

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rally Day

It is hard to believe, but summer vacation is almost over. **Sunday, August 16th**, 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.

Early Learning Center: Monday begins a new school year for the staff, parents and students of our Early Learning Center. It will be a busy week as our little ones adjust. Please keep all in your prayers as they are nurtured and taught in the loving, caring environment of our FPELC.



It's time once again for...

Adventure Club

Starts Wednesday, August 12th

Adventure Club is for all children grades Kindergarten through 5th. 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.

Members of the **Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team** will have a preliminary meeting on Tuesday, August 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. This meeting will give members an opportunity to plan for the coming year, which starts in September.

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 round table.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, August 9

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

2:00 Pres. Women's Coordinating Team Meeting
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, August 12

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 12

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, August 16 RALLY DAY

9:00 Handbell Choir
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

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:

Nina Giles

Next Week:

Baxter/Lisa Bouchillon 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.
Dan Walden

Pastor

Director of Youth and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Maria Serrato

Nursery

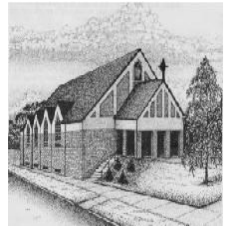
Tiffany McWaters

Director of the Early Learning Center



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2015



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord* Edwin T. Childs
Sinfonia Henry Purcell
Meditation John Carter
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✦CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 67

God, be gracious to us and bless us.
Make your face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let your people praise you, O God;
let all people praise you!

✦HYMN 41 LYONS

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we know we fall short of who you want us to be. We keep doing and saying and thinking things we cannot seem to stop. We envy others and desire what they have. We talk about people and judge their motives, even their faith. We hold grudges and withhold forgiveness. We cannot even pray as we need to do. But, because you keep inviting us into your presence, promising us forgiveness and offering us new life, we keep coming. Hear us again today, we pray, in Jesus' name. *(silence for personal reflection)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 619, stanza 1

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM WOLFE

Surely the Presence of The Lord is in This Place
Darcel Tabb, Day Kennon, Jodi Atkins and Perri Walden

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 Romans 8:9-13; 9:19-23

SERMON *All Things to All People?* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 722 CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 35 in front of hymnal

A MOMENT FOR MISSION Jan Giles

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 654 IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the
Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *When Israel Was Going Forth* PISGAH

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 716, stanza 3
***Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers
your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kin-
dred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our***

***hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, heal-
ing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, help us to know the truth, that it might set us free
to give ourselves in love to you and your people.
Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

✦ HYMN 757 KINGSFOLD

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE "Fanfare" from the *Fourth Concerto* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Capital Campaign

On Rally Day, August 16th, we will kick-off a campaign that will give each of us an opportunity to participate in the tradition that has been handed down to us and has brought us to this point. 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.



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

†Frances Ivey-Newton Medical	†Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School.)
†Betty Strohecker-rehabilitation (mother of Diane Loeble)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain	†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Sharon Walton-treatment for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†Greg Jones-broken neck vertebrae, Atlanta Medical Center (Rob Jones' father)	Riverside
†Betty Lunsford-fall, home	†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	†Martha Borders
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)	†Rita Harrell
†Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney)	Benton House
†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter)	†George Stamps
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant	†Doris Mote
†Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson)	Merryvale
†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)	†Guy McGiboney
†Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy	†Bill Taylor
†Jan Coulon-home	†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma	†Betty Robinson
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)	
†Don Bollinger-home	
†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment	

Hospital Visitor:
Cy Wolverton

