

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

**Mother's Day Caring Hands Offering:** One of the special offerings we collect each year is for Presbyterian Homes **Caring Hands Fund**. A brochure telling about Caring Hands and an offering envelope is inserted in your bulletin. Give as your heart leads!

There will be a **Retirement Party for Betty Bailey, Today, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** you are invited to drop-in for a reception to honor Betty Bailey upon her retirement. It will be held in the Martin Fellowship Hall at FPC.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Nepal**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas with our partner, ACT Alliance and its members who are already on the ground. Immediate response will help provide needed food, water, supplies and medicines to the affected towns and villages. **GIVE:** Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR999999 with reference to Nepal. Gifts can be made on-line, by phone, 1-800-872-3283, weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EST), or checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (USA), P. O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. You may also make a check payable to **FIRST Presbyterian**, memo "PDA Nepal", and place it in the offering plate. **PRAY** for those who suffered loss of family or those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.

**Presbyterian Women**

**Circle II** will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 10:30 at the home of Janet Carmichael. Those who wish to carpool should meet at the fellowship hall and we will leave promptly at 10:00 a.m. Alice Walker will lead us in both lesson 8 & 9.

**Circle III** will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the Butcher Block restaurant for supper.

**Circle IV** will meet on Tuesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Brenda Howell.

The **Silver Saints** and the **Ambassador Choir** will have lunch together on May 7th, at 12 noon in the Martin Fellowship Hall. All persons who enjoy senior discounts are invited too. If you are not a regular attendee, let the church office know you will be attending. This will help provide adequate preparations for this occasion. We can have an early Mother's Day celebration that day. Hope to see you then.

**Mid-Week Feast** Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, May 13, at 6:00.** The menu will be: hotdogs, hamburgers, slaw, potato salad and chips.

**First Quarter Statements** for those who pledge are in the narthex on the ushers' table. Please pick up your statement if you pledge.


*This Week at FPC*

<p><b>Sunday, May 3</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Parents' Meeting (for parents of children of all ages)</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, May 6</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 5</b> Circle Meetings as above 4:00 Exercise</p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 7</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir 12:00 Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Luncheon</p>
	<p><b>Sunday, May 12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir</p>

**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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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 May: 2 pound bags of sugar;** you may bring other staple goods as your heart leads.

**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 receptacle 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><b>Nursery Volunteers today:</b> Baxter &amp; Lisa Bouchillon Family</p> <p><b>Next Week:</b> Shawn &amp; Aubrey Evans Family</p>	<p><b>May Usher Chairs:</b> Fletcher Stamps &amp; Jack Weesner</p> <p><b>Sound Engineer:</b> Ken Walker</p>
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**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

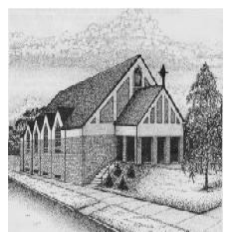
<p><b>Class of 2015</b> Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Bob Tabb Fletcher Stamps Jack Weesner</p>	<p><b>Class of 2016</b> Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden</p>	<p><b>Class of 2017</b> Baxter Bouchillon Adrian Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton</p>
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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>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato <i>Nursery</i>	Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>
	Tiffany McWaters <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>	



**Fifth Sunday  
of Easter  
May 3, 2015**



*Order of Worship*  
**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *Jubilee* Fred B. Binckes  
*The God of Abraham Praise* Traditional Hebrew Melody

**INTROIT** *Ho, All Who Thirst* JACOB'S WELL  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs  
Jon Paschal, guitar

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Isaiah 55:1-3a  
"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and those who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Hearken diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in fatness. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live," says the Lord.  
**Amen!**

✠ **HYMN 611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

**CALL TO CONFESSION** from Psalm 32  
When I did not acknowledge my sin, I wasted away; I groaned all day long. When I confessed my sin to you, Lord, and did not hide it, you forgave me.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**Gracious God, we have been distracted from the life to which you invite us. We too often are caught up in the lives we think are more promising. Catch our attention by your burning love, and remind us of your call, for we pray in the name of the one who saves us, Jesus the Christ.** (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✠ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** (Hymn 729, stanza 4)  
Jon Paschal, guitar

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 581  
*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**ANTHEM** Mary McDonald/RESIGNATION  
*All Because of the Wonderful Cross*  
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs  
*When I survey the wondrous cross where the Prince of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*  
*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.*  
*On Calvary, He died on a tree. For me, He paid the cost. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross.*  
*See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown? (refrain)*

## 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** John 15:1-8

**SERMON** *Vines and Branches* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 308** *O God in Whom All Life Begins* NOEL

✦ **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** Richard Elliott  
*Pastorale on a Theme by Mendelssohn*

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** PLEADING SAVIOR  
Hymn 717  
*For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
**Creator God, may we bear the fruit of this life redeemed by Christ and nurtured by the Spirit, as we go into the world you love. Amen.**

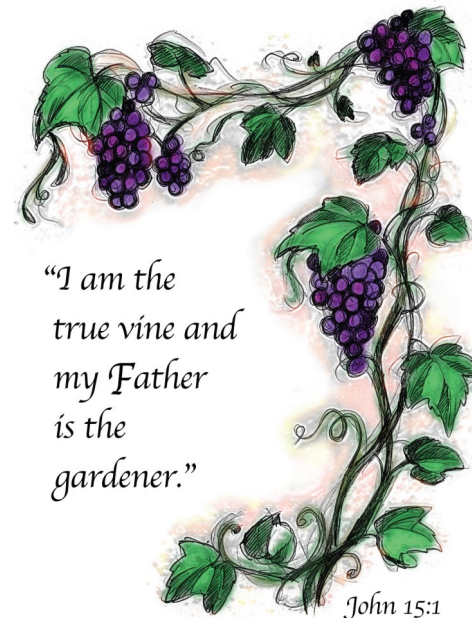
## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 748** *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ **POSTLUDE** G. F. Handel  
*Presto from Organ Concerto No. 5*

✦ Please stand if you are able.



*"I am the true vine and my Father is the gardener."*

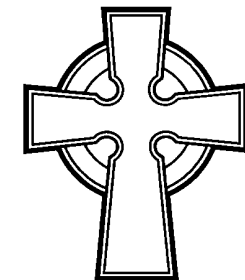
*John 15:1*

## Worship Notes

✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with 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

† Nancy Drive-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney) † Velma Prescott-home † Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter) † Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant † Joy Knight -hospice care at Riverside † Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson) † Bill Miller-stroke (Beth Vinings' brother) † Catherine Horton-ill (sister of Maxine Blankenship) † Darris Burrell-home † Edie Chandler Lowe-chemotherapy † Ann Bouchillon-home † Howard Barton -rehab in Social Circle † Jan Coulon-home † David Sewell-knee replacement, home † Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma † Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery) † Don Bollinger-home † Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey) † Lisa Baker-cancer treatment	† Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems) † Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.) <b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b> † Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers † Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville <b>Riverside</b> † Joy Knight -hospice care † Martha Borders † Rita Harrell <b>Benton House</b> † George Stamps † Doris Mote <b>Merryvale</b> † Guy McGiboney † Bill Taylor † Elizabeth Gadilhe † Betty Robinson  <b>Hospital Visitor:</b> Jean Blair
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**Presbyterian College Ringers Concert** Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. at the **Monticello Presbyterian Church** in their sanctuary. All are invited. The church is located at 246 E. Washington St. in Monticello. There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be received.