

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Family Lake Day - Wednesday, July 29th

We have been invited to the home of Susan & Gary Boteler on Wednesday, 7/29 for a picnic day of boating, tubing and kayaking on Lake Jackson. We'll meet here at the church at 10:00am to caravan down to the lake. Sandwich fixin's, chips and drinks will be provided. Bring a bathing suit, towel and sunscreen. *Children younger than 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.* Contact Dan Walden at 404-405-3559 to let us know that you are planning to join us.

Second-Quarter Statements of Giving for those who pledge are available in the narthex on the round table. Please pick up your statement as it will save our postage budget. Thanks!

NAMI Family Support Group: will meet very third Monday of the month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at FPC beginning in August. Come in the door on Clark Street with the sign for the Care and Counseling Center (Jubilee Classroom). If you have a loved one with a mental illness, this group is for you. Be a friend, bring a friend. For questions and information, call Caryn Thompson at 770-648-6432. Sponsored by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Rockdale/Newton.

CHURCH NURSERY WORKER

Responsibilities include teaching and supervision of young children (toddlers through 5 years) during bell choir rehearsal, Sunday School, and worship on Sunday mornings: 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Compensation is negotiable depending upon the level of experience of the candidate. Please direct interested candidates to contact the church office or send resumes to info@fpcov.org.



Nursery Worker Wanted

Montreat Retreat

It is time to start signing up for the congregational retreat to Montreat, NC, which is scheduled for the weekend of **November 6-8, 2015**. This is an intergenerational event that combines worship, study and fun in the beautiful mountains of our Presbyterian Conference Center near Asheville, NC. A deposit of \$50 will be due with registration. Forms with the prices listed are in the narthex on the round table.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 26
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, July 28
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, July 29
10:00 Caravan from FPC for Family Lake Day

Thursday, July 30
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, August 2
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

**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 one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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Food Pantry Needs

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for July: bath soap, toothpaste, shampoo;** you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

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 receptacle 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:
CJ Hunt & Caryn Thompson
Next Week:
Josh & Holly Hughes Family

July Usher Chairs:
Bob Tabb & Baxter Bouchillon

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2015
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Bob Tabb
Fletcher Stamps
Jack Weesner

Class of 2016
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

Class of 2017
Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| 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 <i>Nursery</i> |
| Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> | Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i> |
| Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i> | |



**Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost**

July 26, 2015



Order of Worship
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* J. S. Bach
 Holy Manna John Carter
 Amazing Grace David P. Dahl
Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult H. Alexander Matthews

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

✠ **HYMN 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have not earned your goodness. It is only by your grace that your light is reflected in our lives. We confess that we have been self-absorbed, when your clear call is to shine brightly in the world. Rouse us to see your people in need, to cross the barriers that divide us, to heal the wounds that alienate us, to discover the face of Christ in those from whom we have separated our lives.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ **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 *God Gives All Graceful Things* Eric H. Thiman
Juliana Laseter, soprano Alice Walker, piano

*I love all things that move with grace
The shivering of the aspen trees,
The bending grass before the wind,
The leaves that sway in summer's breeze,
The swan that glides upon the lake.
The ripple of the flowing stream,
The circle of the swallow's flight,
The clouds that almost moveless seem.
The rise and fall of silvery waves,
The fluttering wings of butterflies,
The curving scythe among the corn,
The setting sun, when daylight dies.
The autumn dance of withered leaves.
The snowflakes steady, the gentle fall,
The gleaming slant of April rain, I love them all,
I love them all; God gives them all.*

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

Through Jesus Christ and in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving the Church power to serve the One God as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Good News to all nations. In the same way, teach us and lead us today, O God.

SCRIPTURE READING I Peter 4:7-11

SERMON *What Color Is Your Grace?* Michael Thompson

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 716 BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY *In This Very Room* Ron and Carol Harris
Juliana Laseter, soprano Alice Walker, piano

*In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me.
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power To chase away any gloom.*

For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us, And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us.

And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom.

For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all the world.

And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world.

And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom.

For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very Room.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SCHUMANN

Hymn 708, stanza 1

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of multi-colored grace, we leave here as ones committed to speaking the very words of God, and to serving with the strength God provides. In all things, may God alone be praised through Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 693 *Though I May Speak* GIFT OF LOVE

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune* Frederick Swann

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ **Michael Thompson** is our guest preacher and worship leader today.
✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with leading worship.
✦ We cordially welcome to our service this morning, **Juliana Laseter**, who will be singing our Anthem and Offertory. Juliana, a Covington native, is a second-year student in Opera at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
✦ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** again when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Betty Strohecker-hospital, tests (mother of Diane Loeble)
† Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain
† Sharon Walton-treatment for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Jean Elder-bad fall, home
† Greg Jones-broken neck vertebrae, Atlanta Medical Center (Rob Jones' father)
† Betty Lunsford-fall, surgery from fractured femur, home
† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
† Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney)
† Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter)
† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson)
† Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
† Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy
† Jan Coulon-home
† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
† Don Bollinger-home
† Lisa Baker-cancer treatment

† Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School.)
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

Riverside

† Joy Knight -hospice care
† Martha Borders
† Rita Harrell

Benton House

† George Stamps
† Doris Mote

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney
† Bill Taylor
† Elizabeth Gadilhe
† Betty Robinson

Celebrate with the Hinton family upon the engagement of **Jessica Hinton to Jason Vincent**. A fall wedding is planned. Jessica is the daughter of **Harry and Tricia Hinton**.

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Blair

Staff Notes:

Billy Wade is out for continuing education from July 22--August 4.

Should you need assistance during this time, please call the church office and you will be directed to the appropriate person, as soon as we are able.