

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 5 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Farewell Luncheon for the Wades	Thursday, August 9 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, August 7 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, August 12 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service & Communion
Wednesday, August 8 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	12:00 Session Meeting

Wade Farewell Party Today

Please join us in the fellowship hall after the worship service to honor Billy and Theodosia Wade for their years of service to FPC and to wish them well in their next endeavors.



The Rev. Mary Jane Cornell will be our guest preacher and worship leader on Sunday, August 12.

The Session will meet Sunday, August 12, following the worship service. The Rev. Kevin Hicks, Pastor of Conyers Presbyterian, will moderate the meeting.

** YOUTH NEWS for PARENTS **

YOUTH CONNECTION PLANNING: Sunday, August 19th. 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.

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 8/12
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

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



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>Prelude in B-Flat Major</i>	J. S. Bach
	Alice Walker, organ	
	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Martin Luther
Bill Cobham, trombone	Alice Walker, piano	
	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	Mark Hayes
Jake McCarthy, violin	Alice Walker, piano	
	<i>Come, Ye Blessed</i>	John Prindle Scott
Janet Carmichael, soprano	Alice Walker, piano	

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 42:4

These things I remember as I pour out my soul; how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping faithful.

✦ HYMN 401 *Here in This Place* GATHER US IN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, when we think you are asleep and not listening to us;

when we are scared and our faith is weak; when what we have does not seem enough; when we forget what great things you can do through us even with the little we offer you.

Forgive us, when we can't see what you put right before us, when we don't trust your words;

when we think we have all the answers; when we think we have no answers; when we think what you call us to do seems risky or foolish.

Forgive us for our poor efforts at sharing our faith. Forgive our laziness, our mixed-up priorities, our lack of commitment to you. Forgive us when we take more than we give, when we think of ourselves at the expense of others;

when we believe others cannot change by your love or ours; when we refuse to change when change is needed.

Forgive us for our lack of grace-full living, our failure to forgive others and ourselves.

Help us to live as the loving children you've intended us to be by the power of your Holy Spirit, for we pray in Jesus' name.

(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

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are
forgiven.

**May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins,
strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power
of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 1

***Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing
thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of
loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by
flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!***

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Hymn of Praise Natalie Sleeth

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody:
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity.
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

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 READING

Philippians 1:1-11

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

From the First Day Until Now

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 298 ABBOT'S LEIGH

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

**Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. The people
of God have often misused God's promises as excuses for
doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new
world has already broken in and the old can no longer be
tolerated.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But
hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil
that are possible now in the world, the church, and our
individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to
contend against all opposition, however invincible it may
seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are
surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer Malotte
Alexis Ward, solo Alice Walker, piano

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Nothing More The Alternate Routes

*To be humble, to be kind, it is the giving of the peace
in your mind to a stranger, to a friend...to give in such a
way that has no end.*

Chorus:

*We are love, we are one, we are how we treat each other when
the day is done. We are peace, we are war, we are how we treat
each other and nothing more.*

*To be bold, to be brave; it is the thinking that the heart can still be
saved. And the darkness can come quick; the Danger's in the
Anger and the hanging on to it. Chorus*

*Tell me what it is that you see -- a world that's filled with endless
possibilities? Heroes don't look they used to, they look like you
do. Chorus*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SCHUMANN

Hymn 708, stanza 1

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that
we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.***

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**With gratitude for your blessings in our lives dear God, we
offer ourselves to you. Let us use the gifts you have entrusted-
ed to us to testify to the hope that is within us and to witness
to our community and the world. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦BLESSING

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

God's Blessings Be With You Alexis Renee Ward
*Handbell Choir, Ambassador Choir, Sanctuary Choir,
Alice Walker, organ, and Loucy Hay, piano*

*Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*

*And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

(Congregation joins)

***God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.***

***God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Streams of mercy still surround you;
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again!***

✦POSTLUDE Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

Bill Cobham, trombone Jim Patrick, trombone
Alice Walker, organ

✦Please stand if you are able.

