

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, June 3
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 12:00 Session meeting
 10:00 Sunday School
 2:00 Violin Recital at FPC
 11:00 Worship Service

Monday, June 4
Memorial Day
 Office closed
Staff note: Peni Kehoe will be on vacation from May 30-June 9. Volunteers will be helping in the office during that time. The office will be closed on Monday, June 4.

Tuesday, June 5
 4:00 Exercise Class

NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
 (Choir is on break for the summer.)

Sunday, June 10

The congregation is invited to a casual afternoon **violin recital** honoring the high school graduation of **Jake McCarthy** and **Gracie Miller**. It will be held today at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. They will perform some of their favorite pieces and afterward light refreshments will be served for everyone in the narthex.

The stated **Session Meeting for June** will be held today, immediately following worship in the fellowship hall. *Please note that this represents a change from the usual second Sunday schedule of stated Session Meetings.*

Vacation Bible School June 11th - 15th 9:00am - Noon daily

All children who are rising Kindergarten through rising 5th graders are welcome to participate. Older youth (6th grade and higher) and adults are needed as volunteers, so please plan on helping out in any way that you can. Registration forms and music CDs are available in the narthex.

Ambassador Choir will NOT meet during the month of June.
Sanctuary Choir will NOT meet during the months of June and July.



Cub Scout Pack will be firing up the grill for a **Barbeque Saturday, June 9, from 10:00 - 3:00 at FPC**. The meal will include a sandwich, side and drink. Come support the pack!

Lost Items: There is a box of items that have been placed in the "lost & found" over the last few months. They are in the narthex in a cardboard box waiting for their owners to "find" them! Please check to see if any of the items are yours. As of June 17th, you may claim any leftover item. Then the rest will go to Goodwill.

**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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is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Needs:
June: juice and other drinks, as well as toilet paper

Baby Love is our program to collect donations toward them, to give to local organizations for parents in need. Place diapers in the contributions should be designated to "Baby Love".



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Usher Chair - June
 Sophia Hawley
Usher Chair - July
 Bob Tabb

Susan Boteler

Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

Transportation 6/10

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2018
 Gary Boteler
 Billy Fortson
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Tom Stillerman
 Koen Ardis
 Sophia Hawley

Class of 2019
 Carter Gibson
 John McCarthy
 Teresa McCurry
 Cheryl Meichsner
 Miriam Wheeler

Doug Bolton
 Stan Hall
 Cindy Moon
 Bob Tabb
 Michael Thompson

Class of 2020

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Organist/Ambassador Choir
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans <i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alexis Ward	<i>Music Director</i>	

Alice Walker CAGO, AAGO



Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Oh, Holy Spirit, Enter In* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Prelude and Fugue in A Minor J. S. Bach

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love Peter Scholtes
 Alexis Ward, piano Alice Walker, organ

✠ **INTROIT** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE
 Hymn 839, stanza 1
 Congregation

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 40:3, 9-10, 16

The Lord has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord...

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. I have not hid your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation...

May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may all those who love your salvation say continually:
"Great is the Lord!"

✠ **HYMN 645** MIT FREUDEN ZART
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty;
 from a calculating or sentimental mind;
 from going along with mean and ugly things;
O God, deliver us.

From cowardice that dares not face truth;
 laziness content with half-truth;
 from all that is hollow or insincere;
O God, deliver us.

From trite ideals and cheap pleasures;
 from putting down our neighbors;
 from cynicism about others;
O God, deliver us.
 From complacency with things which should be changed;
 from failing to act against injustice;
 from token concern for the poor;
O God, deliver us.

From being poor stewards of the earth;
from failing to understand the things that make for peace;
O God, deliver us.
For everything in us that hides your light,
O God, Light of Life, forgive us.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON
Hymn 610, stanza 2
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM Arr. James Easson
Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee
Alexis Ward, soprano Alice Walker, 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 READING Mark 2:23 - 3:6

SERMON *Following the Rules* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 703 ST. CATHERINE
Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from A Declaration of Faith*
Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We

need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness, and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for us all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Meditation from "Thais"* Jules Massenet
Jake McCarthy, violin Alice Walker, 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 God, as you have shared life and love with us, lead us to share ourselves that in the giving of our lives others may recognize your love. Bless these gifts and make them useful in Christ's service, for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* FESTAL SONG

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ POSTLUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Arr. Carl Seal
Alexis Ward, piano Alice Walker, organ

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is 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

†Patti Lanford - bus accident in Zambia
†Dot Schaeffer-rehab at Riverside; moving to California
†Bettie Miller-recovering from surgery
†Roger Wallace-home
†Joel and Faye Kitchens' families have several ill members and invite your prayers for healing for them.
†Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)
†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
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†Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)

†Lewis Bunn-stage 4 lung cancer, (father of Alan Bunn)
†Roger Gossage-home
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
†Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
†Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)
†David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)
†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy at home
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Julia Brubaker-Benton House
†Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Hughie Hudson
†Patricia McGuire

Home
†Jan Coulon
†Debi (Dee) Selin
†Roger and Kathryn Wallace

Peace Corps Volunteer
†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia P. O. Box 50707
Lusaka, Zambia
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Celebration:
MacKenzie Grace Berry will graduate from Weddington High School in NC this week and will attend UNC Wilmington in the fall. MacKenzie is the granddaughter of **Julianne Epps** and great granddaughter of **Charlotte Roquemore Epps**.

Congratulations to **Bill Loeble** for receiving the Boy Scouts Silver Buffalo Award. It is a national award presented for extraordinary service to youth. He received the award at the B.S.A. National Award Meeting on May 25.

Hospital Visitors:
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