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season,  
Something God alone can see.*

### 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

**God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day  
may take root in our hearts, and bear fruit to your honor  
and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:19-31

SERMON *Low Sunday* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 256 KEDRON  
*These Things Did Thomas Count as Real*  
stanza 1: solo, stanza 2: choir  
stanzas 3 and 4: all

☩ 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 Homer Whitford  
*Chorale Prelude on "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

☩ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HAMBURG  
Hymn 223, stanza 4  
***Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a pre-  
sent far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands  
my soul, my life, my all.***

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Almighty God, give us eyes to see Christ alive and  
at work in our midst. Help us to reach out and touch  
one another with his compassion and love; for we  
pray in his holy name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

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

### ☩ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☩ CHORAL RESPONSE *Dream on, Dream On* DREAM ON  
Sanctuary Choir

☩ POSTLUDE *Celebration* Charles Callahan

☩ Please stand if you are able.

### Montreat Retreat is set for November 7-9, 2014

The congregation is invited to the church retreat in Montreat. Please register using the bright yellow form which can be found on the table in the narthex. If you've never attended, you are in for a real treat! Just ask Billy Wade, Dan Walden, or anyone who has attended. There will be an article in the May First Press telling a bit about Montreat and the retreat.

### Worship Notes

☩ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, will be assisting with the leading of worship today.  
☩ 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

† Don Bollinger--back surgery on Thursday at Newton Medical  
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† Jean Oldham--rehab in Madison  
† Bonnie Tingler--rehab in Madison  
† Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)  
† Dale Pearce--diagnosed with cancer (friend of Dennis & Judy Hooten)  
† Lavonne Bunn--car accident/ankle surgery/rehab, (Alan Bunn's mother)  
† Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)  
† Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)  
† Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)  
† Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
† Louie Katchko-heart surgery (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)  
† Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)  
† Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)  
† Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)  
† Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)  
† Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
† Mary Cline-relocated

† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers  
† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  
† Joy Knight -Riverside  
† Martha Borders-Riverside

**Benton House**  
† George Stamps  
† Mary Crudup  
† Doris Mote  
† Joan Smith  
† Velma Prescott

**Covington Square**  
† Rita Harrell

**Merryvale**  
† Doris Hicks  
† Bill Taylor  
† Elizabeth Gadilhe

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Louly Hay

**To keep our concerns up-to-date,  
names may remain on this list for  
up to four weeks. Please contact  
the church if you wish your name  
or family member's name to be  
continued or removed.**

### Members of our church family who have died since Easter 2013

*Frank Davis, Ed Giles, Buster Chadwick,  
Hazel McClure, Barbara Johnson, Clarence Price,  
Helen Stamps, Steve Prescott, and Helen Hester,*

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ! By God's great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus  
Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is  
imperishable, undefiled, and unfading."*

*I Peter 1:3-4*