

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 9 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service	Sunday, July 16 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Thursday, July 13 10:30 Ambassador Choir	

Billy Wade is on vacation through July 10. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please contact the church office or Dan Walden (404-405-3559).

Wherever You Roam

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 gift before you leave, the lights will still be on at the church to welcome you home. Thanks!



Sweet Spirit of Salem 5k Race Information

Catch the Spirit and join us for the annual running of the Sweet Spirit of Salem 5k on Saturday, July 15th! The race is a cross-country course following gently rolling terrain on footpaths and wooded and paved roads through historic Salem Campground, site of the 189th Salem Camp Meeting from July 14th through July 21st, 2017. Runners and walkers are welcome! The starting bell tolls at 8:00 a.m.; race packet pickup begins at 7:00 a.m.

All proceeds benefit Salem Camp Meeting, an annual non-denominational spiritual retreat established in 1828 with the mission of spreading the love of Jesus Christ. The 1854 circa tabernacle and the entire grounds are included on the National Historic Register. Space is limited to 200 runners, so please visit <https://ultrasignup.com/> to register. Registration is \$35; online registrations will receive a t-shirt.

Awards Prizes will be awarded for overall top male and female; masters male and female; grand masters male and female. Top male and female finishers will be awarded in the following age categories: under 20; 20-29; 30-39; 40-49; 50-59; 60-69; 70+. For more information, please contact sweetspiritofsalem5k@gmail.com

Montreat Retreat Information: Registration is now open for the Congregational Retreat at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. It will take place November 3-5, 2017. Room and breakfast rates are on the pink form available in the narthex from the ushers' table.

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 - 11:30. 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 Chair:
Scarlett McCurry



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



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Michael Burkhardt
	<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	Richard Elliott
	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	Lothar Bandermann

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord God, in you abides constancy of power and mercy; to you a thousand years is 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 we 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, and gracious Redeemer.
We humbly beseech you to accept our praise;
and to bless us in this corporate endeavor of worship.

HYMN 49 *The God of Abraham, Praise* LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty you alone are good and holy. In your sovereignty, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we have not always sought nor done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loves us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray.
(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MY SOUL THIRSTS

Hymn 790, refrain
God is my rock; God is my strength; God is my salvation, my refuge, my abiding peace. I shall not be shaken.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *God of Great and God of Small* Natalie Sleeth
Emily Bunn, vocal solo

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

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you have to say to us, and we may receive instructions on faith and the living of that faith. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:28-39

SERMON *Our Sovereign God* The Rev. Al Myers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 30 *O God, in a Mysterious Way* DUNDEE

✦ 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 *Great Is Their Faithfulness* Diane Bish

✦ 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

Generous One, give us strength and hope that our lives might witness faithfully to who you are and all that you have done, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

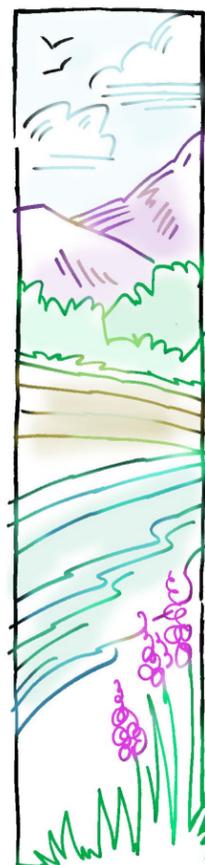
✦ HYMN 65 CWM RHONDDA
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ARGENTINA
Hymn 765
*May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude in C Minor* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.



*We know
that all
things work
together
for good for
those who
love God....*

Romans 8:28

Worship Notes

✦ The Rev. Al Myers is our preacher today. We welcome him back!
✦ 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

†Zach Sullivan-home (son of Beth & David Sullivan)
†Debi (Dee) Selin-home
†Janet Burts-home, recovering from surgery (daughter, Bill & Diane Loeble)
†Norma Smith-needs heart surgery (friend of the Schubert family)
†Tootles Tingler-recovering from knee surgery
†Wayne McCurry-home (father of Tommy & Tiffany McCurry)
†Brandon Vining-recovering from surgery (son of Beth & Danny Vining)
†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)
†Charlotte Epps-home
†Mr. Andy-recovering from stroke (neighbor of the Arnold family)
†Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loeble)
†Anderson Krieger-Scottish Rite
†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)
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Louise Strickland-home
†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 Zambia

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker

Please update your prayer requests this week! Requests that have not been updated will be removed next week.
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321