

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 25, Lent 2 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:45 Technology and Us 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Hunger Walk	Wednesday, February 28 6:45 Sanctuary Choir Thursday, March 1 10:30 Ambassador Choir Sunday, March 4, Lent 3 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection
Tuesday, February 27 4:00 Exercise Class	

Join us for the annual **Hunger Walk** today. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship and have a quick lunch together as we change into our walking shoes then head to Atlanta for this 5K (~3 mile) fun walk to raise awareness for the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Everyone is invited!



The **Art Affair** is our annual fundraiser for our Early Learning Center...a fun, casual, adult evening filled with art of all kinds created by the children of the FPELC, local artists, and friends of FPELC. **Friday, March 16th** come out and enjoy the live auction excitement,

silent auction drama, great raffle items, refreshments, and fun! Tickets are available from the church office or from Miriam Wheeler after worship.

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.



The **new Book Club** will meet **March 27th** and the 4th Tuesday of each month. In March they will have a discussion regarding *The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity* by Nadia Murad. The meeting will take place at 1 p.m. at the home of Barbara and Chris Martin, 650 Mason Drive. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Davis (mitday@aol.com) or Barbara Martin (cbmartin@charter.net) if interested.

Nicaragua Mission Trip: Judy Davis will once again be traveling to Nicaragua to deliver water filters and to test the water where wells are available. Because of the airlines increasing luggage fees, we will purchase some of our supplies there. A generous person has already supplied the bags and contents for the baby bags which Judy will be preparing. We can still use small travel size soaps and shampoos. If you would like to contribute to the purchase and delivery of water filters, Spanish Bibles, and food bags, you can do so by a check written to the church and noted "Nicaragua fund".

**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 - 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 March Usher Chair: Michael Thompson	Sound Engineer: Ken Walker
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

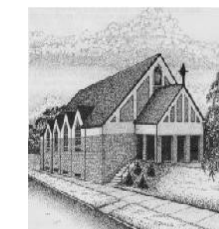
Class of 2018 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman Koen Ardis Sophia Hawley	Class of 2019 Carter Gibson John McCarthy Teresa McCurry Cheryl Meichsner Miriam Wheeler	Class of 2020 Doug Bolton Stan Hall Cindy Moon Bob Tabb Michael Thompson
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Second Sunday
in Lent
February 25, 2018**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Lord, I Need You* Jesse Reeves, Kristin Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels, and Daniel Carson
Blessings Laura Story
 Alexis Ward, voice and piano

INTROIT *A Lenten Prayer* Robert J. Powell
 Sanctuary Choir
 Alexis Ward, piano

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 63:1-4
 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.
 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. Amen.

✦ **HYMN 307** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION Psalm 32:1-5
 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
 While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, we thank you for this Lenten season. It is a much-needed time for us to concentrate more fully on strengthening our relationship with you. We confess the lack of zeal with which we often approach this relationship. We confess the times when our love of the activities of this world overrides our love of spending time with you. We confess the ways we shut you out of our lives. Help us to resolve anew to grow in our desire to be close to you, for the sake of Christ's work on earth.
 (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 442, stanza 3

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Thomas A. Dorsey
Jim Patrick, tenor soloist
Sanctuary Choir, a cappella

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 Psalm 51:1-10
James 5:13-16

SERMON *It's Good for the Soul* Dan Walden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 415** RESTORATION
Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

✦ **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 *Forget Me Not* J.S. Bach
Krista Firkus, soprano Alexis Ward, piano

*Forget me not, forget me not. O Thou who lovest all,
Hear, when in prayer I bend me, O may Thy grace attend me,
When I in anguish call. O Thou who lovest all,
Forget me not, forget me not.*

*Forget me not, forget me not. When at Thine awful call
Death shall of life bereave me, Thou canst a better give me.
O Thou who lovest all, Hear, when on Thee I call,
Forget me not, forget me not.*

✦ **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**
**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through
your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and
what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your
love, and in encouraging those around us to know and
follow Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ **POSTLUDE** *O Perfect Love* arr. Charles Callahan
Alexis Ward, organ

✦ Please stand if you are able.

“Create
in me a
clean heart,
O **God,**
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me.”
Psalm 51:10

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is our preacher today. **Noah Hicks** and **Sophia Hawley** are assisting in leading worship.
✦ 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

†Roger Gossage-Mayo Clinic	†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Sharon Wallace-back surgery (sister of Debbie Gossage)	†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†George Stamps-viral infection	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Alice Walker-pneumonia, home	†Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle
†Thomas Stewart-partial leg amputation	†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA
†Patti Lanford-broken ankle (in Africa)	Veteran's Hospital, Milledgeville, GA
†Stephanie Fortson-recovering from knee surgery, home	†George Stamps
†Sophia Hawley-home	Georgia War Veterans Home, Rm 319
†Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy	2249 Vinson Highway
†Bettie Miller-hospital, then rehab	Milledgeville, GA 31061
†Bill Shirk-home, recovering from heart surgery (Danny Vining's brother-in-law)	Merryvale
†Jim Elder-Riverside	†Guy McGiboney
†Lewis Bunn-hip surgery (father of Alan Bunn)	†Betty Robinson
†Marilyn Hall-cancer surgery 2/13 (TOPS group)	†Louise White
†Ted Horton-cancer surgery (nephew of Maxine Blankenship)	†Alice Gadilhe
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)	†Hughie Hudson
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)	†Patricia McGuire
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)	Home
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)	†Jan Coulon
†Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)	†Debi (Dee) Selin
†Nat Allen Long-foot amputation (step-son of Alice Walker)	Peace Corps Volunteer
†Katherine Bouchillon-broken shoulder (friend of Maxine Blankenship)	†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia
†Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,	We celebrate the gifts and accomplishments of:
†David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)	Gracie Kate Bates on her selection to District Honor Chorus.
†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy at home	Bill Loeble on being awarded the Silver Buffalo Award by the Boy Scouts of America.
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)	We extend our sympathy and prayers for:
†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)	Jean Carol Mundy on the death of her 16 month old great granddaughter Mary Claire Parham last week. A funeral was held on Tuesday, February 20th.
	Joe Grasso and family in the death of his wife, Cindy .
	Karen Summers (Executive Assistant to Dean Doug Hicks) on the death of her husband Marvin Stone last week.

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton