

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE  
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, July 31**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

**Tuesday, August 2**  
4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, August 3**  
2:00-7:00 Blood Drive

**Thursday, August 4**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, August 7**  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

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



**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!

**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.)

**Hospital Visitors for August**

I overlooked the schedule for the hospital visitors in the August newsletter, so it is printed below. The corrected newsletter has been posted to our website: [fpccov.org](http://fpccov.org).

August 7: Stephanie Fortson  
August 14: Louly Hay  
August 21: Bob & Darcel Tabb  
August 28: Jean Blair

**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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Covington, Georgia 30014

You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website ([www.fpccov.org](http://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.

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



**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:**  
Rick Gunter

**August Chairs:**  
Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler

**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.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



**Eleventh Sunday  
after Pentecost**

**July 31, 2016**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

Alan Bunn, piano

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord God, in you abides constancy of power and of mercy; to you a thousand years are as a watch in the night. **To you we lift our hearts in praise for the glory of your nature and the immeasurable depths of your love.** What are human beings, that you are mindful of us? **Yet because you have created us and redeemed us through the sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord, we dare to gather before you this day, to worship you as Sovereign God, who has revealed himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.** Bless us, we pray. **And accept our praise during this corporate endeavor of worship. Amen.**

✦HYMN 39 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our Father in Heaven, every day we are reminded how fragile is the thread of our lives. News every day, seen on television and read in the newspapers, remind us how suddenly we may be summoned away from the things that engross us here. May the uncertainties of life make us more serious in our devotion to you, and make us more anxious to do good while we have the opportunity. Forgive us that during many of our days, this is not the way we live. Hear now our private prayers as we acknowledge these and our other sins before you.**

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**Great God, reveal anew your awesome love to all of us, forgive us and grant us your peace. Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the Good News of the gospel: in the fullness of God's mercy our misdeeds are blotted out, by God's loving kindness our sins are washed away.

Through the gift of the Spirit, we are assisted to forgive others as God forgives us through the Christ.  
**Thanks be to God for these magnificent gifts! Amen.**

#### ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 447      *We Are Forgiven*      WE ARE FORGIVEN  
cantor sings once, congregation repeats

#### ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM      Alan Bunn, 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

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 55:1-11; 16-19 & 22

#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:28-39

#### SERMON

The Rev. Al Myers  
*Just Who Is in Charge Here?*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### ✦ HYMN 816

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT  
*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

#### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland*

**We believe in one God:**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is love.**

**We praise God the Father:**

**who created the universe and keeps it in being.  
He has made us his sons and daughters to share his joy, living together in justice and peace, caring for his world and for each other.**

**We proclaim Jesus Christ, God the Son:**

**born of Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became one of us, sharing our life and our death. He made known God's compassion and mercy, giving hope and declaring forgiveness of sin, offering healing and wholeness to all.**

**By his death on the cross and by his resurrection, he has triumphed over evil. Jesus is Lord of life and of all creation.**

**We trust God the Holy Spirit:**

**who unites us to Christ and gives life to the Church; who brings us to repentance and assures us of forgiveness. The Spirit guides us in our understanding of the Bible, renews us in the sacraments, and calls us to serve God in the world.**

**We rejoice in the gift of eternal life:**

**we have sure and certain hope of resurrection through Christ, and we look for his coming again to judge the world. Then all things will be made new; and creation will rejoice in worshipping the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit, one God blessed forever. Amen.**

#### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

#### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

#### OFFERTORY

Alan Bunn, piano

#### ✦ 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

**Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with gifts too many to count. Help us respond to your goodness. Enable us to live our lives as gifts to you, seeking your will and your help through all that life brings us. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

### BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

#### ✦ HYMN 370

*This Is My Father's World*

TERRA BEATA

#### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### ✦ POSTLUDE

Alan Bunn, piano

✦ Please stand if you are able.

### Worship Notes

✦ **The Rev. Al Myers** is our preacher and worship leader for today. **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with leading worship.

✦ 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

†Joyce Ashworth-hip problem

†Louise Strickland-home

†John Stamps-hip surgery

†Tootles Tingler-back surgery on

August 8 at Athens Regional

†Rita Harrell-infection, Riverside

†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)

†Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment

†Mary Annese (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

#### **Celebration:**

We congratulate **Jennifer Lauren Elder**, granddaughter of **Jim and Jean Elder**, on receiving her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Georgia Gwinnett College

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Jean Wolverton

**Please update** your prayer requests this week!

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