

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, May 7 Youth Sunday & Confirmation 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 4:00 Eagle Award Ceremony	Wednesday, May 10 6:45 Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, May 9 4:00 Exercise Class	Thursday, May 11 8:15 Ambassador Choir
	Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day Offering Graduate Sunday 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Stephen Jacob McCarthy Eagle Court of Honor

Terri Digby and John McCarthy wish to invite the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church to the Eagle Court of Honor for their son, Stephen Jacob McCarthy, today at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Martin Fellowship Hall.

May 14: Graduate Sunday. We will be honoring our high school graduates during worship on Mother's Day. If you or a loved one are graduating from high school or college this spring, please let us know. Contact the church office with the following information: graduate's name, school or institution, college plans, special awards received.

May 30: Red Cross Blood Drive. Save the Date! We will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 30, from 1:00 - 6:00 pm in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The Memorial Day weekend begins the summer and the blood supply shrinks during that time. Help to save a life by donating a pint or two! You may sign up on the [Red Cross web page](#).

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.

Thank You to Peni Kehoe

As of this month, all of our church staff have been with us for 10 years or more. Peni Kehoe has just reached the 10 year mark. We would like to ask everyone to send her thank you notes in appreciation of her work as Secretary-Treasurer. You may send cards to the church office at First Presbyterian Church, 1169 Clark Street SW, Covington, GA 30014. Be sure to mark it "Attn: Peni Kehoe Thank You!"

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) 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

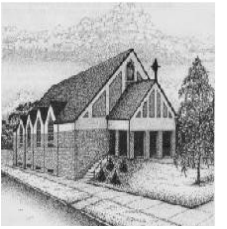
Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr. Dan Walden Peni Kehoe Alan Bunn	Pastor Director of Youth and Children's Ministry Secretary-Treasurer Music Director	Alice Walker Shaun and Aubrey Evans Kara Sugg	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center
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Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Youth Sunday
May 7, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Processional for a Joyous Day* Dale Wood
I Sing the Mighty Power of God Matt Limbaugh
O How Blessed, Faithful Spirits, Are Ye Johannes Brahms

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✦CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 107
O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

✦HYMN 319 *Shout to the North* SMITH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have searched us and you know us. Every day, hour by hour, minute by minute—you call us to love you, to love one another, even to love our enemies. But increasingly your voice is drowned out by the noise we have created to isolate ourselves from you and those around us. Forgive us. Quiet us, God, and teach us to listen for your voice, that we may know ourselves in you, and know what you would have us be and do to your glory.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS 1 Peter 2:24
Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

✦RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS AMAZING GRACE
Hymn 649, stanza 1
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love* Hal H. Hopson
Youth Choir

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

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

Prepare our hearts, O Lord, to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own; that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Jeremiah 1:4-9
Matthew 22:36-40
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

SERMON Jake McCarthy

SERMON Sophia Hawley

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON

PROFESSIONS OF FAITH Confirmation Class

✦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

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 643, stanza 1 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have blessed us with gifts too many to count. Speak to our hearts and move our feet in the way of justice, mercy and peace. Remembering those who have encouraged us, challenged us and loved us in your name, may we encourage, challenge and love others also, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 80 *You Shall Go Out With Joy* TREES OF THE FIELD

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE

✦Please stand if you are able.



- Members of the Confirmation Class**
Jasmine Ardis
Laurel Ardis
Larkin Arnold
Gracie Kate Bates
Gavin Bates
Sarah Gregory
Ryan Henderson
Raleigh Lofton
Jackson Moss
Ansley Skinner

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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Brandon Vining-surgery for ruptured bicep (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)
†Sam Hay, Jr.-home
†Tootles Tingler-home
†Betty Strohecker-home (mother of Diane Loeble)
†Bill Strohecker-hospice care (father of Diane Loeble)
†Peggy Spears-home (mother of Jean Blair)
†Debi (Dee) Selin-Atlanta Medical Center rehab
†Anderson Krieger-Chemo at home
†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)
†Nat Allen Long-diabetes complications (stepson of Alice Walker)
†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
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

Riverside

†Martha Borders

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney

†Bill Taylor

†Betty Robinson

†Louise White

†Betty Goins

†Hughie Hudson

Peace Corps Volunteer

†Pattie Lanford stationed Zambia

Rita Harrell has died. We extend our sympathy and prayers for her family and friends.

Kirsten Elizabeth Elder, daughter of Russ and Kimberly Elder of Atlanta and granddaughter of Jim and Jean Elder, graduated on May 6, 2017 at Georgia Southern University. She received a BS degree in Business Administration.

Please update your prayer requests this week! Requests that have not been updated will be removed next week.
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321