

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 22 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Thursday, July 26 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, July 24 No Exercise Class this week	Sunday, July 29 9:00 Handbell Choir
Wednesday, July 25 11:00 Smart Lunch, Smart Kids 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Smart Lunch, Smart Kids Wednesday, July 25th

Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community by serving lunches to our hungry neighbors! Youth Connection will leave from the church at 11:00 a.m. and travel to a neighborhood north of Oxford where we will serve lunches and play games with the kids in the neighborhood. Afterward, we have lunch and go swimming together, returning to the church by 4:00 p.m. Contact Dan Walden at the church office to let us know that you plan to join us.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

The **Sanctuary Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, July 25th at 6:45 p.m. The **Handbell Choir** will resume on Sunday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m. New members are always welcome!

Join **NAMI Rockdale Newton** in the fellowship hall on July 30 at 6:30 p.m. for our Community Action Meeting on Peer Support with Anthony Catlin. We will discuss Peer Support for adults with a mental health diagnosis. Dinner will be served.

Anthony Catlin works at View Point Health as a certified peer specialist for youth (CPS-Y). He works on The Towards Zero Suicide GLS grant to bring suicide specific care to peers as a peer. He is a facilitator for NAMI Connections peer support group in Gwinnett and holds a seat as a board member at NAMI Gwinnett. He has training and experience as a speaker for the Respect Institute. With the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), he also trains other peers to become certified as a youth specialist (CPS-Y). First and foremost, he is a person living with a mental health challenge who manages his mental health on a daily basis. He has been partially homeless and moved from group home to group home until finding View Point Health, slowly moving up the ladder from client to employee.

Farewell Luncheon for the Wade's

It's just three more weeks until we gather to wish Billy and Theodora "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

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."



Food Pantry Needs

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 - July
Bob Tabb

Transportation 7/29
Darcel Tabb

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

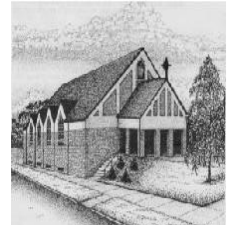
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 22, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Matt Limbaugh
Fairest Lord Jesus Joel Raney
Take Time to Be Holy Charles Callahan

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 95:1-2

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

✦ **HYMN 305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION Isaiah 43:19; Revelation 3:20

I am about to do a new thing;

now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness

and rivers in the desert.

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of surprise and wonder, possibility and hope, you call us to be your disciples. You assure us that nothing – nothing – can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. You give to us a new commandment, that we love one another as you have loved us. Yet so often our response is lukewarm. Maybe we are distracted. Maybe despair has taken hold of us. Maybe we are just so weary and the burdens we carry consume us. Still, you stand at the door and knock. Still, your transforming power is at work within each one of us – able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. Help us to hear your voice. Help us to open the door. Help us to believe. Help us to give our lives to you.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news!

In Jesus Christ, God embraces you, forgives you, and strengthens you to live life anew.

Thanks be to God.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

AZMON

Hymn 466, stanza 3 (old hymnal)

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free; Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

✦ PASSING OF THE PEACE

For centuries Christians have greeted one another with expressions of the peace Christ brings. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *On Eagle's Wings* Michael Joncas, arr. Mark Hayes
Alexis Ward, solo Alice Walker, accompanist

*You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust!"*

*And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.*

*The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield.*

*You need not fear the terror of the night,
Not the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.*

*For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*

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 READING Luke 10:25-37

SERMON The Rev. Bobbie Wrenn Banks
A Bowl of Blackberries

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 203 CHEREPONI
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

✦ 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 *Siyahamba* Vicki Collinsworth

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE
Hymn 700, stanza 1
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord God, you have entrusted us with the works of your own hands. Now we return these gifts to you with thanksgiving and praise. Use them all for your glory and for the good of your world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 726 *Will You Come and Follow Me* KELVINGROVE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
Now Thank We All Our God (Cantata BWV 79)

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Welcome Our Guest Preacher

Bobbie Wrenn Banks grew up in Covington, the daughter of Bobbie and Ben Banks, cousin of Day Kennon. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Covington. She earned a Master of Divinity degree from Candler School of Theology in 1988 and from there became founding director of the St. Paul UMC older adult center in Grant Park. For 25 years her ministry focused on peacemaking, primarily through Women's Action for New Directions (WAND) where she served as board president and national field director. She later studied at Columbia Theological Seminary and in 2014 was ordained as teaching elder in the PC(USA) and called to Bremen First Presbyterian Church, where she served four years. Bobbie Wrenn and her husband Dave have two children and five grandchildren.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, July 29

There will be a congregational meeting at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 29, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dr. William B. Wade, Jr. and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Georgia.

Worship Notes

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

†Kathryn Wallace-stroke
†Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)
†Betty Strohecker-hospice (mother of Diane Loeble)
†Annett Eaten-cancer (aunt of Milton Patton)
†Jim Hall-heart surgery on 7/17 (father of Kerry Jones)
†Larry Kennon-surgery, home
†Charles Woods-surgery (friend of Bill Cobham)
†Bob Lange-home
†Mark Fogarty-cancer
†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
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†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-cancer (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
†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 P. O. Box 50707
Lusaka, Zambia
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We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of **Karen Long** who died July 15. She was the niece of **Danny and Beth Vining**.

Hospital Visitors:
Bob & Darcel Tabb

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