

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

This Week at FPC

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| <p>Sunday, August 7 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Monday, August 8 First Day of School for the Early Learning Center</p> <p>Tuesday, August 9 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, August 10 6:45 Choir Rehearsal</p> | <p>Thursday, August 11 10:30 Ambassador Choir 7:00 Youth Confirmation Parents' Meeting</p> <p>Sunday, August 14 Rally Day 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with Communion & Blessing of the PW Circles 12:00 Session Meeting</p> |
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Leaders and Officers of our Presbyterian Women Circles:

This is a reminder that our coordinating meeting takes place Tuesday, **August 9**, in the Conference Room at our Church at 10:00 am.

August 21: Church Picnic

Once again the Stillermans have invited us to enjoy this Sunday afternoon at their lovely home. Swimming could begin at 4:00 pm and then supper will be at 6:00 pm. 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.



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

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| August Chairs: Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler | Sound Engineer: Ken Walker |
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

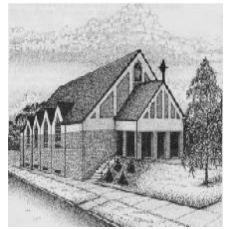
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| Class of 2016 Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden Jake McCarthy | Class of 2017 Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton | Class of 2018 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman |
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**
August 7, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Edmund B. Wright
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us EBENEZER
Pastorale on FOREST GREEN John Erickson

INTROIT

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit Doris Akers
Sanctuary Choir Ladies Ensemble

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

✦ **HYMN 35**

LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

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 African-American Spiritual
Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
 Sanctuary Choir Ladies Ensemble

*Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home,
 Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home.
 I looked over Jordan and what did I see, comin' for to carry
 me home? A band of angels comin' after me, comin' for to
 carry me home. If you get there before I do, comin' for to
 carry me home, Just tell my friends I'm comin' home, too;
 comin' for to carry me 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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 122
 I Peter 2:9-10

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Worship: Gathering Around the Word

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 409 God Is Here! ABBOT'S LEIGH

☩ 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 The Sacred Harp, 1844
Meditation on BEACH SPRING

☩ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING
 Hymn 716, stanza 1

***God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich
 and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
 costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we
 turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful
 song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.***

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, help our lives to express the faith we
 profess, so that others also may hear and know your
 abundant love; for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

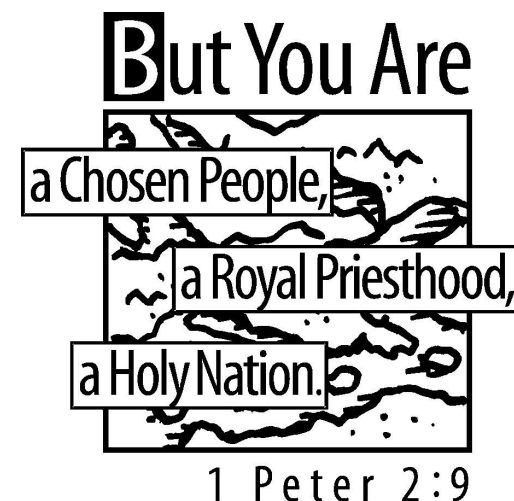
☩ HYMN 765 ARGENTINA
May the God of Hope Go with Us
 sung twice: first time - Ladies Ensemble
 second time - congregation

☩ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☩ CHORAL RESPONSE ARGENTINA
May the God of Hope Go with Us
 Sanctuary Choir Ladies Ensemble

☩ POSTLUDE

☩ Please stand if you are able.



Sunday, August 14th, is Rally Day, the day when we begin a new Sunday School season, the day when many of our programs and activities begin again for the school year.

On Rally Day, new Sunday school teachers and classes will be introduced at a church-wide gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. The Christian Education Team will provide a healthy breakfast.



Worship Notes

☩ **The Sanctuary Choir Ladies Ensemble** is comprised today of members: Darcel Tabb, Day Kennon, Perri Walden and Jodi Atkins. They will be accompanied by Alice Walker on the piano.

☩ **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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Krissy Jones-back surgery at Emory, September 2
 † Joyce Ashworth-hip problem
 † Louise Strickland-home
 † John Stamps-hip surgery
 † Tootles Tingle-back surgery on August 8 at Athens Regional
 † Rita Harrell-infection, Riverside
 † Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)
 † Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment
 † Mary Annese (Barbara Martin's mother)
 † Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications
 † Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn)
 † Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin)
 † Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)
 † Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)
 † Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
 † Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
 † Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)
 † Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)
 † Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
 † Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
 † Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
 † John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
 † Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

† Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
 † Jan Coulon-home
 † Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
 † Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
 † Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
 † J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

Riverside

† Joy Knight -hospice care
 † Martha Borders
 † Rita Harrell
 † George Stamps

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney
 † Bill Taylor
 † Betty Robinson
 † Louise White
 † Betty Goins
 † Hughie Hudson

Celebration:

Wayne and Eleanor Scarborough have a new great-granddaughter, **Lily Ruth Covington**, who was born on August 2.

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of **Marge White**, former member, who recently died.

Hospital Visitor:
 Stephanie Fortson