

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 11

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
9:45 Technology and Us
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Thursday, February 15

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, February 18

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, February 13

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 14

7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship at First United Methodist Church

A Reception to Welcome Alexis Ward will be held today after the worship service. Please plan to stay after church to welcome our new Music Director and her husband, Thomas.

Technology and Us: Make plans to join us for a 3-week Sunday School series addressing the challenges that current and emerging technologies pose to our families and ourselves.

- ♦ **February 11**-Catherine Bagwell, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Oxford College
- ♦ **February 25**-Dan Walden, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

A reference text that we will be using is "**The Tech-Wise Family**" by **Andy Crouch**. Copies will be available for purchase, or can be ordered. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. on each of these Sundays. There also are copies of recent magazine and newspaper articles that are available.

Book Club: There will be an **organizational meeting** of those interested in forming a **book club** on **Thursday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Jubilee classroom. If you are interested please join us. If you are interested but cannot make this meeting, please send your ideas to Judy Davis (mitday@aol.com), 770.464.4015 or Barbara Martin (cbmartin@charter.net), 770.787.0844.

Registration for the Early Learning Center Preschool has begun: If you have a child ready for early learning, ages 12 months - 4 year old preschool or know of a family who does, we are now registering members of the FPC congregation as well as families currently registered in the Early Learning Center. Call Kara Sugg, 770-786-7321, at the church for more information about registration for the coming school year 2018-2019.

On-line Giving Information:

If you are currently paying your pledge at "Realm" on-line, please note that this year, if you are pledging, you should use the *fund* "2018 Pledge Year" so that it will be credited to the current year. Under the fund menu just type in 2018 and it should pop right up! Those who do not pledge should use the fund called "non-pledge". Call Peni Kehoe in the church office if you have problems or need help signing up on Realm for paying your pledge or giving your donations to other funds.

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."



Food Pantry Needs

The **Food Pantry** is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

February suggested donations are:
canned meats: beef, chicken, stew, spam, ham (no tuna)

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

February Usher Chair:
Koen Ardis

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
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.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alexis Ward	<i>Music Director</i>		



Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Meditation on Deep River* arr. Charles Callahan
Präludium in g minor J. S. Bach
Alexis Ward, organ

INTROIT *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* arr. Jack Schrader
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** 2 Corinthians 4:6
God who said, "Out of darkness the light shall shine!"
is the same God who made light shine in our hearts to bring us the knowledge of God's glory shining in the face of Christ.

✦ **HYMN 1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that so often we do not live our lives in ways that reflect your love. We have failed to show the power of life in Christ. We have lived too much like the rest of the world, and not enough for it. Forgive us, and empower us for new life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** AZMON
Hymn 610, stanza 2
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *American Hymn Sampler* arr. John Purifoy
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

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 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:6-9

SERMON *Ups and Downs* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* GENEVA

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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 Am Not Alone* Kari Jobe

✦DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, by your grace you have called us. By your presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power, send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice boldly, keeping our promises faithfully, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SHINE, JESUS, SHINE
Hymn 192, stanza 1 and refrain
Shine, Jesus, Shine

✦POSTLUDE *Majesty* Jack Hayfort

✦Please stand if you are able.



He was transfigured before them ...
and his clothes became dazzling white ...
Mark 9:2-3, NRSV

2017 Year-End Statements of Giving are in the narthex for those who gave identifiable gifts during the year. If you itemize on your taxes, you will need this statement. Save a stamp by picking up your statement from the ushers' table in the narthex. Thanks!

Worship Notes

✦**Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting in 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Alice Walker-pneumonia, Emory
†Thomas Stewart-partial leg amputation
†Stephanie Fortson-recovering from knee surgery, home
†Sophia Hawley-home
†Peggy Capes-leg surgery for cellulitis (friend of the Blankenships)
†Bettie Miller-hospital, then rehab
†Bill Shirk-home, recovering from heart surgery (Danny Vining's brother-in-law)
†Jim Elder-Riverside
†Lewis Bunn-hip surgery (father of Alan Bunn)
†Marilyn Hall-cancer surgery 2/13 (TOPS group)
†Ted Horton-cancer surgery (nephew of Maxine Blankenship)
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)
†the Bryant Family- friends of Warren and Jeanie Liem
†Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
†Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)
†Nat Allen Long-foot amputation (step-son of Alice Walker)
†Katherine Bouchillon-broken shoulder (friend of Maxine Blankenship)
†Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,
†David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)
†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy at home
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Roger Gossage-dialysis, Piedmont, Atl.
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA
Veteran's Hospital, Milledgeville, GA
†George Stamps
Georgia War Veterans Home, Rm 319
2249 Vinson Highway
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Hughie Hudson
†Patricia McGuire

Home
†Jan Coulon
†Debi (Dee) Selin

Peace Corps Volunteer
†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Mark & Jennifer Fogarty** in the death of his mother who died last week.



Hospital Visitor:
Day Kennon