

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 21
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, February 23
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, February 24
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 25
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, February 27
9:00 Presbytery Meeting

Sunday, February 28
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Connection

Witness team is planning a trip to Thornwell Home for Children on April 1-3. The projects we do there will be determined once we know who is interested in going. If you would like to participate in this important mission, please contact Perri Walden at perriwalden@charter.net.



"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
By Alice Griffin Walker

Every year during Lent I am challenged to a life of penitence and deeper discipleship. I try to put my

Christian beliefs into action. On my Lenten journey, I sometimes feel that I am not as close to God as I should be.

The hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" expresses the life I would like to live. It is a beautiful hymn that I have always loved:

O Master, let me walk with thee,
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in truth that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

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.

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

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 **cradle** 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

February Usher Chair:
Joyce Ashworth

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

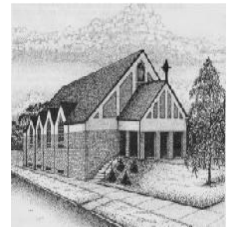
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Second Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *All Praise to Thee, My God* Franklin Ashdown
Unto Thee, O Lord Frances E. Aulbach
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, organ

INTROIT *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE
Children's Choir

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 27:1, 14
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage;
yea, wait for the Lord!

✦HYMN 35 LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Romans 12
Merciful God, we have lived too much like the world and not enough for it. We have not rejoiced in hope, been patient in tribulation, or constant in prayer. Too often we have failed to practice hospitality. We have avoided the lowly. We have cursed those who do us wrong. We have sought to repay evil with evil. Good Lord, forgive us. Increase our faith, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may live out our days as your people; for we pray in Jesus' name.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Hymn 729, stanza 4 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *A Lenten Prayer* Robert Powell
 Perri Walden, solo

*Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
 Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
 Forty days did Jesus face temptation strong;
 Give me strength to conquer knowing right from wrong.*

*Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
 Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
 I would be like Jesus turning from all sin,
 With His love to keep me true and faithful within.*

*Lord, I ask a blessing for my soul today;
 Give me peace from heaven as I kneel and pray.
 When I look to Jesus, He will show the way;
 Help me come to meet Him pure on Easter Day.*

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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Teresa McCurry

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 13:31-35

SERMON *Guarding the Henhouse* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 475 NETTLETON
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦ 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 Day Thou Givest, Lord* ST. CLEMENT

✦ 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, stretch us beyond the limits we set, the risks we dare not take, that our gratitude may overflow in acts of grace and goodness to others, in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

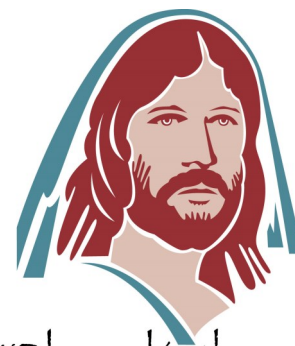
✦ HYMN 353 SOLID ROCK
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE MY SOUL THIRSTS
In Silence My Soul Thirsts
 Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Jubilee* Fred B. Binckes

✦ Please stand if you are able.



“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.”

LUKE 13:35, NRSV

Worship Notes

✦ **Elder Scarlett McCurry**, Teresa McCurry's sister-in-law, will be assisting with the baptism.
 ✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, will be helping to lead worship this morning.
 ✦ 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

† Roger Tingler-hip replacement, home
 † Lane Alderman-hospice, former pastor of Roswell Presbyterian (friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade)
 † Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
 † Kelly Dittman-doing well after heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon)
 † Diane Loebke-knee surgery, home
 † Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home
 † Bernice Bailey-knee surgery, home
 † Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
 † Vickie Sewell-breathing difficulties
 † Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)
 † 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 for kidney cancer (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)
 † Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
 † Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab
 † Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

Riverside
 † Joy Knight -hospice care
 † Martha Borders
 † Rita Harrell
 † Jack Yoder-rehab

Benton House
 † Doris Mote
 † George Stamps

Merryvale
 † Guy McGiboney
 † Bill Taylor
 † Elizabeth Gadilhe
 † Betty Robinson
 † J. L. Johnson

Hospital Visitor: Patti Lanford

Please update your prayer requests this week!
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