

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

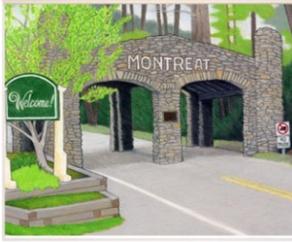
Mid-Week Feast is back! Wednesday night dinners will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month beginning August 13th, at 6:00. Come enjoy the fellowship. Make sure that you use the sign up cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate. You may also call the church office to give your reservation. The price will remain the same which is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children over 10 yrs. old.

If you had your picture made for the new directory, be sure to pick it up at the Wednesday night dinner. Contact Darcel Tabb or Betty Bailey for more information.

Quarterly statements for those who pledge are ready to be picked up from the table in the narthex. It's good stewardship for us as it saves us postage, time and gas if we don't mail them! If you do not pledge and want a statement please call or e-mail and the church office will print one for you.

Summer Stewardship

While you are preparing for vacation remember that the church's expenses do not take a vacation. If you will mail your check or do an on-line payment before you leave, the lights will still be on at the church to welcome you home. Thanks!



**Montreat Retreat
November 7-9, 2014
Registration Needed by August 3**

The congregation is invited to the church retreat in Montreat. Please register using the bright yellow form on the table in the narthex. If you've never attended, you are in for a real treat!

It is now time to make the second payment for the upcoming FPC Retreat. To make the payment accurate we really need to know how many plan to attend. We'd appreciate your registration form and deposit by August 3rd.

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
Sunday, July 27 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Thursday, July 30 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, July 29 4:00 Exercise	Sunday, August 3 9:00 Handbell rehearsal 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 -11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for August:
 Cooking oil and other staple food items.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today: Nick & Jessica Jessup Family Next Week: Lori & Charles Ardis Family	Ushers: Jon & Jane Williams Cy & Jean Wolverton Sound Engineer: Ken Walker
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2016
Debra Arnold Bill Loeble Darcel Tabb Roger Tingler Cy Wolverton Sam Hay, IV	Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman	Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden

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>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Tiffany McWaters <i>Nursery</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost
July 27, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
Con moto Maestoso from Third Sonata
When Morning Gilds the Skies LAUDES DOMINI
 Alice Walker, organ
Sarabande George Frideric Handel
 Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, accompanist

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 105
 O give thanks to the Lord,
Call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

✦ **HYMN 367**

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Come, Ye Thankful People Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, it is with shame in our hearts that we confess how often we are so wrapped up in ourselves. Selfishly we ignore the needs of others and are not even aware of the pain they bear. Forgive us our thoughtless ways. Show us how to understand those near to us, to reach out to them and stand with them in their need; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom we are called to be a compassionate people
 (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 370, stanza 2

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world. The battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Minuet Alternat* Johann Ernst Galliard
Bill Cobham, trombone Alice Walker, accompanist

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 Revelation 21:1-4

SERMON *The Hope of New Creation* Mark Howard

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 360 *Christ Is Coming!* UNSER HERRSCHER

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith 1985*

In Christ God gave us a glimpse of the new creation he has already begun and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come. In our time we see only broken and scattered signs that the renewal of all things is under way. We do not yet see the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives. But we see Jesus as Lord. As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end. He will judge all people and nations. Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation. There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. The fellowship of human beings with God and each other will be perfected.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 606 OLD HUNDREDTH

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, as people of hope we offer our gifts to you. Use them and us to bless all of your creation and to welcome your kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

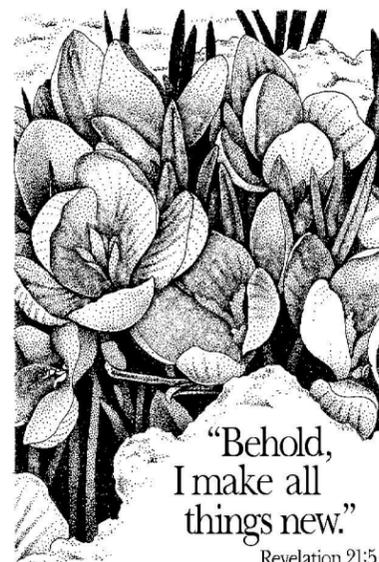
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us* ARGENTINA

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

- ✦ We welcome Mark Howard as our guest preacher for today.
- ✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, is assisting with the leading of worship today.
- ✦ We welcome Bill Cobham as our trombonist today.
- ✦ 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

- † Verona Miles-recovering from dog attack
- † Peter Musarra-recovering from surgery (Danielle Schubert's father)
- † Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
- † Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
- † Mike Peppers-severe heart problems (friend of the Liems)
- † Don Bollinger-home
- † Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)
- † Cassandra Morrow--severe pain from broken wrist and surgery (Congregational Consultant with the Presbytery Of Greater Atlanta)
- † Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
- † Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)
- † Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)
- † Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)
- † Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
- † Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
- † Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
- † Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)
- † Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
- † Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

- Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**
- † Mary Crudup-Hope Center
- † Mary Cline-relocated
- † Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
- † Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
- † Joy Knight -Riverside
- † Bonnie Tingler--Riverside
- † Martha Borders-Riverside
- Benton House**
- † George Stamps
- † Doris Mote
- † Velma Prescott
- Covington Square**
- † Rita Harrell
- Merryvale**
- † Doris Hicks
- † Bill Taylor
- † Elizabeth Gadilhe

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family of **Matthew Toney** of Conyers who died this week. Matthew is the father of four young children and the cousin of **Scarlett McCurry**.

Hospital Visitor:
Bob & Darcel Tabb

To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.