

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 3
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Monday, July 4
Independence Day
Church Offices Closed

Tuesday, July 5
4:00 Exercise

Thursday, July 7
10:30 Ambassador Choir

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

188th Salem Camp Meeting on July 8 -15, 2016

Annual Camp Meeting Services at Salem Camp Ground will be held beginning Friday, **July 8, 2016**, at 8:00 pm and continuing daily at 10:45 am and 8:00 pm through Friday, July 15, 2016. Family style meals will be served daily at Salem Hotel at 8:00 am, 12:30 pm, and 6:00 pm. Reservations for rooms or meals at the hotel are recommended in advance of camp meeting. To make a reservation, please call 770-786-6841. Preachers are Dr. William J. Carl, III, and the Rev. Dr. Bill Burch. Alice and Becky will play grand pianos for every Service, and **Ambassador Choir will sing on Monday, July 11th at 10:45.**

Summer break is in full swing for our local schools, but not for the church! As you make your plans to get away for some well-deserved rest and relaxation, please remember to keep your offering up-to-date by mailing a check to the church office, or by using our new online resource, OnRealm. If you haven't already received an invitation to sign-up, send an e-mail to Peni Haug at penihaug@gmail.com.



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.)

**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

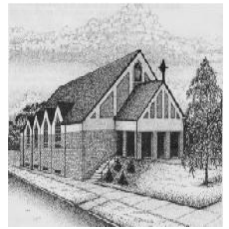
Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
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 Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		



**Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost**
July 3, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Allegro from Concerto in F Major, BWV 978 J. S. Bach
Brethren, We Have Met to Worship William Moore
Speak, Lord, in the Stillness QUIETUDE

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 145:9-12

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
To make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION 1 Timothy 1:14-15

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 37
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night till shadows have vanished and fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

✦ 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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON *Come Home* Dan Walden

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 418 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Light Divine* Felix Mendelsohn-Bartholdy

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 711

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
Use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
Tokens of love and pledges brought a-new,
That our whole life is offered to your will.*

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, in this moment draw us to yourself and make us aware not so much of what we've given as of all that we have received and so have yet to share. Send us forth in power and gladness and great courage to live out in the world what we pray and profess. Amen

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* MATERNA

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ POSTLUDE *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* Mary McDonald

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is our preacher today. The Rev. **Larry Kennon** will help 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

†Will Vining-foot surgery (grandson of Beth & Danny Vining)
†Charles Ardis, surgery, home
†Joyce Ashworth-hip problem
†Margaret Wallace-radiation
†Louise Strickland-home
†Joel Kitchens-kidney stones
†John Stamps-hip surgery
†Emalee Green-hip surgery (the Tingle's granddaughter)
†Rita Harrell-infection, Riverside
†George Stamps-Riverside* see new address below right
†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 for rehab
†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

Riverside
†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Martha Borders
†Rita Harrell
†George Stamps
5100 West St., Covington, 30014

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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Bettie Miller** in the death of her nephew, Joel Sherrard; and for **Faye Kitchens** in the death of her brother-in-law, Tommy Jones.

Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton