

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, March 5**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion  
 12:00 Women's Choir Rehearsal  
 Hunger Walk - lunch after worship then head to Atlanta for the 5k run/walk

**Tuesday, March 7**  
 Circle Meetings: see below  
 4:00 Exercise Class

**Wednesday, March 8**  
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 9**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, March 12**  
**Celebrating Women of the Church**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 5:00 Youth Connection



UPDATE

**Please Check Your Directory Listing**  
 There is a directory printed out in the narthex on the round table. Please check your listing. Add or correct where needed. If you are new and there is not a listing, please sign the list on the clipboard with your full information. Thank You!

**Women's Choir:** We meet again today, at the same time and place to rehearse for next Sunday's service.

**Circle Meetings for March:**  
 The next meetings will be Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

The **Elizabeth Circle** meets at 10:00 a.m. at FPC in the fellowship hall.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Martha Circle** meets at 10:30 a.m. in the home of Day Kennon.  
 The **Ruth Circle** meets at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Jean Wolverton.

**Presbyterian Women's Worship Service**  
 Next Sunday, March 12, 2017, members of the Presbyterian Women Circles of our church will host a Women's Day worship service at 11:00 a.m. The sermon will be delivered by Dr.

Leanne Van Dyk, President of Columbia Theological Seminary.

The entire congregation is invited to attend a **catered luncheon** after the service on March 12, with an urgent need for reservations to be made no later than March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please indicate your willingness to:

- ◆ lunch with us by reserving your place, and/or
- ◆ sing with us

by writing your names on the sheets provided in the Narthex each Sunday (1 for lunch and 1 for singing).

**Keep Covington Clean and Beautiful** has discontinued the program of giving non-profit groups payment for recycling. However, they are still taking recycling, so please continue to do your part in keeping recyclables out of the landfill! Thanks.

**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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 Dan Walden: [djwalden@mac.com](mailto:djwalden@mac.com)  
 Church Office/Peni Kehoe: [penihaug@gmail.com](mailto:penihaug@gmail.com)  
 Website: [www.fpccov.org](http://www.fpccov.org)  
 Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW  
 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 - 11:30. 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

<b>March Usher Chair:</b> Tom Stillerman	<b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker
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### MEMBERS OF SESSION

<b>Class of 2017</b> Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton Jake McCarthy Koen Ardis	<b>Class of 2018</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman	<b>Class of 2019</b> Carter Gibson John McCarthy Teresa McCurry Cheryl Meichsner Miriam Wheeler
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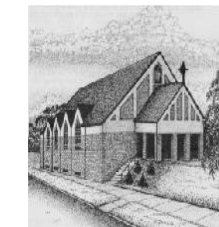
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
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</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	<i>Early Learning Center</i>



## First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017



### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* James Engel  
*The Prayer of Faith* Alexander Schreiner

INTROIT *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA  
*Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63:1-4  
 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where no water is.

**So I have looked for you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**I will bless you as long as I live, I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

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

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

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### 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

**Gracious God, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scripture is read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 15:4-5  
 Ephesians 1:15-23

SERMON *Why Church?* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 309 *Come, Great God of All Ages* ABBOT'S LEIGH

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

**The church is founded on Jesus Christ.**

**Gathered around the Word and sacraments, those who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, together with their children, have formed a corporate, visible body in pilgrimage with God across the centuries. The church has sought to order its life and ministry in obedience to the teaching of the first apostles. It has attempted to carry out Christ's commission in various institutional forms and structures that demonstrate both continuity and change. We acknowledge that Christ chooses to be known in the world through this community of ordinary people, therefore we dare not despise or abandon the church. Christ is the head of the church, therefore we are responsible to Christ when we make policy and decisions in the church. Christ is the foundation of the church, therefore it will not fall despite our weakness. We are confident that the Lord of the church will judge and defeat our sinful intentions and actions, help us in our weakness and blindness, and use the church to accomplish his purposes.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY David Cherwien  
*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

✦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

**O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

We do not live by bread alone. Jesus said:  
"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will

never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

(Eat the bread when you are served. We will drink the cup together after all are served.)

ANTHEM *Be Still* Frombach/McDonald  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

*Be still and know that I am God; be still and know that I am with you. Be still and know that I will comfort you, When you come to me in your hour of need. Be still and know that I am here for you, And I will wipe your tears. You will be renewed. Come unto me, my child, be still; and know that I will give you rest. I am present in your pain, and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend. Peace I leave with you; peace I give unto you. Peace; Peace. Peace.*

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

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 394 WESTMINSTER ABBEY  
*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE AURELIA  
*The Church's One Foundation*  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦POSTLUDE *Prelude in Classic Style* Gordon Young

✦Please stand if you are able.



## Worship Notes

✦**Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with leading 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Leon Savage-Riverside  
†Annie Lee Parish-home (sister of Jack Wheeler)  
†Warren Liem-home  
†Sonny McDonald-home  
†Joel Kitchens-home  
†Anderson Krieger-Chemotherapy  
†Rod Pruner-home  
†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)  
†Mary Bollinger -pacemaker; home with daughter Janie's family  
†Debi (Dee) Selin-Guillain-Barré Syndrome, physical therapy, home  
†Bill Miller-home (brother of Beth Vining)  
†Nat Allen Long-diabetes complications (stepson of Alice Walker)  
†Jose Luis Trujillo Herera-heart surgery (brother, Pily Waetzig)  
†Sam Hay, Jr.-home  
†Carol Baynes-cancer, friend of Phyllis Yoder  
†Ursula Kaminski-cancer  
†Fran Prince-chemotherapy  
†Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)  
†Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)  
†Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer  
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Louise Strickland-home  
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)  
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)  
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
  
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis  
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)  
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant  
†Jan Coulon-home  
†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma  
**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**  
†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare  
†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA  
†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

### Riverside

†Joy Knight -hospice care  
†Martha Borders  
†Rita Harrell

### Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney  
†Bill Taylor  
†Betty Robinson  
†Louise White  
†Betty Goins  
†Hughie Hudson

### Celebration:

Virginia Maie Martin born February 28, to Alex and Laura Martin. She is the first grandchild of Barbara and Chris Martin and the nephew of Elizabeth and Andrew Pope.

### Addresses for:

**Mary Bollinger**  
43 Brown Thrasher Rd.  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926-1805

**Patti Lanford** (note a change)  
Peace Corps  
P. O. Box 50707  
Lusaka, Zambia

**Hospital Visitor:** Cy Wolverton