

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 26
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Rally Day
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, August 28
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, August 29
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

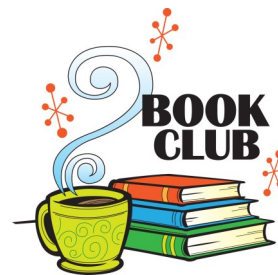
Thursday, August 30
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 2
9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

The Rev. Kate McGregor Moseley will be our guest preacher and worship leader on Sunday, September 2.

Staff note: Peni Kehoe will be out for surgery from Aug. 30-Sept. 14. Susan Boteler, Ruth McDaniel and Carol Dunbar will be sitting in for Peni during that time. The office will be closed on Mondays, 9/3 and 9/10.

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!



The Novel Bunch Book Club will meet on Tuesday, **August 28**, at 1:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the home of Judy Davis, 103 Gabriel Way, Social Circle, GA. The book discussed will be *Elephant Company* by Vicki Constantine Crowe. For further information contact Judy Davis or Barbara Martin.

Montreat Reservations: Our annual church-wide retreat to the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina is set for **November 2nd through 4th**. If you are interested in going, please make plans and a reservation as soon as possible. Reservation forms are available in the narthex. Place your completed form with your deposit in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. All reservations must be made by September 18th.

O LORD
of hosts, HAPPY
is everyone who trusts in
YOU.



PSALM 84:12

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
September
Gary Boteler

Transportation 9/2:
Cy Wolverton

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



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26, 2018

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude on Balm in Gilead* Fred B. Binckes
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah David H. Hegarty

INTROIT *Sing and Rejoice* William Bradbury
Sanctuary Choir
Sing and rejoice
Let all things living now
Sing and rejoice

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 89
We will sing of Your steadfast love, O God, forever,
with our mouths, we will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.
We declare that Your steadfast love is established forever,
Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens!

✠ **HYMN 305** *Come Sing, O Church, In Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we give You thanks for Your steadfast love. We confess that, in our anxiety, we often turn to other gods to make us feel better – race, gender, money, and many others. Fill us with Your Spirit, so that in this anxious time, we may hear Your voice and trust in You.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** LIVING GOD

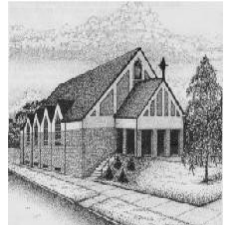
HYMN 288
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 581
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.

✠ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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



PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Glory to God!* G. F. Handel
Sanctuary Choir and Alice Walker, piano
*Glory to God Joyful songs we proclaim
Let every nation lift high the Lord's name
Sing to the Lord with acclaim, sing God's holy name.
Rejoice and give glory forever.
We praise the mighty Lord, God's name adored.*

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 Luke 12:32-34
Psalm 84

SERMON *Joy in the Thin Places* The Rev. Nibs Stroupe

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 741 *Guide My Feet* (stanzas 1-4) GUIDE MY FEET

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the
virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into
hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to
judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Meditation on DEEP RIVER* Joel Raney

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 37, stanza 1
**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

**Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of
your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you
with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for your glo-
ry and for the good of your world; through Jesus
Christ our Savior. Amen**

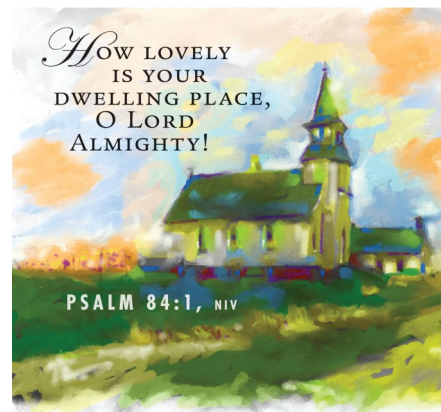
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 372 *O For a World* AZMON

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Matt Limbaugh

✦Please stand if you are able.



We Bid Welcome to Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Nibs Stroupe retired in 2017 after almost 34 years as senior pastor at Oakhurst Presbyterian Church, 29 of which his spouse Caroline Leach, served as co-pastor.

He is the author of 4 books, the most recent being "Deeper Waters: Sermons for a New Vision." In 2007 he was inducted into the MLK Board of Preachers at Morehouse College, and in 2008 he and Caroline were named Peacemakers of the Year by the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. He and Caroline will receive the Human Rights Award for 2018 from Church Women United Atlanta on September 8. His website is www.RevNibsStroupe.com, and he writes a weekly blog at www.nibsnotes.blogspot.com. His e-mail is nibs.stroupe@gmail.com.

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

†Peni Kehoe-surgery on 8/30
†George Fogarty - heart issues (father of Mark Fogarty)
†Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)
†Betty Strohecker-hospice (mother of Diane Loeble)
†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
3037 Pine Needle Rd
Augusta, GA 30909-3047
†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

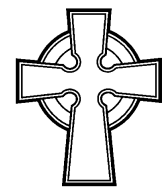
Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Hughie Hudson
†Patricia McGuire

Home
†Debi (Dee) Selin
†Roger Wallace

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Celebration!
Hannah Elledge, granddaughter of **Judy & Bill Davis**, received her Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Shenandoah University.

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker



Please update your prayer requests this week!
Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
Email: penihaug@gmail.com
or call the church office,
770-786-7321