

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

<b>Sunday, July 1</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	<b>Sunday, July 8</b> 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
<b>Tuesday, July 3</b> 4:00 Exercise Class	<b>Monday, July 9</b> Youth Day at Stone Mountain Park
<b>Wednesday, July 4</b> <b>Independence Day!</b> Church office closed	

## Stone Mountain Park

Monday, July 9th

*All rising 6th–12th grade students are invited!*

Join us for a day at the park! We'll hike the mountain, ride the cable cars, have a picnic, climb the ropes course, play putt-putt golf and visit Geysers Towers!! Cost is \$20 if you are able.

We'll leave from the church at 9:00 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Friends are welcome to join us, but we need to know ahead of time so that we have enough vehicles. **Help us plan transportation by making your reservation today!**

Contact Dan Walden via e-mail [djwalden@mac.com](mailto:djwalden@mac.com), or by text at 404-405-3559.



## Farewell Luncheon for the Wade's

It's just six more weeks until we gather to wish Billy and Theodosia "happy trails" to the next stage of their life. We are planning a festive luncheon for his last day, August 5, and have created a tentative menu. Now we need volunteers to prepare various dishes. If you would like to help, please call or email Jean Wolverton. 678-342-3463 or [jcwolv3423463@bellsouth.net](mailto:jcwolv3423463@bellsouth.net)

## 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](http://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.

Suggested donations:

July: bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo

**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

**Usher Chair - June**  
Sophia Hawley  
**Usher Chair - July**  
Bob Tabb

**Transportation 7/1**  
Theodosia Wade

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
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

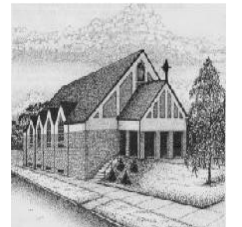
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 1, 2018



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Fantasia on "America the Beautiful"* Rex Koury  
*Tuba Tune in D Major* Craig Seller Lang  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67:1-3

May God be gracious to us and bless us.  
**May God's face shine upon us, that your ways shall be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations.**  
Let the people praise you, O God!  
**Let all the peoples praise you!**

✦ HYMN 337 *My Country 'Tis of Thee* AMERICA

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a narrow focus upon ourselves and our kind; from going along with mean and ugly things;  
**O God deliver us.**  
From cowardice that dares not face the truth; from all that is hollow and insincere;  
**O God deliver us.**  
From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from putting down our neighbor; from cynicism about others;  
**O God deliver us.**  
From complacency with things that should be changed; from failing to act against injustice; from token concern for the poor;  
**O God deliver us.**  
From being poor stewards of the earth; from failing to understand the things that make for peace;  
**O God deliver us.**  
For everything in us that hides your light,  
**O God, Light of life, forgive us.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

### 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 Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**ANTHEM** WAYFARING STRANGER (Hymn 437)  
*You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy*  
Alexis Ward, solo Alice Walker, accompanist  
*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*  
*You are the Christ, giver of mercy!*  
*You are the Lord, giver of mercy!*

**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** Exodus 6:1-13  
Luke 4:16-21

**SERMON** *Freedom* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 338** *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

**OFFERTORY** *God of Our Fathers* Diane Bish

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** SCHUMANN  
Hymn 708

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
**Help us, Lord, to live our lives faithfully, standing courageously for justice, giving thanks for your blessings of home and family, of church and country. Help us to proclaim your grace and the good news that sets us free; for we pray in the name above every name, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

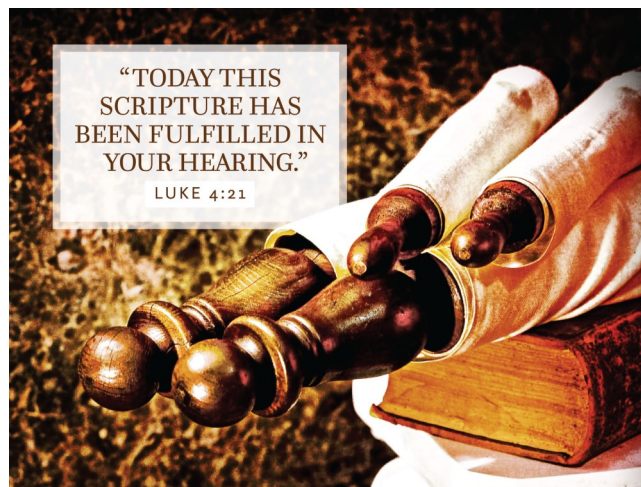
## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **Hymn 339** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* LIFT EVERY VOICE

### ✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

✦ Please stand if you are able.



## Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, is assisting in the leading of worship.  
✦ We welcome to our service this morning **Bill Cobham**, trombonist, and **Jim Patrick**, trombonist. Both Bill and Jim are members of the Covington Conyers Community Orchestra.  
✦ 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Bill Cobham-home  
†Charles Woods-surgery (friend of Bill Cobham)  
†Bob Lange-home  
†Mark Fogarty-cancer  
†Jackie Walden-home (mother of Dan Walden)  
†Saundra Evans-recovering from surgery (sister of Bill Cobham)  
†Patti Lanford - bus accident  
†Dot Schaeffer-has moved to California with her son.  
†Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's mother)  
†Bettie Miller-recovering from surgery  
†Jerry Smart-stage 4 lung cancer (brother of Faye Kitchens)  
†Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)  
†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer  
3037 Pine Needle Rd  
Augusta, GA 30909-3047  
†Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)  
†Lewis Bunn-stage 4 lung cancer, (father of Alan Bunn)  
†Roger Gossage-broken shoulder  
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis  
†Adriane Ivey-home  
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)  
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)  
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)  
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)  
†Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)  
†David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)  
†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home  
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)  
†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)  
**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
†Julia Brubaker-Benton House  
†Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle  
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

### Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney  
†Betty Robinson  
†Louise White  
†Alice Gadilhe  
†Hughie Hudson  
†Patricia McGuire

### Home

†Jan Coulon  
†Debi (Dee) Selin  
†Roger and Kathryn Wallace

### Peace Corps Volunteer

†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia  
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**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jean Wolverton

**Please update** your prayer requests this week!  
Names will be left on for one month unless updated.  
Email: [penihaug@gmail.com](mailto:penihaug@gmail.com)  
or call the church office,  
770-786-7321

