

# Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

## This Week at FPC

### Sunday, March 11, Lent 4

9:00 Handbell Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Connection

### Monday, March 12

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, March 13

4:00 Exercise Class

### Wednesday, March 14

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

### Thursday, March 15

10:30 Ambassador Choir

### Friday, March 16

6:30 Art Affair

### Sunday, March 18, Lent 5

9:00 Handbell Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Welcome Luncheon  
5:00 Youth Connection

**Staff note:** Peni Kehoe will be out of the office on March 12, for jury duty. The office will be closed on Monday unless she is released. If she is chosen to serve on a jury, she may be out longer.

**Please join us for our "Welcome to FPC" luncheon** on Sunday, March 18th, immediately following our 11:00 a.m. worship service. We are inviting our "new church members and long-time visitors" to First Presbyterian and this luncheon will give us an opportunity to welcome them to our church family. Everyone is invited to join us for lunch and special music will be provided by talented FPC church members. You won't want to miss the fun and fellowship!

The **Art Affair** is our annual fundraiser for our Early Learning Center...a fun, casual, adult evening filled with art of all kinds created by the children of the FPELC, local artists, and friends of FPELC. **Friday, March 16th**, come out and enjoy the live auction excitement, silent auction drama, great raffle items, refreshments, and fun! Tickets are available from the church office or from Miriam Wheeler after worship.



### Registration for the Early Learning Center Preschool has begun:

If you have a child ready for early learning, ages 12 months - 4 year old preschool or know of a family who does, we are now registering members of the FPC congregation as well as families currently registered in the Early Learning Center. Call Kara Sugg, 770-786-7321, at the church for more information about registration for the coming school year 2018-2019.



The **new Book Club** will meet **March 27th** and the 4th Tuesday of each month. In March they will have a discussion regarding *The Last Girl: My Story of Captivity* by Nadia Murad. The meeting will take place at 1 p.m. at the home of Barbara and Chris Martin, 650 Mason Drive. All are welcome to attend. Please contact Judy Davis ([mitday@aol.com](mailto:mitday@aol.com)) or Barbara Martin ([cbmartin@charter.net](mailto:cbmartin@charter.net)) if interested.

**Nicaragua Mission Trip:** Judy Davis will once again be traveling to Nicaragua to deliver water filters and to test the water where wells are available. Because of the airlines increasing luggage fees, we will purchase some of our supplies there. A generous person has already supplied the bags and contents for the baby bags which Judy will be preparing. We can still use small travel size soaps and shampoos. If you would like to contribute to the purchase and delivery of water filters, Spanish Bibles, and food bags, you can do so by a check written to the church and noted "Nicaragua fund".

## 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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Covington, Georgia 30014

You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website ([www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



The **Food Pantry** is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

**March** suggested donations are:  
canned vegetables

**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

**March Usher Chair:**  
Michael Thompson

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

## MEMBERS OF SESSION

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

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

**Class of 2020**  
Doug Bolton  
Stan Hall  
Cindy Moon  
Bob Tabb  
Michael Thompson

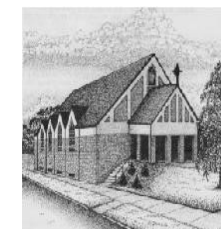
## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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
Alexis Ward	Director of Music		Early Learning Center



## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 11, 2018



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *The Lord's My Shepherd* Robert J. Powell  
*Festivity on HOLY MANNA* Douglas E. Wagner

**INTROIT** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* KINGSFOLD  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 36  
Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds...  
**Your children take refuge in the shadow of your wings...  
With you is the fountain of life;  
in your light do we see light.**

✦ **HYMN 35** LOBE DEN HERREN  
*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**CALL TO CONFESSION** Romans 5:8  
God's love is proven for us in that while we were yet sinners  
Christ died for us.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from Psalm 130  
Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our voices.**  
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications.  
**We have spoken when we should have been silent.**  
We have been silent when we should have spoken.  
**We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven.**  
We have ignored people in need.  
**We have focused on our own desires.**  
We have felt alienated from you and others.  
**Good Lord, hear us, and help us.**  
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**CHORAL RESPONSE** DETROIT  
Hymn 444, stanza 1  
**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord,  
to pray, but you alone can grant us grace to live the  
words we say.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      AMAZING GRACE

Hymn 649, stanza 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace that surpasses all our understanding  
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM    *The Love of Christ, Our Savior*      Nichols/Koerts  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

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      Ephesians 4:31--5:2

SERMON      *Forgiveness*      William B. Wade, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 209    *My Song Is Love Unknown*      LOVE UNKNOWN  
(stanza 1-2)

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    from *A Declaration of Faith*

**We believe that in the death of Jesus on the cross God achieved and demonstrated once for all the costly forgiveness of our sins.**

**Jesus Christ is the Reconciler between God and the world.**

**He acted on behalf of sinners as one of us, fulfilling the obedience God demands of us, accepting God's condemnation of our sinfulness.**

**In his lonely agony on the cross Jesus felt forsaken by God and thus experienced hell itself for us.**

**Yet the Son was never more in accord with the Father's will.**

**He was acting on behalf of God, manifesting the Father's love that takes on itself the loneliness, pain, and death that result from our waywardness.**

**In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not holding our sins against us.**

**Each of us beholds on the cross the Savior who died in our place, so that we may no longer live for**

**ourselves, but for him.  
In him is our only hope of salvation.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

✦ 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  
**Lord, fill our hearts with your grace, that our lips shall sing forth your praise. Fill our lives with your love, that we may lead others to the joy of your salvation; for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ HYMN 722      CANONBURY  
*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      DOVE OF PEACE  
Hymn 515, stanza 5    *I Come with Joy*

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ Please stand if you are able.



*Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*  
Ephesians 4:32

*Worship Notes*

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting in 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.  
✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org).

*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

†Mike Crews-tests (son-in-law of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)  
†Phyllis Pruner-home, bronchitis, pleurisy  
†Debi Selin-Atlanta Medical  
†Larry Kennon-home, surgery  
†Jim Elder-home  
†Roger Gossage-home  
†Sharon Wallace-back surgery (sister of Debbie Gossage)  
†George Stamps-viral infection  
†Thomas Stewart-partial leg amputation  
†Patti Lanford-broken ankle (see below)  
†Stephanie Fortson-recovering from knee surgery, home  
†Sophia Hawley-home  
†Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy  
†Bettie Miller-hospital, then rehab  
†Lewis Bunn-hip surgery (father of Alan Bunn)  
†Marilyn Hall-cancer surgery 2/13 (TOPS group)  
†Ted Horton-cancer surgery (nephew of Maxine Blankenship)  
†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)  
†Nat Allen Long-foot amputation (step-son of Alice Walker)  
†Katherine Bouchillon-broken shoulder (friend of Maxine Blankenship)  
†Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,  
†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)  
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)  
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)  
**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
†Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle  
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA  
**Veteran's Hospital, Milledgeville, GA**  
†George Stamps  
Georgia War Veterans Home, Rm 319  
2249 Vinson Highway  
Milledgeville, GA 31061

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

**Home**  
†Jan Coulon  
†Debi (Dee) Selin

**Peace Corps Volunteer**  
†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia  
Temporarily at sister's home during recovery for broken foot:  
Patti Lanford  
c/o Nancy Sauls  
483 Fischer Trail  
Ellijay, GA 30540

We celebrate the gift of life with **Darcel and Bob Tabb** on the birth of their granddaughter, **Eleanor Rae Tabb**.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Sallie Paschal

**Please update** your prayer requests this week!  
Email: [penihaug@gmail.com](mailto:penihaug@gmail.com) or call the church office, 770-786-7321