Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 30
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, August 1
4:00 Exercise Class
5:30 Witness Team meeting

Wednesday, August 2
1:00-6:00 Blood Drive at FPC

Thursday, August 3
10:00 & 11:15 ELC Open House
10:30 Ambassador Choir

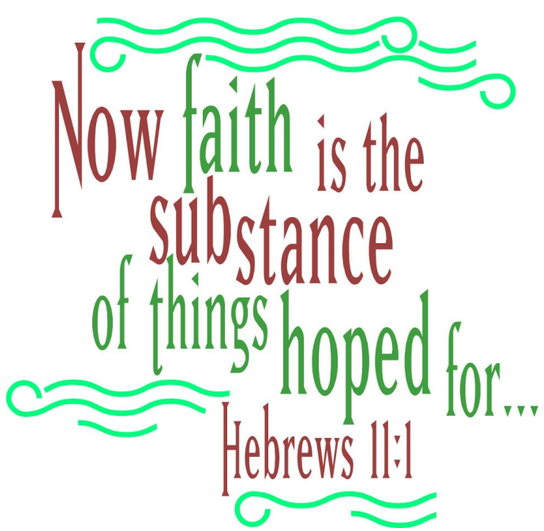
Sunday, August 6
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

***NEW* Sound System**

We have recently completed an update of the sound system in the sanctuary with the intention of improving the quality of the worship experience for as many people as possible. This facility improvement was made possible by the Capital Campaign Fund.

For those who have special hearing challenges, we have individual listening devices that are available in the narthex. See **an usher before worship if you would like to try one out.**

Let us know what you think about the new system. In this case, feedback is a good thing. ;-)



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.

E-mail:
Pastor, Billy Wade: wbwade75@gmail.com
Dan Walden: djwalden@mac.com
Church Office/Peni Kehoe: penihaug@gmail.com
Website: www.fpccov.org
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW
Covington, Georgia 30014
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 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

August suggested donations are:
2 lb. bags of sugar and flour

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 Chair:
Scarlett McCurry
August
Gary Boteler

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton
Jake McCarthy
Koen Ardis

Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

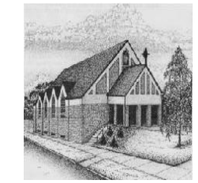
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COVINGTON

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 30, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE
On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand — Lyndell Leatherman
Lord, Lift Me Up and Let Me Stand — HIGHER GROUND
The Earth and All That Dwell Therein — Raymond H. Haan

✠CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 90:1-2
Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

✠HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* — ELLACOMBE

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Creator of all, you promise to care for us, yet we continue to be anxious about our lives, and to trust in our own way. Forgive our lack of faith. Help us to follow where you lead us, trusting your love of us; for we pray in Jesus' name.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — OLIVET
Hymn 829, stanza 1
My faith looks up to thee, thou lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me when I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE — NETTLETON
Hymn 475, stanza 2
Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE
Bill Cobham, Trombone

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 ILLLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 12:1-5a
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-9; 12:1-2

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✝HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

✝AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
**Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom.
Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.
Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful.
No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and the threat of life in the world.
We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY J. S. Bach
If Thou Wilt Allow God to Guide Thee

✝CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MONKLAND
Hymn 31, stanza 1
Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

✝PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Increase our faith, Lord. Open our lives to your abundant grace, our minds to the wonder of the future you create for us. Let us leave this place with the good news on our lips, seeking to follow the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, loving others as you have loved us; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

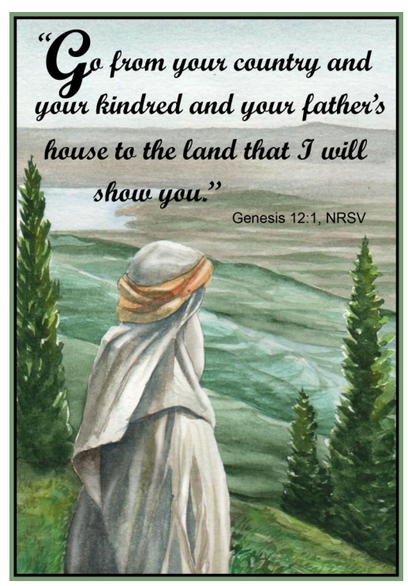
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✝CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✝HYMN 748 TALLIS' CANON
***Go with us Lord, and guide the way
through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.***

✝POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in A Major* David N. Johnson

✝Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✝**Dan Walden,** Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with leading 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

†Louise Strickland-cancer
†Carol Capell-home, recovering from back surgery
†Adriane Ivey-cancer treatment
†Miriam Witherspoon Wheeler-home (daughter of Miriam Wheeler)
†Heaven Stephenson-healthy pregnancy
†Scarlett McCurry-job and house search
†William Cowden-Grady (father of Rebecca Arnold)
†Donald Vining-recovering from back surgery (brother of Danny Vining)
†Zach Sullivan-home (son of Beth & David Sullivan)
†Debi (Dee) Selin-home
†Brandon Vining-recovering from surgery (son of Beth & Danny Vining)
†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)
†Charlotte Epps-home
†Anderson Krieger-home, chemotherapy
†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Fran Prince-chemotherapy
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†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
†Jan Coulon-home
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Bill Taylor-Hope House, Lawrenceville
†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA
†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

Riverside
†Martha Borders
†Betty Goins

Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Hughie Hudson

Peace Corps Volunteer
†Pattie Lanford stationed in Zambia

Hospital Visitor:
Sallie Paschal

Please update your prayer requests this week! Those requests that have not been updated 4 weeks after the request will be removed. Thank you! Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321