

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

** VBS Cancelled **

We are sorry to announce that there will be no Vacation Bible School as originally scheduled for this week. Things were not able to work out for this particular week this summer. We look forward to hosting it again next summer.

Family Lake Day - Tuesday, June 23rd

We have been invited to the home of Susan & Gary Boteler this Tuesday for a picnic, day of boating, tubing and kayaking on Lake Jackson. We'll meet here at the church at 10:00 a.m. to caravan down to the lake. Sandwich fixin's, chips and drinks will be provided. Bring a bathing suit, towel and sunscreen. Children younger than 11 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Dan Walden at 404-405-3559 to let us know that you are planning to join us.

Staff Thank You

In June, we would like everyone to send thank you notes in appreciation of Alice Walker as our organist, director for the Ambassador Choir, and all the ways she reaches out to members of our church and into the community.

You may send cards to the church office at First Presbyterian Church, 1169 Clark Street SW, Covington, GA 30014. Be sure to mark it "Attn: Alice Walker Thank You!"

July 12: Church-wide Picnic: The picnic will be held at the Clark's Grove Pavilion. Clark's Grove is the neighborhood just west of the church. Swimming will be open at 5:00 p.m. at 6:00 p.m. we EAT!

Do You Need a Name Tag? Please sign up on the list on the narthex table and one will be made for you. We will be making the tags in the near future so please sign up by June 14. You may call or e-mail the church office: penihaug@gmail.com.

WANTED: CHILDCARE / NURSERY WORKER

We are searching for a replacement for Ms. Pauleen Green who has left us after serving faithfully for more than 5 years. Responsibilities include supervision of young children (toddlers through 5 years) during bell choir rehearsal, Sunday School, and worship on Sunday mornings: 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. Compensation is negotiable depending upon the level of experience of the candidate. Please direct interested candidates to contact the church office or send resumes to info@fpccov.org.

It's Time to Register for Montreat Retreat! Forms with dates, cost, etc. are on the table in the narthex. Register as soon as possible.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 21, Father's Day

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, June 23

10:00 Carpool from FPC to Family Lake Day
4:00 Exercise

Thursday, June 25

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, June 28

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

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 one of the pastors 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 Haug: penihaug@gmail.com

Website: www.fpccov.org

Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW
Covington, Georgia 30014



Food Pantry Needs

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions. **Special requests for June: sweetened packets of kool-aid;** you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

Baby Love: The Witness Team has an on-going project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local agencies to help families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered. Monetary donations are also accepted. Your donation by check, or cash in an envelope with your name will be credited to your offering statement.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:

The Moss Family

Next Week:

The Weesner Family

June Usher Chair:

Betty Bailey

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Bob Tabb
Fletcher Stamps
Jack Weesner

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.
Dan Walden

Pastor

Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

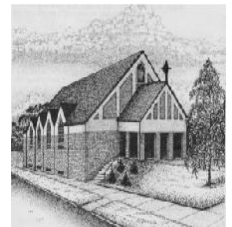
Nursery

Tiffany McWaters
Director of the
Early Learning Center



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2015



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RELUDE *Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord* Dietrich Buxtehude
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes
I Will Arise and Go to Jesus Folk Melody

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol the Lord, all people!
For great is God's steadfast love toward us;
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.
Praise the Lord!

HYMN 327 (Psalm 117)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Charles Gabriel

Jim Patrick, tenor Alice Walker, piano

*Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he; His eye is on
the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

Refrain:

*I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy). I sing because I'm free (I'm free).
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.*

*"Let not your heart be troubled," his tender word I hear, and resting
on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears. Though by the path he
leadeth but one step I may see: His eye is on the sparrow, and I
know he watches me.*

*Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise, When song gives
place to sighing, and hope within me dies, I draw the closer to him,
from care He sets me free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he
watches me.*

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

John 1:1-5, 14
Colossians 3:16-17

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

Thoughts, Words and Deeds
Part 2: *Only Words*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 722 stanzas 1-3 CANONBURY
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
We believe that God sends us to tell all the nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.

We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death.

We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.

We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.

We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers.

We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion and peace.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Near the Cross

William H. Doane

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

BEACH SPRING

Hymn 716, stanza 1

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, let our lips and lives express the faith we daily confess, for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

They shall come from East and West, from North and South, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us pray...

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KINGDOM

Hymn 516, stanza 1

For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

Words of Institution

Communion

(We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 722 stanzas 4-5 CANONBURY
Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* David Cherwien

✦Please stand if you are able.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elmer Blankenship by his wife, Maxine and their children: Trent Blankenship, Tim Blankenship and Hoke and Connie Blankenship. He was the greatest father!

Worship Notes

✦We welcome to our service **Jim Patrick**, a relative newcomer at First Presbyterian Church. Jim sings regularly in the Sanctuary Choir. Jim, now a retired Civil Engineer, actually grew up in FPC, and his mother was a member of the Session when Billy Wade first came to our church. Jim plays trombone and is a former choir director. He and his wife Linda have three sons and six grandchildren.

✦**The Rev. Louly Fowler Hay and Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, are 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** again when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Sharon Walton-treatment for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

†Carolyn Bailey-foot surgery with extended recovery (Randy Layton's sister)

†Rosalee Thompson-Nursing & Rehab Center, Social Circle (Manager of Food Pantry)

†Jean Elder-bad fall, several fractures, Morgan Memorial rehab in Madison

†Greg Jones-broken neck vertebrae, Atlanta Medical Center (Rob Jones' father)

†Betty Lunsford-fall, surgery from fractured femur, Newton Medical

†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis

†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)

†Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney)

†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter)

†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

†Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson)

†Bill Miller-stroke (Beth Vinings' brother)

†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)

†Darris Burrell-home

†Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy

†Howard Barton -rehab in Social Circle

†Jan Coulon-home

†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)

†Don Bollinger-home

†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment

†Anderson Krieger-maintenance

chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers

†Jeanne Cannon-Benton House
890 Scranton Road, #211
Brunswick, GA 31525
1-912-289-2325

†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside

†Joy Knight -hospice care

†Martha Borders

†Rita Harrell

†Doris Hicks (room 307)

Benton House

†George Stamps

†Doris Mote

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney

†Bill Taylor

†Elizabeth Gadilhe

†Betty Robinson

In memoriam:

Jean Oldham, long-time member of FPC, died on Thursday. We extend our sympathy and prayers for her family and friends. The funeral service will take place Monday, 6/22, 4:00 p.m. at FPC.

Celebrations:

Lane Dobbs graduated from Georgia State with a Bachelor's Degree in biology. Lane is the son of Denny and Kathy Dobbs. Congratulations!

Larry and Serwaa Boahene have a new baby girl, **Kekeli**, born June 15th. **Dennis** and **Sally Kim** are the big brother and sister.

Hospital Visitor: Jean Wolverton