

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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| Sunday, April 29 Youth Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service | Thursday, May 3 10:30 Ambassador Choir |
| Tuesday, May 1 Circle Meetings, see below 4:00 Exercise Class | Sunday, May 6 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection |
| Wednesday, May 2 6:45 Choir Rehearsal | |

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings:

- ◆ **Elizabeth Ann Circle** will meet at FPC in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, **May 1**, at 10:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Martha Circle** will meet at the home of Susanne Perkerson, on **May 1**, at 10:30 a.m. Alice Walker will be the study leader.
- ◆ **Ruth Circle: May 1**, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie Fortson.

Presbyterian Women's Retreat: May 12 Living Covenantally and Sustainably

The Presbyterian Women will host a mini retreat on May 12, in the Martin Fellowship Hall. Theodosia Wade will present "Living Covenantally and Sustainably". Further details will be printed in upcoming bulletins and in the e-newsletters. Do save the date and plan to attend.



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.



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.

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.

Suggested donations:

April - canned fruit

May - boxed or canned meals with meat

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
May
John McCarthy

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

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

April 29, 2018

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

All Things Bright and Beautiful Clay Christiansen
God, Who Stretch the Spangled Heavens HOLY MANNA
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Marilyn Thompson

INTROIT

Come, Live In The Light (hymn 749, verse 1)
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalms 27:1, 18:28, 36:9
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

It is you who light my lamp;

The Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.

For with you is the fountain of life;

In your light we see light. Amen.

✦ **HYMN 749** *Come, Live in the Light* WE ARE CALLED

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know that we have put others down to make ourselves feel better. You know that we've been ungrateful for the many blessings we've been given. When we have tried to walk tall through the difficulties of life we have often fallen short by relying on our own strength. For all of the times that we have turned our backs on you and failed to seek you, we ask your forgiveness through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** AMAZING GRACE

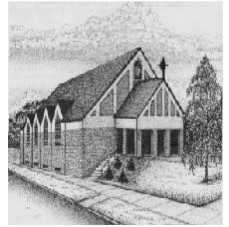
Hymn 649, stanza 1

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Gilbert M. Martin
Sanctuary Choir

*Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known:*

*In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! The joys I feel, the bliss I share

Of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear

To him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless;

And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word and trust his grace,

I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer! 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

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 4:11-16

SERMON Sophia Hawley and Jake McCarthy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(North Decatur Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class of 1972)

We believe in the one God and Father of all life;

Who created light to fill the dark void of space;

Who leads us yet in Exodus from bondage to freedom;

Who is the source of all life and all light and all freedom;

Whose justice is His mercy, and whose wrath is His peace.

We believe in Jesus the Christ, his only Son, our Lord;

Who came into the world to be the light to dispel our darkness;

Who teaches us and heals our minds and bodies;

Who shares his victory in life and death so that we may live and die in faith and hope.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's gift of his presence with us now;

Who calls us to be his church and fills our lives with wonder and purpose;

Who witnesses to the mighty works of God and sends us out as the scattered church to live the life of love and forgiveness.

This we believe in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God!

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Though I May Speak THE GIFT OF LOVE
Jon Paschal, guitar Alice Walker, piano

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 643, stanza 1

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have blessed us with gifts too many to count. Speak hope into our hearts and move our feet in the way of justice, mercy and peace. Remembering those who have encouraged us, challenged us and loved us in your name, may we encourage, challenge and love others also, for Jesus' sake. Amen. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 772 *Live into Hope* TRURO

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE 765 *Song of Hope* ARGENTINA
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Major* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

- ✦ **Members of our Youth Connection** 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Bobbie Banks-Piedmont Atlanta
†Tim Blankenship-ICU Clearview (brother of Trent, son of Maxine Blankenship)
†Harry Hicks-heart surgery 5/1 (father of Doug Hicks)
†Sam Ramsey-heart problems
†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
3037 Pine Needle Rd
Augusta, GA 30909-3047

†Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)
Peni Kehoe-home, sinus surgery
†Lewis Bunn-lung cancer (father of Alan Bunn)
†Hannah Elledge-Lyme Disease (grand-daughter of Bill & Judy Davis)
†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
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
†Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grand-son 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

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

A Service in Witness to the Resurrection will be held for **George Stamps** this afternoon at 2:30 at FPC. The family will receive visitors in the fellowship hall beginning at 1:30. Your prayers and presence are requested.

Hospital Visitor:
Stephanie Fortson

Please update your prayer requests this week!
Email: penihaug@gmail.com
or call the church office,
770-786-7321