

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE  
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, March 20  
Palm Sunday**

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
5:00 Youth Connection

**Monday-Friday**

12:00 Holy Week Worship & Lunch

**Tuesday, March 22**

4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, March 23**

4:00 Adventure Club  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, March 24**

10:30 Ambassador Choir  
6:00 Maundy Thursday Worship

**Saturday, March 26**

1:00-4:00 Easter Egg Hunt  
5:00-7:00 Chili Cook-Off

**Sunday, March 28**

**Easter Sunday**


9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
11:00 Worship Service

**March 24: Maundy Thursday** - On Thursday night during Holy Week, March 24, we will celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. We will partake of communion around tables in the Martin Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. (Notice the time change.) It is a brief service of Scripture, prayer, music and communion.

**March 26: Easter Egg Hunt.** Food and fellowship!! Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will have traditional outside games for all ages and Easter egg hunt at 2:00 p.m. · **Bring:** Basket with 10 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (per child) and finger food or dessert to share. · **Where:** Home of Doug and Debra Arnold, 80 River Shoals Court, Covington 30016 (off of Flat Shoals Rd.)

**March 26: Cub Pack's 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off.** The scouts will host their 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off on March 26th, 5 p.m - 7 p.m. Registration Fee is \$10. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. We will have a panel of 3 judges. Ingredients need to be placed on an index card. Come join the fun with good people and the best chili around! Registration forms will be in the Narthex. Speak with Scarlett McCurry if you have questions.

**March 27: Easter Day Worship.** Celebrate the Resurrection at worship on Sunday, March 27! Bring flowers for the cross on the front lawn.



**Lenten Devotion**  
by Alice Griffin Walker

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" is a hymn which expresses on a basic level the Christian's yearning for an awareness of God's presence in times of trial and temptation. The words are very appropriate for our journey through Lent. I have found this hymn inspirational in my spiritual walk with Jesus. Whenever we are weak, He is strong. God is with us, even when our life is coming to an end. What a comfort to know that we can count on God's grace to help us all the way!

*I am weak, but thou are strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.*

**Refrain**  
*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

*Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.*

*When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, Lord, to thy shore."*

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF COVINGTON**

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**The Food Pantry** is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

**March** suggested donations are:  
canned vegetables

**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 **cradle** 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**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March Usher Chair:</b> Baxter Bouchillon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>
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**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class of 2016</b> Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden Jake McCarthy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class of 2017</b> Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Class of 2018</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman</p>
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

<p>William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i> Dan Walden <i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i> Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i></p>	<p>Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir</i> Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans <i>Nursery</i> Kara Sugg <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i></p>
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**Palm/Passion Sunday  
March 20, 2016**

*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE	Tocatta in F, BWV 540	J. S. Bach
	Festivity	Gregg Sewel
INTROIT	Hosanna, Loud Hosanna	ELLACOMBE
	Sanctuary Choir	

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Zechariah 9:9; Luke 19:38  
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Lo, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt the foal of a donkey.

**Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!**

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196** VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN  
*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

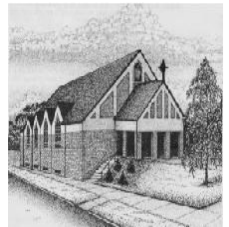
**CALL TO CONFESSION** Hebrews 4:14-16

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, we confess that we know what it is to stand in a crowd and cheer, to support a cause and then forget it within a week. We know what it is to deny you and to deny what is right, to fail you and your will for peace and justice. We have made promises that we have failed to keep and we have sacrificed our principles to our own self-interest. We are not worthy to be called your disciples. Yet you, O God, are faithful; you, O God, are eternally loving and accepting. Forgive us our lack of faith, courage and vision. Make us into a new people, in and through Jesus our Savior.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn 654  
***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will Rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.***



## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

SOLID ROCK

Hymn 353, stanza 1

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.***

### ✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*God So Loved the World*  
Sanctuary Choir

John Stainer

### 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

Luke 19:28-42

### SERMON

*Joining the Crowd*

William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK  
(stanzas 2 & 3)

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*  
**Jesus was God in the flesh.**

**Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people, yet he made no use of power to protect himself. He healed those who were sick in body and mind, yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself. He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him above loyalty to family and country, yet he lived among them as a servant. Jesus taught with authority, challenging many time-honored customs and ideas, yet he submitted to humiliation and death without a word on his own behalf. He forgave sinners, yet he was counted among sinners. We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority. He did what only God can do. We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness. When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death the**

**greatness that belongs only to God was manifest. In both his majesty and lowliness Jesus is the eternal Son of God, God himself with us.**

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FIRST SONG

Hymn 71 (refrain)

***Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.***

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

### OFFERTORY

WONDROUS LOVE

*What Wondrous Love Is This*  
Youth Choir

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, we pledge ourselves to you, trusting you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. Rescue us from despair, deliver us from fear, and preserve us from unbelief for we pray in your holy name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK  
(stanza 4)

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE *Ubi Caritas* UBI CARITAS  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Grand March* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

✦ Please stand if you are able.

**March 21-25: Community Holy Week Worship.** For many years we have joined with other churches in Covington for Holy Week worship services. The services will be at noon Monday through Friday, March 21-25, with lunch following at 12:30 p.m. each day. The host church this year is Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal.

Monday--Cody McNutt, First Baptist

Tuesday--George Lanier, Grace United Methodist

Wednesday--Doug Gilreath, First United Methodist

Thursday--Billy Wade, FPC with our Ambassador Choir, led by Alice Walker

Friday--Edwin Beckham, Good Shepherd

We hope you will make this a priority, if you can, during this season of preparation.

## Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, will be helping to lead worship this morning.

✦ 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.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin)

† George Stamps-back to Benton House

† Judy Davis-knee surgery, home

† Kevin and Amy Lanclos family, Amy and daughters Emily Anne (stable) and Hannah (life-threatening injuries)-car accident (by Kerry Jones)

† Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)

† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)

† Roger Tingler-hip replacement, rehab in Madison

† Lane Alderman-hospice, former pastor of Roswell Presbyterian (friend of Billy & Theodosia Wade)

† Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)

† Kelly Dittman-doing well after heart surgery (sister of Baxter Bouchillon)

† Diane Loebke-knee surgery, home

† Chris Martin-shoulder surgery, home

† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Deborah Jones-surgery (Reed Blakeney's daughter)

† Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)

† Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)

† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

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

† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis

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

† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

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

† Jan Coulon-home

† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

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

† Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab

† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

**Riverside**

† Joy Knight -hospice care

† Martha Borders

† Rita Harrell

† Jack Yoder-rehab

**Benton House**

† George Stamps

**Merryvale**

† Guy McGiboney

† Bill Taylor

† Elizabeth Gadilhe

† Betty Robinson

† J. L. Johnson

† Louise White

† Betty Goins

**Hospital Visitor:** Darcel & Bob Tabb

**Please update** your prayer requests this week!  
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