

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, July 24 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>Friday, July 29 First Day of Newton Schools</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 26 4:00 Exercise</p>	<p>Saturday, July 30 8:45 Meals on Wheels</p>
<p>Thursday, July 28 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p>	<p>Sunday, July 31 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p>

Meals on Wheels

It's FPC's turn to serve Meals on Wheels on Saturday, July 30, at 8:45 am. We will meet at the fellowship hall. We welcome all to come and help. If you have questions you may e-mail either Scarlett McCurry at tommysgirl4life@gmail.com or Perri Walden at perriwalden@charter.net.

Blue Hymnals

We still have a number of the old blue Presbyterian hymnals in the mail/storage room. We have had no luck in giving them away to other churches, so we are once again offering them to whoever would like a copy. If they are not gone by August 1, we will recycle them. There are a few copies in the narthex on the desk by the front door. (More available as needed.)



Montreat Retreat

The Church Family Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **November 4-6, 2016**. It's time now to make your reservation with a \$50 deposit. The form has the costs listed. We do need a completed form and your deposit to confirm your place on this much-loved retreat. If you've never

been...ask Billy Wade, Dan Walden or anyone who has attended in the past and they will tell you it's wonderful!

Blood Drive, Wednesday, August 3, from 2 pm to 7 pm in the fellowship hall. See details on the enclosed insert



**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.

July suggested donations are:
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

July Usher Chair:
Charles Ardis

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 McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

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	<i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery</i>
Peni Haug Alan Bunn	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> <i>Music Director</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost**
July 24, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Wilbur Held
	<i>Prelude, Fugue, and Variation</i>	Cesar Franck
	<i>Sinfonia</i>	J. S. Bach

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Colossians 1:15-19

He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, or principalities or authorities -- all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

✦HYMN 664 *Morning Has Broken* BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we forget who we are. We do not listen for a still small voice. We walk with our heads down and miss all the stars that could be ours. But we know, O God, that you are a God of Hope who does not forget your covenant with us, a Shepherd God who looks for lost sheep, a faithful God who keeps calling us in spite of our deafness, a God who enters our history and opens our eyes and heals our blindness. Lord, accept us as your people and send us out in the hope of your forgiveness. In Jesus' name, we pray.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRENTHAM

Hymn 286, stanza 1
Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FAITHFULNESS

Hymn 39, refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have
needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy
faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "Meditation" from *Thais* Massenet
Jake McCarthy, violin Alice Walker, piano

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

Psalm 19

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

What the Heavens Are Saying

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

**God created and rules in love.
God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.
We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.
God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.
God still works through the processes that shape and
change the earth and the living things upon it.
We acknowledge God's care and control
in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.
There is no event from which God is absent
and his ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.
That purpose embraces our choices
and will surely be accomplished.
The Creator works in all things toward the new creation
that is promised in Christ.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Richard Elliott

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

✦ 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

**Almighty God, you have created the world out of
nothing but your love, and have entrusted us to care
for it. Help us to remember you are the Lord of all,
including our lives. Make us good stewards through
the grace and power of Jesus Christ in whose name
we pray. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

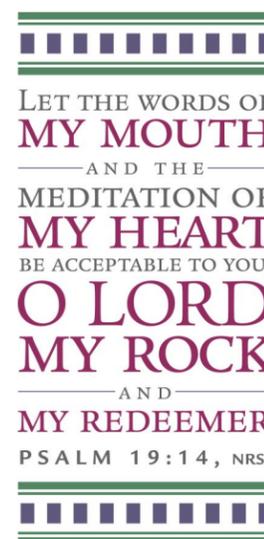
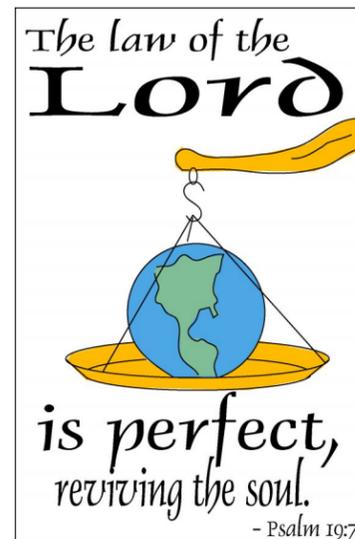
✦ HYMN 331 NATIONAL HYMN

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Gordon Young

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ 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

†Will Vining-foot surgery (grandson of Beth & Danny Vining)
†Joyce Ashworth-hip problem
†Louise Strickland-home
†Joel Kitchens-kidney stones
†John Stamps-hip surgery
†Emalee Green-hip surgery (the Tingle's granddaughter)
†Rita Harrell-infection, Riverside
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)
†Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment
†Mary Anese (Barbara Martin's mother)
†Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications
†Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn)
†Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin)
†Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)
†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
†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)

†Jan Coulon-home
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)

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
†George Stamps

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney
†Bill Taylor
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Betty Goins
†Hughie Hudson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Patrick and Janet Carmichael** and family in the death of his cousin, **Lenise Fredericks**, who died last week.

Hospital Visitor:
Patti Lanford

Please update your prayer requests this week!
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321