

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 3

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Lord, Lead Us Now

Williams/Martin

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Through the mist of doubt and fear, through a river made of tears,
Through the wilderness O Lord, you have led us.*

*From the loneliness of night, in our striving for the right, In our
journey to the Light, Lord, You have led us.*

*From the weariness of sin, from the heaviness within, From our
hopelessness O Lord, You have led us.*

*Throughout the solitude of pain, through the storm and through the
rain, Lord, you give us hope again. We can hope again.*

*Lord, lead us now. We will follow in Your footsteps. This is our
solemn vow. Take us to higher ground. See the path rise now
before us. Lord, lead us now.*

*Jesus, with Your church abide. Be our Savior, Lord, and guide.
While on earth our faith is tried, lead us now, Lord.
Help us guide the blind and poor. Help us keep an open door.
May the lost and lonely find here a place where all are kind.
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.*

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Mark 1:21-28

SERMON

With What Authority?

The Rev. Lyn Pace

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 265

DUKE STREET

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

✦ 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

Light Divine

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDRETH

**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, in you we live and move and have our being.
Your spirit comforts and guides us, stirs us and
convicts us, and interprets our sighs that are too deep
for words. Hear our prayers, and draw us ever closer to
you, that we may find the One for which we yearn; for
we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

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

✦ HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

AZMON

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

TREES OF THE FIELD

You Shall Go Out with Joy

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ POSTLUDE

Fugue in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

✦ Please stand, if you are able.

We welcome Lyn Pace as our guest preacher. Lyn is originally from South Carolina and joined Oxford College as college chaplain in 2009. He and significant other, Ami Hernandez, have one son, Sam who just turned two as well as a dog (Abby) and cat (Callie). They live in the city of Oxford where Lyn has served on the city council since January of 2012. At Oxford College, Lyn facilitates the work of the ten religious and spiritual life clubs on campus, assists with leadership programs, offers care and counsel for the college community. Prior to coming to Oxford, Rev. Pace was the associate chaplain, director of service learning, and director of the Bonner Scholars Program at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. From 2002-2003, he served as a minister in the British Methodist Church on the Isle of Wight in England.

Lyn earned his BA degree in religion and history from Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC) in 1999 and received the Master of Divinity degree from Emory's Candler School of Theology in 2002. Currently, he is working on his Doctor of Ministry degree at Candler School of Theology and hopes to graduate in May 2017. Lyn likes to help students engage in meaning making as well as how they understand community both on and off campus. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, running, reading, traveling, and going to Jimmy Buffett concerts.

Worship Notes

*Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship today.
*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

†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery 1/29, in Colorado (Lynn Miller's daughter)
†Jan Coulon-back surgery
†Rosemary Dean-Graves disease
†Diane Loeble-knee replacement surgery, home
†David Sewell-knee replacement, home
†Jeanie Liem-kidney transplant, home
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Linda Pemberton-home, (mother of Tiffany McWaters, ELC Director)
†Catherine Horton-Riverside (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
†Warren Liem-home
†Don Bollinger-home
†Ann Bouchillon-home
†Joe Schell-dialysis (father of Krissy Jones)
†Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
†Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)
†Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)
†Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline-relocated
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside

†Joy Knight
†Martha Borders
†Rita Harrell

Benton House

†George Stamps
†Doris Mote

Merryvale

†Bill Taylor
†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Betty Robinson

Hospital Visitors:

Jean Wolverton

To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.

Year End statements of giving are available in the narthex for all households who gave to the church in 2014. The envelopes are in alphabetical order. If there is not a report for you and you feel you should have one, call the church office and we will print one for you. Thank you for your generous offerings!

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



Souper Bowl of Caring
Sunday, February 1st,
Special Offering

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single church youth group in South Carolina: "Lord, as we enjoy the

Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country. Next Sunday, February 1st, our youth will be collecting donations in soup pots as you leave morning worship. Every dollar donated will go to our local Community Food Pantry. Please consider giving generously.

Presbyterian Women's Meetings:

Circle I will meet Tuesday, February 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

Circle II will meet on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Day Kennon. Rachel Mason will guide us through Lesson 5 of "Reconciling Paul".

Circle III will meet February 3rd, at the home of Penny Blakeney at 7:00 p.m.

Circle IV will meet on February 3rd, at Butcher Block Deli. Be there at 6 p.m.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 1
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
6:30 Youth Super Bowl Party

Tuesday, February 3
Women's Circle meetings as above
4:00 Exercise class

Wednesday, February 4
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 5
10:30 Ambassador Choir
Sunday, February 8
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
5:00 Youth Connection
12:00 Session Meeting

**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

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for February:** canned meats, chicken, spam, stews, etc. (no tuna)

Baby Love: The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local helping agencies for families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today

Wilson Family
Next Week:
Bates Family

Ushers

Bob Tabb & Baxter Bouchillon
chairs

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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
Adrian Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

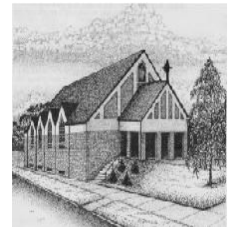
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
Louly Fowler Hay <i>Parish Associate</i>	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	



*Fourth Sunday
after Epiphany*

February 1, 2015



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune* John Stanley
If My People's Hearts Are Humbled PLEADING SAVIOR
When, in Our Music, God Is Glorified Anna Laura Page

INTROIT *Though I May Speak* GIFT OF LOVE
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 111:1-3

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is God's work, and God's righteousness endures forever.

✦ **HYMN 327** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt, we confess that our faith is small, that we trust in our own devices more than in your gracious promises to sustain us. Lord, increase our faith; guide us amidst our unbelief. Forgive us the ways we have failed to love one another, the peace we have made that is no peace. Forgive us for the wounds we have caused and the bitterness we have harbored. Forgive us for the animosities between nations, the strife we have stirred in the name of religion. Save us by the blood of the Christ who died for us all and in whose name we pray.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O WALY WALY
Hymn 693, stanza 3

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS