

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Youth Family Lake Day - Saturday, August 9th

It's time to bring in the new school year with a SPLASH! Our friends, Susan & Gary Boteler, have graciously invited us to enjoy a day at their place on Lake Jackson. All **students 6th through 12th grades and their families** are invited to join us. We will leave the church at 10:00am and enjoy a day of fun on the lake with lunch included. Please RSVP to Dan Walden at 404-404-3559, or e-mail to djwal-den@mac.com so that we can make sure we have enough food to go around. **BRING A FRIEND!**

Mid-Week Feast is back! Wednesday night dinners will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month beginning **August 13th, at 6:00**. Come enjoy the fellowship. Make sure that you use the sign up cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office to give your reservation. The price will remain the same which is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children over 10 yrs. old.

If you had your picture made for the new directory, be sure to pick it up at the Wednesday night dinner. Contact Darcel Tabb or Betty Bailey for more information.

Quarterly statements for those who pledge are ready to be picked up from the table in the narthex. It's good stewardship for us as it saves us postage, time and gas if we don't mail them! If you do not pledge and want a statement please call or e-mail and the church office will print one for you.



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. If you've never attended, you are in for a real treat!

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 by August 3rd.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 3

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

Tuesday, August 5

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, August 6

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 7

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, August 9

10:00 Carpool from Church for Youth Family Lake Day

Sunday, August 10

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

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:

Lori & Charles Ardis Family

Next Week:

Sam & Karen Moss Family

Ushers:

Terri Digby, Jake McCarthy,
Donna Weesner, & Shaun Evans

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

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

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

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

Nursery

Tiffany McWaters

Director of

the Early Learning Center



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2014



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Richard Elliott

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Johann Pachelbel

Christ, the Life of All the Living Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Jeremiah 31:2-3; I John 4; Revelation 19:9

Thus says the Lord, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

So we do love, because He first loved us.

Let us rejoice, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready.

To her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure, for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And an angel tells us: "Write, blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb."

These are the true words of God. Believe it!

(Commentary on Hymn 611)

✦ HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, Your love for humankind extends through history from our beginning to end. Your love sees failings and forgives. Your love feels pain and wipes away our tears. Your love knows grief and comforts the sorrowful. Your love sees sin and still loves the sinner. Forgive us when we fail to live lives that reflect Your love. Forgive us when we take such wondrous love for granted. Forgive us when we do not love with heart, mind and strength. Forgive us and transform us, empower us so we can love You more and love each other. In Jesus' name. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYFRYDOL

Hymn 366, stanza 1

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven,
to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all
compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us
with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

The Outlaw

Larry Norman

Sophia Hawley, vocals/Adriane Ivey Hawley, guitar

Some say he was an outlaw that he roamed across the land
With a band of unschooled ruffians and few old fishermen
No one knew just where he came from or exactly what he'd done
But they said it must be something bad that kept him on the run.

Some say he was a poet that he'd stand upon the hill
That his voice could calm an angry crowd and make the waves stand
still That he spoke in many parables that few could understand
But the people sat for hours just to listen to this man

Some say he was a sorcerer, a man of mystery
He could walk upon the water, he could make a blind man see
That he conjured wine at weddings and did tricks with fish and bread
That he talked of being born again and raised people from the dead

Some say a politician, who spoke of being free
He was followed by the masses on the shores of Galilee
He spoke out against corruption and he bowed to no decree
And they feared his strength and power so they nailed him to a tree

Some say he was the Son of God, a man above all men
That he came to be a servant and to set us free from sin
And that's who I believe he is 'cause that's what I believe
And I think we should get ready 'cause it's time for us to leave.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

What Is Love?

*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 READING

Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 4:9-10; 8:6-7
Matthew 22:34-40

SERMON *God Under the Covers* The Rev. Larry Kennon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

(Commentary on Hymn 833)

✦ HYMN 833 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from I Corinthians 13

**"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and angels, but
do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging
cymbal...if I give away all my possessions, but do not have
love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not
envious or boastful or arrogant or rude...it bears all things,
believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends...now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we
will see face to face...And now faith, hope, and love
abide...but the greatest of these is love..." So we believe
and make love our aim.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Robert Lowry

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MORE LOVE TO THEE

Hymn 828, stanza 2

**Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest.
Now thee alone I seek; give what is best. This all
my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee, more love to thee!**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, we believe in Your unconditional love for us. Your
blessings never cease; Your grace is always
sufficient. So let our giving be blessings for ministry: to
serve, to witness, but most of all to love -- because You first
loved us in Christ. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

(Commentary on Hymn 215)

✦ HYMN 215

WONDROUS LOVE

What Wondrous Love Is This?

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *All Glory Be to God on High* arr. David Cherwien

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

- ✦ We welcome Larry Kennon as our guest preacher for today.
- ✦ 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--surgery for diverticulitis last Tuesday
† Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe)
† Verona Miles-recovering from dog attack
† 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)
† Don Bollinger-home
† 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)
† Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
† Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)
† Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
† 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

† Doris Hicks
† Bill Taylor
† Elizabeth Gadilhe

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of Jerry Haynes who died last week. He was a friend of Milton Patton.

Hospital Visitor:

Jean Wolverton

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.