

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Session Highlights for December

- ◆ The new class of elders will be installed on January 10, 2016: Billy Fortson, Gary Boteler, Tom Stillerman, Jake McCarthy, Scarlett McMurry and Stephanie Scarborough.
- ◆ There will be a Congregational Meeting on January 10, 2016 to approve the Pastor's Terms of Call and present the 2016 Budget.
- ◆ Plans are being considered for a new chair lift to improve handicapped access.
- ◆ A trip to Thornwell Home for Children is planned for April 1-3, 2016.

In January, we would like everyone to send thank you notes in appreciation of **Billy Wade** as our Pastor and especially for his **30 years of service** with us. You may send cards directly to Billy or to the church office:

First Presbyterian Church
1169 Clark Street SW
Covington, GA 30014

Be sure to mark it:
"Attn: Billy Wade Thank You!"

We have been recognizing each of our staff throughout the year. Their dedication and commitment to our congregation and the wider community are deeply appreciated.



This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, January 10 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Congregational Meeting Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Tuesday, January 12 4:00 Exercise</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 13 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, January 14 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p>Sunday, January 17 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 3:00 King Day Celebration</p>
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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 **January** suggested donations are: **soups, chili, chicken & dumplings, spaghetti sauces.**

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

Nursery Volunteers today:

Ardis Family

Next Week:

Moss Family

January Usher Chair:

Jean Wolverton

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 McMurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

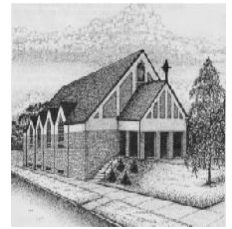
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Baptism of the Lord Sunday

January 10, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Variations on "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord"

Robert Lind

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Lani Smith

Brightest and Best

MORNING STAR

INTROIT

What is This Place

KOMT NU MET ZANG

Sanctuary Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

John 1:32-34

And John the Baptist bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

And I have seen and borne witness that this is the Son of God."

✦ HYMN 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Christmas angels said: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all." The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Sanctuary Choir, Teresa McCurry, solo

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

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 11:10-17

SERMON *Bearing the Burden* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 700, stanzas 1-3 I'M GONNA LIVE
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

A SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
(insert)

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Michael Burkhardt
Lord, When You Look on Us in Love

✦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, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!

They will come from east and west and from north and south and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE
Hymn 700, stanza 4
***I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere,
Lord, anytime!***

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦POSTLUDE HELMSLEY
Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

✦Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the leading of 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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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| †Miriam Witherspoon-pneumonia, home | ††Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship) |
| †Jack Yoder-pacemaker, hip surgery, Piedmont/Newton | †Edie Chandler Lowe-radiation |
| †Krissy Jones-surgery | †Jan Coulon-home |
| †Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home | †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma |
| †Bernice Bailey-knee surgery, home | †Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) |
| †Jim Stillerman-surgery, home | †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment |
| †Wally Bold - pneumonia (great-uncle of Lori Ardis) | †Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia |
| †Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) | Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: |
| †Vickie Sewell-breathing difficulties | †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers |
| †Gina Marasco-pregnancy complications (cousin of Danielle Schubert) | †Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA |
| †Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter) | Riverside |
| †Kim Bailey-Bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law) | †Joy Knight -hospice care |
| †Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin) | †Martha Borders |
| †Mickey Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Tootles Tingle's sister) | †Rita Harrell |
| †Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup) | Benton House |
| †Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain | †Doris Mote |
| †Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) | †George Stamps (temporarily at Riverside) |
| †Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis | Merryvale |
| †John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle) | †Guy McGiboney |
| †Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter) | †Bill Taylor |
| †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant | †Elizabeth Gadilhe |
| | †Betty Robinson |
| | †J. L. Johnson |
| | Hospital Visitor:
Jean Blair |

Please update your prayer requests this week! Email: penihaug@gmail.com