

**ONGOING ACTIVITIES  
IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**The Youth Connection will meet at 1:30 in the fellowship hall.** Several of our Youth Connection members are in the Oxford Singing Children and Oxford Youth Singers. They will be performing in the play *Oliver* at Porter Auditorium. We will meet at 1:30 in the fellowship hall and go together to support them and enjoy the musical. The ticket cost is \$5.00. We'll all enjoy dinner out together and return to the church at 6:45. There will be no regular Youth Connection or choir practice tonight.

**Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings**

- Circle 1** will meet at the home of Ann Bouchillon on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m.
- Circle 2** will meet at the home of Betty Robinson on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:00 a.m.
- Circle III** will meet on Tuesday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Beth Vining. Those who wish to carpool will leave from the church at 10:00 a.m. Rachael Mason will lead us in Lesson Seven.
- Circle IV** will meet at the home of Eleanor Scarborough on Tuesday, April 1, at 7 p.m.
- Circle V** will meet April 1, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margaret Hughes.

**Once again it is time for us to begin thinking about our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters in Christ.** Our church will be responsible for baby bags again this year; so we will be collecting receiving blankets, baby wipes, small size baby powder, soap and lotion, hand sanitizers, and cloth diapers. We can still use travel size shampoos and soaps. You can also contribute to the mission by purchasing:

- > a water filter-\$30.00
- > a Spanish Bible or New Testament-\$5.00-\$7.00
- > paying for extra luggage \$40.00
- > or simply contributing to the mission in general. We always find needs that we were not expecting. Last year we were able to buy a child's hearing aids with money that you had contributed. Checks can be made to the church with Nicaragua in the memo.

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, March 30, Lent 4**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
1:30 Youth Connection "Oliver"

**Tuesday, April 1**  
Circle Meetings as above  
4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, April 2**  
4:00 Adventure Club  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, April 3**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, April 6**  
9:00 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
No Youth activities  
Spring Break

**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.

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**Food Pantry  
Needs**

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

**Special requests for April:**

canned fruits; you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

**Nursery Volunteers today:**  
Trista Hooten-Wilson

**Next Week:**  
Bates Family

**Ushers:**  
Billy Fortson, chair

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

**Class of 2014**  
Debra Arnold  
Bill Loebke  
Darcel Tabb  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton  
Sam Hay, IV

**Class of 2015**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Jan Giles  
Jim Stillerman  
Kevin Weber

**Class of 2016**  
Charles Ardis  
Joyce Ashworth  
Betty Bailey  
Patrick Carmichael  
Perri Walden

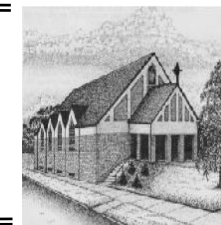
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Krissy Jones	<i>Nursery</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 30, 2014**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* 13th Century Plainsong Melody  
*Lord Jesus, Think on Me* James Engle  
*And Wilt Thou Pardon, Lord* Theodore Beck

**INTROIT**

WONDRIOUS LOVE

*What Wondrous Love is This?*  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 34:1-3

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the afflicted hear and be glad.**  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt God's name together!

✦ **HYMN 366** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** from Psalm 139

**O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I get up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my paths and when I lie down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.  
Even before words are on my tongue, Lord,  
you know them all.  
Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
Or where shall I hide from your presence?  
Search me, O God, and know my heart.  
Try me and know my thoughts.  
And see if there is any wicked way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Hymn 444, stanza 1 DETROIT  
**"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 AZMON  
*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis 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 African-American Spiritual, arr. Hayes  
*Wade in the Water*  
Janet Carmichael, solo

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 Matthew 23:23-24

SERMON *Swallowing Camels* William B. Wade, Jr.

*RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

✦ HYMN 757 KINGSFORD  
*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *They Crucified My Lord* Sam Batt Owens

✦ 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

**Examine our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ's love, and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples. Transform us into his likeness that we may live for you as he lives, and love others as he loves them. Amen.**

*BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD*

✦ HYMN 166 ST. FLAVIAN  
*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE WONDROUS LOVE  
What Wondrous Love is This?  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Hark! A Voice Saith, All Are Mortal* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.

**A Spring Fling for Everyone!!**

Save the date for a **church family picnic**. The venue will be announced soon. The date will be Saturday, May 3rd, starting at 4:00 p.m. We will eat at 5:00 p.m. and then have special music. Remember when you were a kid and went to revival??? Let's make plans to eat and sing together. For further information contact Darcel Tabb at [darceltabb@yahoo.com](mailto:darceltabb@yahoo.com) or 678-658-6242.

**Welcome families and new members...** come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship!! This annual church event will have traditional outside games for all ages like sack races, crafts, and Easter egg hunt (2 p.m.). Please RSVP by April 16.

**When:** Saturday, April 19, from 1:00 to 4:00  
**Where:** Home of Doug and Debra Arnold  
80 River Shoals Court, Covington  
30016

**Bring:** Basket with 10 plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (per child) and finger food or dessert to share please call church office, 770-786-7321 to make a reservation or RSVP with Debra, 678-588-5734.



*Worship Notes*

✦ Kevin Weber is assisting in 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*

† Bonnie Tingler--hip surgery  
† Hollie Chastain--gastrointestinal surgery, Emory Hospital (niece of Margaret Wallace)  
† Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)  
† Harry Adams--stroke, University Hospital Augusta (brother of Margaret Wallace)  
† Dale Pearce--diagnosed with cancer (friend of Dennis & Judy Hooten)  
† Lavonne Bunn--car accident/ankle surgery/rehab, (Alan Bunn's mother)  
† Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)  
† Emma Bowen-sister of Debbie Gossage  
† Mary Annese-surgery & rehab for broken leg (mother of Barbara Martin)  
† Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)  
† Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)  
† Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
† Louie Katchko-heart surgery (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)  
† Dave Knox-cancer (brother-in-law to Beth and Danny Vining)  
† Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)  
† Lucas Cronan-leukemia (Denny Dobbs' great niece's child)  
† Judy Findlay-liver transplant (niece of Betty Bailey)  
† Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)  
† Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)  
† Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
† Mary Cline-relocated  
† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers  
† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville  
† Joy Knight -Riverside  
† Martha Borders-Riverside  
**Benton House**  
† Helen and George Stamps  
† Mary Crudup  
† Doris Mote  
† Joan Smith  
† Velma Prescott  
**Covington Square**  
† Rita Harrell  
**Merryvale**  
† Doris Hicks  
† Bill Taylor  
† Elizabeth Gadilhe  
† Frances Ivey-home

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Alice Walker

**To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.**