

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, April 8 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection	Thursday, April 12 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, April 10 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, April 15 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:45 "In Betweeners" 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with Communion
Wednesday, April 11 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	5:00 Youth Connection

"In Betweeners"

Sunday, April 15th @ 9:45 a.m.

Join us for a conversation about the challenges of self-care for those who find themselves in that "in between" stage of life...in between caring for growing children and aging parents. Our conversation will be led by Cindy Elrod, PhD. There will be something to nourish the soul of everyone who comes.

Great American Cleanup

Saturday, April 21st

We have been invited to participate in an interfaith community event with other local churches, students from Oxford College and the members of Masjid Attaqwa. We will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and load up the van to head out to the work site. After morning refreshments, we will work together to clean up the roadside then enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Pickup

time is 1:00 p.m. at the church. Youth and adults are invited to participate. Call Dan Walden at the church office for more information.

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 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:
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

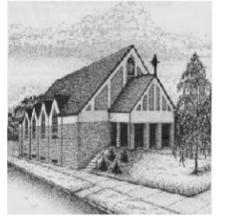
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Second Sunday of Easter

April 8, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *In Thee Is Gladness* Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise David Cherwien
God Himself is Present with Us Michael Burkhardt

INTROIT *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* ST. KEVIN
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

CALL TO WORSHIP

Good Morning! Easter is past. Why are you people here?
It is the season of Eastertide, and we have come to celebrate the resurrection.

The celebration of the rising from the dead of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

Yes, and the resurrection of the community of believers.

Good! God raised Jesus and God raises us as witnesses.

And we are gathered here to thank, praise and worship the Almighty.

Wonderful! Let us all worship and adore the Sovereign God.

Amen. So let it be.

HYMN 238 *Thine Is the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our Father, we come knowing that we have failed you in so many ways. There have been times when we have drawn back from the right because it was a difficult, crucifying experience. Too often we involve ourselves in a meaningless round of activities, that lead nowhere and provide no satisfaction. We have treated persons as things and things as gods. And we remain silent when there are opportunities to tell others about the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior. Forgive us for these and for all of our sins; and give us courage to accept the pain of complete commitment, which brings healing to our brokenness and new life to our witnessing and to our daily living. In the name of Jesus who makes all this possible, we pray. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ and Christ died for us, Christ was raised from the dead, and ascended into heaven where he now intercedes for us.

Forgiven by God, we are new persons altogether – the past is finished and gone. Everything has become fresh and new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ALLELUIA NO. 1

Hymn 240, refrain

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

When Jesus appeared to the disciples behind locked doors, he said to them, "Peace be with you".

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Here is Love

Lowry/Martin

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Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

Here is love, vast as the ocean,

Loving-kindness as the flood,

When the Prince of Life, our ransom,

Shed for us His precious blood.

Who His love will not remember?

Who can cease to sing His praise?

He can never be forgotten

Throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion,

Fountains opened, deep and wide.

Through the floodgates of God's mercy

Flowed a vast and gracious tide.

Grace and love like mighty rivers,

Poured incessant from above,

And God's peace and perfect justice

Kissed a guilty world in love.

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

O God, as we read and reflect on your holy, inspired word, give us in abundance the guidance of your Holy Spirit. Grant that your Spirit may direct our minds and our wills. Make us reverent and quiet, shut off for a while from the invasions of the world outside us and the clamors of our own self-centeredness. Then focused on you, Great God, may we receive instructions for faith and the living of that faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 20:1-18

Romans 1:16-17

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Al Myers

Our Response to the Resurrection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 459 *O Word of God Incarnate* MUNICH

✦ 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 *Adagio* Gustav Merkel

✦ 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
Almighty God, give us eyes to see Christ alive and at work in our lives and in the world. 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 246 *Christ is Alive* TRURO

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE MFURAHINI HALELUYA
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Sanctuary and Ambassador Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE *Grand Chorus in B Flat* Theodore Dubois

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ We welcome the **Rev. Dr. Al Myers**, former pastor of Conyers Presbyterian Church, to the pulpit today.

✦ **Loucy Hay** is playing the piano for us today.

✦ **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

† George Stamps-infection, Putnam General Hospital

† Roger Wallace-fall, Madison Rehab.

† 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

† Lewis Bunn-hip surgery (father of Alan Bunn)

† 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

We celebrate with **John McCarthy** and **Terri Digby** on the birth of their grandson, **Joshua Emanuel McCarthy**.

Hospital Visitor:
Day Kennon

