

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 19 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Youth & Parent Planning See below	Wednesday, August 22 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
Tuesday, August 21 4:00 Exercise Class	Thursday, August 23 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Sunday, August 26 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	

** YOUTH NEWS for PARENTS **

YOUTH CONNECTION PLANNING - Today for Parents and youth (6th through 12th grades)...as we kick-off our activities for the new school year we will be planning together so that we can involve as many students as possible in all that we do. Pam & Jim Stillerman have once again graciously invited us out to their house for a pool party and dinner. Here are the details:

- Arrive at 4:00 p.m. for swimming
- Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
- Departure time is 7:00 p.m.
- Bring appropriate swimming attire & sunscreen
- Bring a dish or dessert to share
- Bring your calendars and we'll discuss plans in the shade while the kids soak up the sun.

We need to know how many people to expect so that we can make sure we have plenty of food for everyone. Please contact Dan Walden at the church office to let us know that you plan to attend ASAP. Friends are always welcomed!!

All rising 6th—12th grade students are invited!

Contact Dan Walden via e-mail djwalden@mac.com, or by text at 404-405-3559.

The Rev. Nibs Stroupe will be our guest preacher and worship leader on Sunday, August 26.

Rally Day

Sunday, August 26th

Rally Day is a great time to invite a friend to come and experience the loving community of FPC. Make plans to join us on **Sunday, August 26th, at 9:45 a.m.** for breakfast with the whole family. The menu includes pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, pastries, etc. Childcare is available for children 6 months through 5 years of age. Let's show our friends and neighbors what Christian hospitality looks like!

Dishes and Containers: If you brought food to the Wade Farewell and left a plate or container here that day, you may pick it up from the kitchen. They are stacked on the counter across from the stove. Thanks!

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:

August: 2 pound bags of sugar and flour

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

August
Billy Fortson

Transportation 8/26
Danny Vining
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

Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Jade Roy	<i>Nursery</i>
Alexis Ward	<i>Music Director</i>	Darlene Alley	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Revelation Song

Alexis Ward, vocals and piano

Stuart Townend

Jennie Lee Riddle

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

We praise you, O God, in this House of Prayer!

We remember your goodness in times past and your mercies that are fresh with the dawn of each new day!

We come to you with loud hymns and quiet prayers, with helping hands and willing hearts,

Feed us with the Bread of Life and show us how we may follow you.

Open our eyes to see you and embolden our spirits to practice your Love.

We belong to you, O Lord, body and soul. Be our guide this day, and forever!

HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your gracious mercy, help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

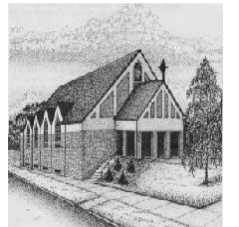
GLORIA PATRI

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.

Hymn 581

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal Hopson
Sanctuary Choir, Jon Paschal, guitar, and Alice Walker, piano

*Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love; my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess
But not be giv'n by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control.
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed.
By this we worship and are freed.*

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 READINGS

Psalm 111
John 6: 51-58

SERMON *You Are What You Eat* The Rev. Larry Owens

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 702 *Christ Be Beside Me* BUNESSAN

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the *Iona Community*
(Scotland)

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb, He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Beautiful Savior* SCHONSTER JESU

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 697, stanza 1
**Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in
ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with gifts too many to count. Help us respond to your goodness. Enable us to live our lives as gifts to you, seeking your will and your help through all that life brings us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 766 *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* McKEE

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SINE NOMINE
Hymn 295, stanza 1
Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

✦POSTLUDE *Postlude* on MILES LANE Will Stockton

✦Please stand if you are able.

We Bid Welcome to Our Guest Celebrant

Larry Owens is a long-time minister member of this presbytery who recently retired as the Director of Annual Giving for Presbyterian Homes, one of the top-rated retirement communities in Georgia. Larry is a Mississippi native, earning a BA at one of the state's historic Presbyterian colleges. Upon completion of the M.Div. and M.C.E. degrees, he followed a dual career, pastoring small churches while he worked in corporate America, eventually becoming president of an Atlanta-based hotel company. During that time he also pursued post-graduate studies at Columbia Theological Seminary. Before joining Presbyterian Homes, he served as Director of Development for Thornwell Children's Home in Georgia.

Worship Notes

- ✦Assisting in the leading of worship today is **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries,
- ✦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

†Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)
†Betty Strohecker-hospice (mother of Diane Loebler)
†Annett Eaten-cancer (aunt of Milton Patton)
†Betty Britt-cancer (friend of Milton Patton)
†Larry Kennon-surgery, home
†Mark Fogarty-cancer
†Patti Lanford - bus accident
†Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's' mother)
†Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)
†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
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†Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)
†Roger Gossage-broken shoulder
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
†Adriane Ivey-home
†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 Marianne Lassiter)
†David Cooper-cancer (father of Rebecca Bates)
†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Julia Brubaker-Benton House
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Hughie Hudson
†Patricia McGuire

Home

†Debi (Dee) Selin
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