

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, May 21

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Session meeting  
1:00 Youth Connection Pool Party (pick-up 3:00)

#### Tuesday, May 23

4:00 Exercise Class

#### Wednesday, May 24

6:45 Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, May 25

10:30 Ambassador Choir

#### Sunday, May 28

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service

#### Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

Church office closed

#### Vacation Bible School June 12th - 16th :

**9:00 a.m. - Noon** All children who are rising kindergarten through 5th grades are welcomed. Middle and high school youth are needed as volunteers as well. Registration forms are available at the church office, the narthex or by download [HERE](#) Save the dates today and tell a friend about it! See what all the buzz is about at VBS!



**Montreat Retreat Information:** Registration is now open for the Congregational Retreat at Montreat Conference Center, Montreat, NC. It will take place November 3-5, 2017. Room and breakfast rates are on the pink form available in the narthex from the ushers' table. Please read the form as we have changed some of our procedures. We ask that those who plan to attend register no later than August 15. All fees must be paid in full by October 1. Make your check out to the church and put "Montreat Retreat" in the memo space. If you want to attend the retreat but are staying at places other than Assembly Inn, please register, but let us know that you do not need a room. If you want breakfasts without a room, we need to know that also.



**May 30: Red Cross Blood Drive.** We will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 30, from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information on how to give.

**Giving Statements** for January-April are ready for those who pledge or give to the operating fund or to the capital fund by check or an envelope with your name on it. They are on the table in the narthex in alphabetical order. If you find an error, please call Peni in the church office, or email her and she will correct it.

### 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](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.

May suggested donations are: boxed or canned dinners with meat

**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

**May Usher Chair:**  
Koen Ardis

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

### MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2017**  
Adriane Ivey  
Michael Thompson  
Danny Vining  
Jean Wolverton  
Jake McCarthy  
Koen Ardis

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Scarlett McCurry  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman

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

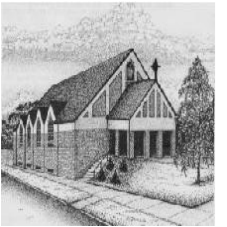
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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>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>



## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017



### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

*Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach  
*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* David Cherwien  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* David Cherwien

#### INTROIT

PLEADING SAVIOR  
*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*  
Sanctuary Choir

#### ✠CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-2  
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!  
**Sing the glory of God's name!**  
Give to the Lord glorious praise!

#### ✠HYMN 645

MIT FREUDEN ZART  
*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe, and the hope of those who doubt, we confess that our faith is small, that we trust in our own devices more than in your gracious promises to sustain us. Lord, increase our faith; guide us amidst our unbelief. Forgive us the ways we have failed to love one another, the peace we have made that is no peace. Forgive us for the wounds we have caused and the bitterness we have harbored. Forgive us for the animosities between nations, the strife we have stirred in the name of religion. Save us by the blood of the Christ who died for us all and in whose name we pray.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### ✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

FAITHFULNESS  
Hymn 39, stanza 1 and refrain  
**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee. Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not. As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.** *continues next page*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have  
needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy  
faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Robert Hunter  
Men's Ensemble

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

Romans 12:9-21

SERMON *What Holds Us Together* William B. Wade, Jr.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 693 *Though I May Speak* GIFT OF LOVE

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

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Robin Milford

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HALL

Hymn 707, stanza 4

**Take thou our selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;  
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.  
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;  
we hear, and henceforth heed, they sovereign call.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, help our lives to express the faith we  
profess, so that others also may hear and know your  
abundant love; for we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

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

✦ HYMN 765 *May the God of Hope Go with Us* ARGENTINA

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE PLEADING SAVIOR  
*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Carillon Francais* Craig A. Penfield

✦ Please stand if you are able.



**New Church Directories**

New address/phone directories are available in the narthex on the round table. Each household is invited to take one home. It has been updated recently. If your entry is incorrect, please let us know so that we can correct it.

*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*

†Sam Hay, Jr.-Piedmont Newton †Agnes Vining-home hospice care in VA (sister-in-law of Danny & Beth Vining) †Wayne McCurry-home (father of Tommy & Tiffany McCurry) †Brandon Vining-recovering from surgery (son of Beth & Danny Vining) †Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal) †Charlotte Epps-home †Mr. Andy-recovering from stroke (neighbor of the Arnold family) †Richard Hall-liver cancer (friend of Milton Patton) †Tootles Tingler-home †Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loeble) †Debi (Dee) Selin-Atlanta Medical Center rehab †Anderson Krieger-Scottish Rite †Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis) †Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder) †Fran Prince-chemotherapy †Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford) †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) †Louise Strickland-home	†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 <b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b> †Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare †Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA †J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA <b>Riverside</b> †Martha Borders †Betty Goins <b>Merrivale</b> †Guy McGiboney †Bill Taylor †Betty Robinson †Louise White †Alice Gadilhe †Hughie Hudson <b>Peace Corps Volunteer</b> †Pattie Lanford stationed Zambia  <b>Hospital Visitor:</b> Jean Wolverton
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**Graduates:**

**Lee Scarborough**, graduated with honors in Mobile, AL on May 16. He is the son of Wayne Scarborough and grandson of Wayne and Eleanor Scarborough.

**Lane Elder**, a home schooler graduated on May 13th. She will be attending Georgia Tech in the fall. She is the daughter of Scott and Stacy Elder and the granddaughter of Jim and Jean Elder.

**Correction:**

**Morgan Worley** graduated from Georgia College with an MS in Criminal Justice. She is employed with Georgia Public Records Solutions. She is the daughter of Martha and Jimmy Worley and granddaughter of Emmy Roth and Elliott Roth.