

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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

Tuesday, March 20

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 21

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 22

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, March 24

8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study

Palm Sunday, March 25

9:00 Handbell Choir

10:00 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

Please join us for our "Welcome to FPC" luncheon today, immediately following our 11:00 a.m. worship service. We have invited 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!

During the final week of Lent - Holy Week

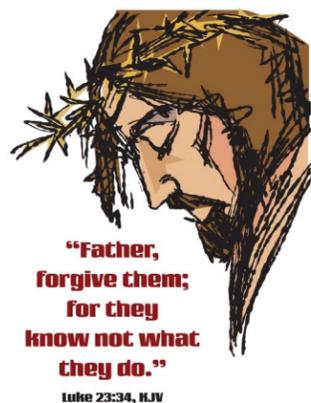
- we hear the fullness of Christ's passion, his death, and resurrection. From Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, through Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, all of Holy Week focuses on the passion.

This year's services will be hosted by our friends at **First United Methodist Church**. Billy Wade will be preaching on Good Friday and members of our choirs will be providing special music as well. Lunch will be provided each day at the end of the services. The worship services begin at 12:00 noon, March 26-30.

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) or Barbara Martin (cbmartin@charter.net) if interested.

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.



"Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."
Luke 23:34, NIV

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



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Celebrating the Gifts of Women

March 18, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Lord Christ, the Only Son of God* J. S. Bach
Prelude on a Welsh Tune AR HYD Y NOS
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! David Cherwien

INTROIT (Hymn 372) *O for a World* AZMON
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Liz Stillerman

Psalm 42:4

These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

Let us praise the Lord together!

✦ **HYMN 409** *God Is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

CALL TO CONFESSION Janet Carmichael

The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, who in Jesus Christ came to bring new life, we confess our tendency to hold on to old ways. We have forgotten our baptism; we have forgotten who we are. We have not loved others as you have loved us. We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us. We have lived as if you are not God, and we have made a mess of our lives and the world. Forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change us and to change the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE RESTORATION

Hymn 415, stanza 1

Solo:

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

✦ **All:**

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms. In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

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. (continued next page)

May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 1
Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Jesus Came Down* Alexis Ward
Sanctuary Choir and Greensboro Chamber Choir

Jesus came down from heaven for me,
Came as a child, so small.
Who knew that babe would one day be
A sacrifice for all?

Humbly he came, not as a king,
But as a child, so meek.
Who knew the hope he soon would bring
To the lost and the weak?

Jesus came down from heaven to earth
Children around the world will know
What Jesus gave for me.
In faith, we all will learn and grow,
Now 'til eternity.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Aubrey Evans

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 Miriam Wheeler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Numbers 12:1-16
Mark 7:24-30

SERMON The Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
Outspoken Women

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 324 *For All the Faithful Women* NYLAND

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Sarah Jane Moss
from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray

without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS Theodosia Wade

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Louly Fowler Hay

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

Lori Ardis

OFFERTORY George C. Stebbins

There Is a Green Hill Far Away

✦ 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

God of grace and hope, send us from this place where we have been loved, equipped and empowered by your Holy Spirit, into this community and the world so needful of the good news. Give us eyes to see and voices to witness. Send us out as ambassadors in the name of Christ, the Savior of the world; for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN (insert) *God of the Marching Centuries* GAINES
(used by permission of Decatur Presbyterian Church)

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE SEACHRIST

Hymn 778, stanza 4
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Fanfare Postlude* Douglas E. Wagner

✦ Please stand if you are able.

The Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes joined the Agnes Scott community in August 2006 as the Julia Thompson Smith Chaplain. Kate came to Agnes Scott from Elon University in North Carolina, where she served for four years as assistant chaplain. Prior to Elon, she served at Schreiner University for two years.

She received her undergraduate degree from Eckerd College and holds a Master of Divinity from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Kentucky. An Atlanta native, she and her husband, Justin, have two children.

Worship Notes

✦ 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.



The Faith of a Woman

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Sharon Popiske is donating her kidney to her cousin Dewight Wilson on April 13, in Atlanta. (niece & nephew of Joyce Ashworth)

† Lauran Ashworth - a mastectomy in April in Alexandria, VA (Joyce Ashworth's daughter-in-law)

† Roger Tingler - shoulder surgery

† Joel Kitchens - surgery

† Kathryn Wallace-broken leg

† Mike Crews-tests (son-in-law of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)

† Phyllis Pruner-home, bronchitis, pleurisy

† Larry Kennon-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-cystic fibrosis

† Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy

† Bettie Miller-hospital, then rehab

† Lewis Bunn-hip surgery (father of Alan Bunn)

† 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)

† 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 with **Maria Davis** on the marriage of her son, **Ethan Edwards** to **Tabitha Rogers**.

Hospital Visitors:
Bob & Darcel Tabb

Please update your prayer requests this week!

Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321