

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Congregational Meeting Announced:

There will be a Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, September 13**, at the conclusion of the morning worship service for the purpose of electing 3 members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for new elders.

Youth and Parents Pool Party and Meeting

Youth Connection begins on **Sunday, August 30**. The Stillermans will host a pool party and dinner for youth and parents. We will use some of our time to make plans for the coming school year.

Adventure Club is for all children grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. We'll meet on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m.** to learn about God and God's people through games, drama, music and arts & crafts.

Capital Campaign

Please consider prayerfully how you might contribute to the ongoing ministry of Christ's church in this place as together we **Restore** our facilities, **Renew** our commitments, and **ReachOut** in compassion to a world in need of Jesus Christ. We each have the opportunity to participate in the tradition that has been handed down to us and has brought us to this point. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you forgot to bring your pledge card, we have extras in the narthex.



Montreat Retreat

It is time to start signing up for the congregational retreat to Montreat, NC, which is scheduled for the weekend of **November 6-8, 2015**. This is an intergenerational event that combines worship, study and fun in the beautiful mountains of our Presbyterian Conference Center near Asheville, NC. A deposit of \$50 will be due with registration. Forms with the prices listed are in the narthex on the desk by the front doors.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 23

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

Tuesday, August 25

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, August 26

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 27

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, August 30

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Time TBA Pool Party for Youth and Parents

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

The **Food Pantry** could really use the following items: **bar soap, Ramen noodles, canned corn** - we haven't been able to get these items from Atlanta Food Bank the last couple of orders, so we are out completely.

Baby Love: The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local agencies to help families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered. Monetary donations are also accepted. Your donation by check, or cash in an envelope with your name will be credited to your offering statement.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

Shaun/Aubrey Evans Family

Next Week:

Hooten-Wilson Family

Usher Chair:

Jean Wolverton

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

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
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.

Pastor

Dan Walden

Director of Youth

and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug

Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Maria Serrato

Nursery

Tiffany McWaters

Director of the

Early Learning Center



**Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
August 23, 2015**



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Dear Christians, Let Us Rejoice Together, BWV 734 J. S. Bach
Morning Has Broken BUNNESAN
Now Thank We All Our God John A. Behnke

INTROIT Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord HAL'LUHU
Sanctuary Choir

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96:1-3

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to the Lord, bless God's holy name.

Tell of the Lord's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's marvelous works among all people!

✦HYMN 645 MIT FREUDEN ZART

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you search us and know us.

You know the secrets of our hearts,

even better than we do.

You know how we have run away from your call;

still you are ready to receive us again,

ready to use us again.

In mercy, forgive and heal our inclination to wander.

Fashion us by your Spirit

into vessels fit for good use;

that we may bear faithfully

what you have entrusted to our care—

treasures of Christ's saving work

for a lost and broken world.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SOLID ROCK
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Our Dwelling Place* Victor C. Johnson
 Sanctuary Choir and Congregation
 Congregation: Please join in singing the portion in **bold** below.

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
 By your steadfast love and by Your grace,
 We are established day by day.
 Lord, You are our guide, our compass through the years of toil
 and strife; Lord, You are our dwelling place, and our eternal
 home.*

*Lord, You have been our shelter, under the shadows of Your
 wings we do rest.
 You have been our fortress, in You, O God, we do trust.
 Lord, You are our guide, our compass through the years of toil
 and strife;
 Lord, You are our dwelling place, and our eternal home.*

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
 Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**
O Lord, You are our dwelling place, and our eternal home!

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 Palmer Ray Wilson

✦ HYMN 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:10-20

SERMON *Battling the Powers* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith

We believe that God sends us to tell all the nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.

We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death.

We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.

We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.

We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers.

We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion and peace.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *In Thee Is Gladness* David Cherwien

✦ 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
Gracious God, help us to live as resurrection people, following the Christ in faith, clinging to him in hope, witnessing to him in love. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 275 EIN' FESTE BURG
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE Victor C. Johnson
Our Dwelling Place
 Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Recessional in C* Arnold B. Sherman

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Palmer Ray Wilson is receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today. He is the son of Trista Hooten-Wilson and Michael Wilson, the grandson of our members, Judy and Dennis Hooten, and the brother of Cotton Young and Jacqueline Wilson. Elder Judy Hooten will be asking the questions to the congregation.

Worship Notes

✦ **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** again when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) † Louise White-fall † Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain † Sharon Walton-treatment for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) † Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis † John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) † Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney) † Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter) † Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant † Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson) † Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship) † Edie Chandler Lowe-radiation † Jan Coulon-home † Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma † Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) † Don Bollinger-home † Lisa Baker-cancer treatment	† Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School.) Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: † Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers † Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA Riverside † Joy Knight -hospice care † Martha Borders † Rita Harrell Benton House † George Stamps † Doris Mote Merryvale † Guy McGiboney † Bill Taylor † Elizabeth Gadilhe † Betty Robinson <p style="text-align: center;">Hospital Visitor:</p>
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