

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Jason/Krissy Jones Family

Next Week:

CJ and Caryn Thompson

April Usher Chair:

Joyce Ashworth

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

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>	Tiffany McWaters	<i>Nursery</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>

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

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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Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2015

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Lead On, O King Eternal* LANCASHIRE
 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN
Bill Cobham, Ken Jones, and Jimmy Patrick - trombone
 I Sing the Mighty Power of God Joseph Linn
 The Holy City Stephen Adam
Clara Beatriz Perez, flute Alice Walker, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking
for Jesus who was crucified.
He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 232 EASTER HYMN
 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

✠ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

RESPONSE J. S. Bach
 Allegro for Unaccompanied Flute
 Clara Beatriz Perez, flute

✠ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Alleluia* Ralph Manuel
 Sanctuary Choir



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God. The gifts given for Thornwell Homes and the Food Pantry are given in witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Memory of

Sandy Elder and our parents
Jerry Barboe,
Ive & Lora Mae Ridley,
Ben & Eva Barboe
Mary Crudup
Doris & Greg Noble, Donna Blakeney
and John P. Hale
Elmer Blankenship
Pete & Patricia Arnold
Mr. & Mrs. John B. Griffin, Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth I. Walker, Sr.
Carmen Morgan
Jose Trujillo
Evelyn & Dexter Loeble
Donald & Katherine Stephenson
Frank Davis
Bill, Rannie, & Bonnie Wade,
Jack and Jean Rogers
Barbara Johnson
Hyman & Marguerite Stillerman,
Arnold & Evelyn Underwood,
David Stillerman
Our Parents
Ed Robinson
Barbara Johnson & Mary Crudup
Our Parents & Siblings
Sapie & Mary Morcock
Charles & Grace Kennon
Everette & Pat Moody
Dorothy Blair & Ralph Spears

In Honor of

Guy McGiboney
Maxine Blankenship
John, Susan & Hannah Curtis
Warren H. Liem for his love, care and devotion

Ruth McDaniel for her love
Felix Romero
Betty & Bill Strohecker
Harry & Tricia Hinton
Ann Bouchillon
Roger & Kathryn Wallace
Stephanie Scarborough
Peggy Spears & Tom Blair

Given by

Jim and Jean Elder

Jackie Barboe
Ed Crudup

Reed & Penny Blakeney
Trent Blankenship
The Arnold Family

Ken & Alice Walker
The Lanfords
Pilar Waetzig
Bill & Diane Loeble
Mason Stephenson Family
Sarah Davis & Family

The Wade Family
J.L. Johnson

Jim & Pam Stillerman
Billy & Stephanie Fortson
Betty Robinson
Kathryn & Roger Wallace
Margaret & Gene Wallace

Larry & Day Kennon
Carol Capell
Jean & Bill Blair

Given by

Carol McGiboney
Trent Blankenship
Jackie Barboe

Jeanie M. Liem
Warren H. & Jeanie M. Liem
Pilar Waetzig
Bill & Diane Loeble
Brad & Natalie Phillips

Margaret & Gene Wallace
Jean Oldham
Jean & Bill Blair

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
 †Joy Knight -hospice care at Riverside
 †Blair Weaver-home
 †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
 †Linda Pemberton-home, (mother of Tiffany McWaters, ELC Director)
 †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter 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 Carol McGiboney, at the death of her sister-in-law, Millie Stroud; and for Nancy Brown, whose sister has died.

Hospital Visitor: Louly Hay

We Will Walk with God
 Children's Choir

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

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

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

The Same Old Good News

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♠HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

♠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

Death will be destroyed. In the death of Jesus Christ God's way in the world seemed finally defeated. But death was no match for God. The resurrection of Jesus was God's victory over death.

Death often seems to prove that life is not worth living, that our best efforts and deepest affections go for nothing. We do not yet see the end of death. But Christ has been raised from the dead, transformed and yet the same person. In his resurrection is the promise of ours. We are convinced the life God wills for each of us is stronger than the death that destroys us. The glory of that life exceeds our imagination but we know we shall be with Christ. So we treat death as a broken power. Its ultimate defeat is certain. In the face of death we grieve. Yet in hope we celebrate life. No life ends so tragically that its meaning and value are destroyed. Nothing, not even death, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Members of our church family who

have died since Easter 2013

*Bonnie Tingler, Glen Selin, Elmer Blankenship,
 Joan Smith, and Mary Crudup*

*"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*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Hosanna* Jason Krug
Handbell Choir

✦ 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
God of grace and of glory, we come giving thanks on this glorious Easter morning. We give thanks for receiving the greatest news ever told: "Jesus Christ is risen today!" Lead us from this place to tell of this great news and to live lives in response to it, for we pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN 826 CRUCIFER
Lift High the Cross

✦ CHARGE

✦ BENEDICTION
He is risen!
He is risen indeed!

✦ POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
Allegro from Organ Concerto No. 1 in G Major

✦ Please stand, if able.

Worship Notes

- ✦ We welcome to our service this morning Clara Beatriz Perez, guest flautist. Clara, a native of New York, is a student at Oxford College. We also thank trombonists Bill Cobham, Ken Jones, and Jimmy Patrick for their contributions to our service.
- ✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship this morning.
- ✦ 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.



Here is your chance to find out more about Presbyterian Village in Austell, one of the **Presbyterian Homes of Georgia** communities. On Saturday, April 18, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Presbyterian Village is hosting "Celebrating Families and Friends". A complimentary BBQ lunch will be served from 11:30-2:30 and games and entertainment for all ages promise for a full day of fun! Presbyterian Village is a continuing care retirement community that might prove to be a wonderful home for someone in your family. Tours of the community will be available. If you are interested in joining a carload from church, please contact the church office. If you wish to visit on your own, please RSVP to Debbie Laney, 404-230-5758, dlanley@phginc.org.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 5, Easter
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, April 7
Circle Meetings:
#2 10:30 at Beth Vinings' home
carpool from FPC at 10:00
#3 10:30 at Jean Wolverton's
home
#4 7:00 at Anne Savage's home
4:00 Exercise Class at FPC
5:00 Finance Meeting

Wednesday, April 8
No Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 9
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, April 11
Witness trip to Thornwell Homes
(through April 15)

Sunday, April 12
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service