

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 18 Father's Day

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, June 20

4:00 Exercise Class

Thursday, June 21

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, June 25

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

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. Please read the form as we have changed some of our procedures. We ask that those who plan to attend register no later than August 15. All fees must be paid in full by October 1. Make your check out to the church and put "Montreat Retreat" in the memo space. If you want to attend the retreat but are staying at places other than Assembly Inn, please register, but let us know that you do not need a room. If you want breakfasts without a room, we need to know that also.



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.

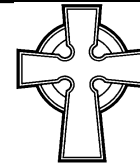
June suggested donations are:
punch drinks, sweetened Kool-aid, toilet paper

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

June Chair:
Jean Wolverton



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

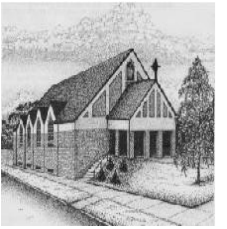
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Sue Mitchell Wallace
I Sing the Mighty Power of God Peter Davis
My Jesus, I Love Thee GORDON

INTROIT *Faith of our Fathers* ST. CATHERINE
Men's Ensemble

✠CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 100

On your feet, Christians now - applaud God!
Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into His Presence.

Know this: God is God. He made us in His image.

We are His people, His well tended sheep.

Enter with the password: "Thank you."

Move yourselves at home, talking praise.

For God is sheer joy, all generous in love, loyal always and ever.

So, let us worship God with joy!

✠HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION from I John 1:1-2a

"We declare to you...what we have seen with our eyes, what we have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life, this life was revealed with the Father of joy and life and grace..."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For those times when we move in the shadow and are unaware or unwilling to see how our actions affect others, we pray for your light, Lord, to find new life and joy in You.

For those times when we deceive others and ourselves--not giving others the benefit of doubts or showing compassion on the vulnerabilities, pain, and fears of our neighbors, so we seek forgiveness in fellowship.

For those times when true life has been revealed, and we have ignored or denied it, we come together to touch grace in the Presence of the Spirit of Christ. Amen.
(silence for personal reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Through the Holy Spirit, we are gifted with joy. We rejoice in

His grace to bring good news to the oppressed, healing to the broken, the oil of gladness to His people. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN TO JOY
Hymn 611, stanza 1 (last 2 bars)
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* PASS ME NOT
Men's Ensemble

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.

Doodles, the Clown
(with thanks to Jim Elder)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READINGS
I Corinthians 1:20-25, 3:18, 19a

Send in the Clowns
Bob and Darcel Tabb, duet

SERMON The Rev. Larry Kennon
A Theology of Holy Fools (Where are the clowns?)
(In memory of beloved church daughter and clown, Sandy Elder)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 157 *I Danced in the Morning* LORD OF THE DANCE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
**We believe in God who made us in His image.
We live, we love, we cry, we laugh,
because we are like Him.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's Holy Fool, our Lord and Savior.
He had the last laugh on Death in His
Resurrection in which we find joy and praise.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and
co-eternal with the Father and Son.
Our counselor, our guide, our motivator,
He is our Joy!**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Diane Bish

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE African American Spiritual
Hymn 623
***I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. I've got a
fountain in-a my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-a my soul. I've got a
fountain in-a my soul.***

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

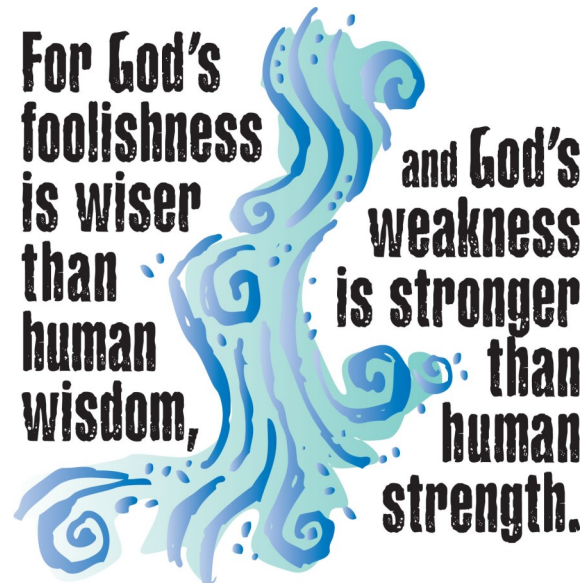
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 69 *Here I Am, Lord* HERE I AM

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
May the God of Surprises bring smiles and joys to the everyday and ordinary. May the God of love be seen in all we do and say. Go forth rejoicing. Christianity is a strangely cheerful faith. Believe it!

✦ POSTLUDE *Psalm XIX* Benedetto Marcello

✦ Please stand if you are able.



1 CORINTHIANS 1:25, NRSV

Worship Notes

✦ **Jean and Jim Elder, Bob and Darcel Tabb** are assisting with 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

†Bobbie Banks-Piedmont Newton (aunt of Day Kennon)
†Janet Burts-home, recovering from surgery (daughter, Bill & Diane Loeble)
†Norma Smith-needs heart surgery (friend of the Schubert family)
†Tootles Tingle-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)
†Richard Hall-liver cancer (friend of Milton Patton)
†Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loeble)
†Debi (Dee) Selin-rehab in Snellville
†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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Ritchie Amuzu and family** in the death of his younger brother Seth Amuzu, who died this week. A funeral was held in Ghana Saturday, June 10.

Bennett Petefish, son of Jennifer (Elder) & Roger Petefish and grandson of Jean & Jim Elder was born on Thursday, June 8th in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Beth Hillman and Russ Kanner were married last week at the old Courthouse in Decatur. Beth grew up in this church, and is the daughter of Don and Robin Hillman.

At the Georgia Elks Association state conference on St. Simon's Island last week:

Reed Blakeney was installed as State Chaplain, and **Jack Wheeler** was installed as Asst. Sergeant at Arms.

Hospital Visitors:
Beth & Danny Vining