

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 21 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Church Pool Party 6:00 Church Picnic	Thursday, August 25 10:30 Ambassador Choir Saturday, August 27 8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study Sunday, August 28 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Youth & Parents' Pool Party
Tuesday, August 23 11:30 Lunch for Hi-rise Residents 4:00 Exercise	
Wednesday, August 24 6:45 Choir Rehearsal	

CHURCH PICNIC TODAY!

Once again the Stillermans have invited us to enjoy this Sunday afternoon at their lovely home. Swimming could begin at 4:00 and then supper will be at 6:00. The Congregational Life and Care Team will provide fried chicken, ice tea and lemonade. Each family should bring the sides and desserts to share. In case of hot humid weather (like last year), Pam has indicated we can be inside the house plus there are many shaded areas. Hope to see you there.



Youth & Parents Picnic: Sunday, August 28th. Pam & Jim Stillerman have once again graciously invited us out to their house for a pool party and dinner as we kick-off our activities for the new school year. Parents and youth (6th through 12th grades) are invited. Arrive at 4:00 pm for swimming. Dinner at 6:00 pm. Departure time is 7:00 pm. Bring your calendars and we'll discuss plans in the shade while the kids soak up the sun. Please contact Dan Walden at the church office to let us know that you plan to attend ASAP. Friends are always welcomed!!

The **Early Learning Center** is having an **Olympics Day** on **Friday, August 26**. We will have a parade around the block with all the students at 10:30, and then the students will have the opportunity to participate in our own version of the Olympic Games. Please come join us for this fun time if you are able!



Montreat Retreat

The Church Family Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **November 4-6, 2016**. It's time now to make your reservation with a \$50 deposit. The form has the costs listed. We do need a completed form and your deposit to confirm your place on this much-loved retreat. If you've never been...ask Billy Wade, Dan Walden or anyone who has attended in the past and they will tell



you it's wonderful! **We need to know immediately who intends to attend.**

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 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

August suggested donations are:
2 lb. bags of flour or sugar



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 Chairs:
Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2016
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden
Jake McCarthy

Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

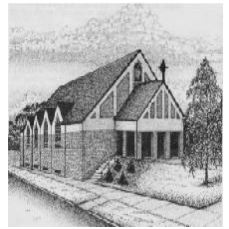
Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Eleanor Whitsett
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Ein' Fest Burg
The Gift of Love English Melody

INTROIT *What does the Lord require of you?* (Hymn 70) MOON
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100:1-2
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into God's presence with singing!

✦ **HYMN 327** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Great God, you welcome strangers and you welcome each of us to be your children and be your disciples. Help us to be brave disciples so that we may serve Jesus Christ and welcome others. Forgive us when we pass by the lonely, the hungry, the thirsty, the tired, and the discouraged. Forgive us when we fail to see the image of you in the faces of those we encounter each day. Lord, deliver us from living artificial lives to authentic life in Christ. Guide us to extend the hospitality and the welcome that we have received through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE RESTORATION

Hymn 415, stanza 1
Solo:
Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

All:
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

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 Traditional Spiritual, arr. Burleigh
Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
Janet Carmichael, solo Alan Bunn, piano

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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Grace Nicolle Hinz

HYMN 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM
(seated)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
**Prepare our hearts, O God, 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 READINGS Micah 6:6-8
James 1:22-25; 2:14-17
John 14:12

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Worship: Responding to the Word

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

✦ 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 Sue Mitchell-Wallace
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

✦ 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
You touch our lips, O God, and with our voices we praise
you. You touch our hearts and make our lives new. Send us
forth from here with joy and with a burning desire to spread
the good news of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 298 ABBOT'S LEIGH
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE MOON
What Does the Lord Require of You? (Hymn 70)
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.

The flowers are given to the glory
of God by **Bill and Diane Loeble**
on the occasion of their 50th
wedding anniversary.



There will be a **Congregational Meeting** at the close of the morning
worship service next **Sunday, August 28**, for the purpose of electing 3
members to the Nominating Committee for new elders. Scarlett
McCurry and Stephanie Scarborough have already been elected from
the Session for this committee. Jake McCarthy 's name is being sub-
mitted for election as our youth representative on the committee.

Worship Notes

✦ The sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated today for **Grace Nicolle Hinz**, daughter of Nicolle and Andrew Hinz, sister of Isabelle Hinz. Andrew's sister, Kaylyn Hinz, will be standing with them. Elder Jim Stillerman will be asking the questions of the congregation.
✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with leading worship.
✦ 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

†Krissy Jones-back surgery at Emory, September 2	(sister of Maxine Blankenship)
†Joyce Ashworth-hip problem	†Jan Coulon-home
†Louise Strickland-home	†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Tootles Tingler-back surgery, home	†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment	†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications	†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn)	†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
†Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin)	Riverside
†Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)	†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)	†Martha Borders
†Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)	†Rita Harrell
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	†George Stamps
†Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)	Merryvale
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)	†Guy McGiboney
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	†Bill Taylor
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Betty Robinson
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	†Louise White
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)	†Betty Goins
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant	†Hughie Hudson
†Catherine Horton-hospice care	

Hospital Visitor:
Bob and Darcel Tabb