

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Adventure Club: Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Children in grades K-5, are invited to this program for fellowship, to learn about Jesus and to have fun! Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, may be reached at 404-405-3559 (phone or text) or at his e-mail address:

djwalden@mac.com, if you have questions or need more detail about Adventure Club. Children should be picked up at 5:45.

If you had your picture made for the new directory, be sure to pick up your directory after worship. Contact Darcel Tabb or Betty Bailey for more information.

There will be a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of the worship service next **Sunday, August 24**, for the purpose of electing 2 members of the congregation to the Nominating Committee.

Men of the Church will meet on **Saturday, August 30, at 8:00 a.m.** for breakfast in the fellowship hall (bring your own). We will begin a study of Shirley Guthrie's *Christian Doctrine*.

Worship Bucks: Many of our members use online bill-pay services or pay their entire tithe once each month for convenience. These approaches help the church leadership and staff to manage the finances of the church throughout the year. However there is still a great deal of value in the act of placing an offering into the plate during worship as our response to God's gift of grace. The Session of FPC is encouraging all of us to begin placing at least a single dollar bill into the plate as our corporate act of worship, expressing "thanksgiving to God, the giver of life and all goods, the redeemer from sin and evil." (**Book of Order W-2.5003**)

Montreat Retreat - November 7-9, 2014

All are invited to the church retreat in Montreat. Please register using the bright yellow form on the table in the narthex. It is now time to make the second payment for the upcoming FPC Retreat. To make the payment accurate we really need to know how many plan to attend. We'd appreciate your registration form and deposit ASAP. **September 1, we need to release the rooms we don't need** so if you plan to attend we need to have your reservation. Thanks!



This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 17

Rally Day
9:45 Breakfast
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion

Tuesday, August 19

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, August 20

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 21

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, August 24

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
6:00 Youth and Parents' Meeting and Dinner

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 August:

Cooking oil and other staple food items

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Donna Weesner Family

Next Week:

Rob and Kerry Jones
Family

Ushers:

Ardis Family
McCarthy Family

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loeble
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 <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>	
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 Director of the Early Learning Center</i>	
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>		



**Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 17, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Piece d'Orgue, BWV 572* J.S. Bach

INTROIT Handbell Ensemble

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 42:1-2, 4

As a hart longs for flowing streams,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.
My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God...

**These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.**

✦ HYMN 267 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ our Savior be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Merciful God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:11-16

SERMON *Growing Up Together*

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH stanzas 1-2

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Amazing Grace*

Virginia Harmony, 1831

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 37, stanza 1 ASH GROVE
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We acknowledge our baptism, O God, and the call to become members of Christ's body. Accept our gifts, that others may be led into your way. Help us so to

arrange our priorities that we may seek first your will for us and prepare ourselves to follow where Christ may lead us. May the offering we bring be a sign and symbol of our commitment to answer his call to "come, follow me".

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SEALING of THE WORD

Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.
They shall come from East and West, from North and South, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

Words of Institution

Communion

(We are invited by rows to come to the table. If you are unable to walk to the table, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you.)

Anthem

WELCOME TABLE

I'M Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

Sanctuary and Ambassador Choirs

The Lord's Prayer

p. 35 in front of hymnal

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 298

Lord, You Give the Great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH stanzas 3-5

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

✦POSTLUDE

Campra/Caudill

Rigaudon with Come, Christians, Join to Sing

✦Please stand if you are able.



The flowers in the sanctuary are given in celebration of Jean Elder's 77th birthday with love from her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Worship Notes

- ✦Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, is 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

- †Joe Schell - kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones)
- †Pat Patrick - recovering from surgery
- †Don Bollinger - home
- †Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe)
- †Peter Musarra-recovering from surgery (Danielle Schubert's father)
- †Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
- †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
- †Mike Peppers-severe heart problems (friend of the Liems)
- †Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)
- †Cassandra Morrow--severe pain from broken wrist and surgery (Congregational Consultant with the Presbytery Of Greater Atlanta)
- †Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
- †Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- †Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)
- †Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
- †Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
- †Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)
- †Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**
- †Mary Crudup-Hope Center
- †Mary Cline-relocated
- †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
- †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
- †Joy Knight -Riverside
- †Bonnie Tingler--Riverside
- †Martha Borders-Riverside

- Benton House**
- †George Stamps
- †Doris Mote
- †Velma Prescott

- Covington Square**
- †Rita Harrell

- Merryvale**
- †Bill Taylor
- †Elizabeth Gadilhe

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Roland Nelson who died August 9 (nephew of Carol McGiboney).

- Hospital Visitor:**
- Jon Williams

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.