

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

**Sunday, December 25**  
**Christmas Day**  
11:00 Worship Service

**Monday, December 26**  
Church Office Closed

**Tuesday, December 26**  
4:00 Exercise Class

**Friday, December 30**  
Noon Last Day to drop off offerings for 2016 (see note next column)

**Sunday, January 1**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**Donations to the church for 2016:**  
To receive tax credit for your 2016 income tax, your gifts must reach the church in person by December 30 at noon, or be postmarked by December 31. Thanks!



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Jack Yoder-very ill  
†Julia Osborne Schell-lung tumor (friend of Maxine Blankenship)  
†Rita Harrell-back at Riverside  
†Will Vining-recovering from surgery (grandson of Danny & Beth Vining)  
†Carol Dunbar-recovering from surgery  
†Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)  
†Joyce V. Williams-Recovery from mastectomy (sister, Danny Vining)  
†Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer  
†Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, born prematurely experiencing problems  
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment  
†Louise Strickland-home  
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)  
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)  
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†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  
†Jan Coulon-home  
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

**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

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

**Celebration**  
**Elizabeth Edna Wade** was born December 13, to Graham and Blair Wade. Grandparents are Billy and Theodosia Wade.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Patti Lanford

## 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](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



**Food Pantry Needs**

The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

**December** suggested donations are:

peanut butter, jelly, boxed stuffing mix, canned collard greens and canned yams

**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

**December Usher Chair:**  
Stephanie Scarborough

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

**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

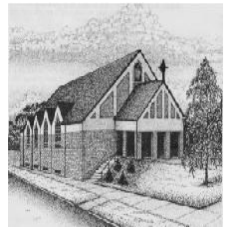
**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Scarlett McCurry  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Christmas Day**  
December 25, 2016



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Addison Skinner

Emiley Bunn



PRELUDE

*A Bethlehem Pastoral*  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
*Two Lullabies for the Christ Child*  
*Angels We Have Heard on High*

Stephen Scott  
Edward Broughton  
Franklin Ritter  
Tom Birchwood

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

To us a child is born!  
**To us a son is given!**  
The government will be upon his shoulders, and his name will be called  
**Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

✦CAROL 133 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELES

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION (Carol 132)  
*Good Christ Friends, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus you come among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess that we have not**

welcomed the light, or trusted your good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to your glory in our midst, expecting little, hoping for less. Forgive us. Into the dark streets of this world and the dark places of our hearts, let your everlasting light shine to illumine our doubt, to renew our hope, to show us the way, through the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 146, stanza 1 TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM  
**Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger; there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger. Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior? Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GOD REST YOU MERRY  
**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy.**

### ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,  
good will to all!”  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Gesu Bambino* Pietro Yon  
Janet Carmichael, solo

### THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

*All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 1:1-5, 9-14  
Hebrews 1:1-3

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE William B. Wade, Jr.  
*The Word Made Flesh*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ CAROL 147, stanza 6 THE FIRST NOWELL  
**Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood our life has bought. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the king of Israel.**

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Colossians 1:15-20  
**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created**

through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *What Is This Lovely Fragrance?* FRENCH CAROL

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIX  
Carol 150, stanza 3  
**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare, so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy, all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

### ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

How can we respond, dear Lord, to the inexpressible gift you give us? How can our lives more nearly reflect the light you bring? Enter into our hearts, we pray, and fill us with the joy of the good news proclaimed by prophets and angels. Amen.

## SEALING OF THE WORD

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
**They will come from north and south and from east and west, to sit at table in the kingdom of heaven.**  
This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### COMMUNION

*Elders will invite us to come forward by rows to the two stations where we will receive the elements of communion.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CAROL 143 *Angels from the Realms of Glory* REGENT SQUARE  
(stanzas 1-3)

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CAROL 143 *Angels from the Realm of Glory* REGENT SQUARE  
(stanza 4)  
**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

✦ POSTLUDE *Sing the Glad Song* Franklin Ritter

✦ Please stand if you are able.

### Worship Notes

- ✦ **The Rev. Larry Kennon and Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, are assisting with leading worship today.
- ✦ 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](http://www.fpccov.org).



### Christmas Floral Decorations

### and Mission Donations

**In Honor of**  
Paige, Gayle and Faith  
The Presbyterian Women of FPC  
Mary Bollinger

**Given by**  
Patrick & Janet Carmichael  
Janet Carmichael & Diane Loeble  
Blair Bollinger

**In Memory of**  
Nicolas Shaun Carmichael

Patrick & Janet Carmichael

