

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 5 Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

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

Tuesday, February 7 Circle Meetings - see below

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, February 8

6:45 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 9

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, February 12

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session meeting
5:00 Youth Connection



Souper Bowl of Caring Offering will be collected today. More than 25 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. **Today**, our youth group 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.

An Open Invitation from Our Circles: Here's an invitation to women of our church to consider becoming a part of Presbyterian Women (PW) at First Presbyterian Church, Covington. The next meetings will be Tuesday, **February 7, 2017**.

The **Elizabeth Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. at FPC in the fellowship hall.

The **Martha Circle** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Jean Blair.

The **Ruth Circle** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Stephanie Fortson.

Check Your Directory Listing

There is a directory printed out in the narthex on the round table. Please check your listing. Add or correct where needed. If you are new and there is not a listing, sign the list on the clipboard.

2016 Offering Statements are ready to be picked up. They are in a box in the narthex in alphabetical order. Taking yours home with you saves 49 cents each in mailing costs. That's good stewardship! You may also log on to *Realm* and print your own!

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.

February suggested donations are: canned meats, chicken, beef, stews, 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:
Billy Fortson

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton
Jake McCarthy
Koen Ardis

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

Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

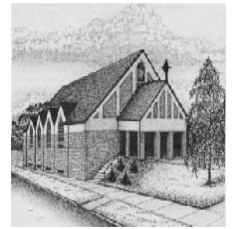
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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>



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat* J. S. Bach
Toccata for a Feast Day Lani Smith
Fanfare and Processional NICAEA/HYMN TO JOY

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly* HOLY MANNA
Sanctuary Choir

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 125:1-2

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about us, God's people, from this time forth and for ever more.

✠ **HYMN 33** *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show* LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life, we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways. We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have lived as if you are not God, and we continue to make a mess of our lives and the world.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Forgive us, Lord. Help us to trust your power to change us and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BALM IN GILEAD

Hymn 792, refrain

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole. There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 1

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of

loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Gabriel Fauré

Janet Carmichael, solo

Pie Jesu Domine

Merciful Lord Jesus

Dona eis requiem

Give them rest

Dona eis requiem

Give them rest

Pie Jesu Domine

Merciful Lord Jesus

Dona eis requiem

Give them rest

Dona eis requiem

Give them rest

Dona eis Domine

Give them Lord

Dona eis requiem

Give them rest

Sempiternam requiem

Everlasting rest

Sempiternam requiem

Everlasting rest

Sempiternam requiem

Everlasting rest

Pie Jesu

Merciful Jesus

Pie Jesu Domine

Merciful Lord Jesus

Dona eis, dona eis

Give them, give them

Sempiternam requiem

Everlasting rest

Sempiternam requiem

Everlasting rest

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

Prepare our hearts, O God, to receive your Word.

Silence in us any voice but your own, that hearing,

we also may obey your will, through Jesus Christ

our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON

Salt and Light

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

✦ 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 king-

dom. 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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

My Heart Rejoices

David Paxton

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FOREST GREEN

Hymn 712, stanza 3

In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today, to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, mold our minds, hearts and spirits to embody the love which became flesh and comes among us again and again.

Help us all our lives to proclaim the good news to all people; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 309

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Come, Great God of All the Ages

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE

HOLY MANNA

All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Michael Burkhardt

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)

† Mary Bollinger -pacemaker; home with daughter Janie's family

† Debi (Dee) Selin-Guillain-Barré Syndrome

† Bill Miller-home (brother of Beth Vining)

† Nate Allen - diabetes complications (step-son of Alice Walker)

† Jose Luis Trujillo Herera - heart surgery (brother, Pily Waetzig)

† Sam Hay, Jr.-recovering from knee surgery

† Carol Baynes-cancer, friend of Phyllis Yoder

† Leonard Kaminski-knee surgery

† Ursula Kaminski-cancer

† Fran Prince-chemotherapy and radiation

† Julianne Schell-no cancer!

† Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)

† Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)

† Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer

† Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, doing well-thanks for your prayers!

† Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)

† 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)

† 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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Faye Kitchens** in the death of her dear friend, Freda.

Address for Mary Bollinger

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Hospital Visitor:

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