

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

This Week at FPC

<p>Sunday, May 8 Happy Mother's Day 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes</p> <p>Tuesday, May 10 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, May 11 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>Thursday, May 12 8:15 Ambassador Choir to Songfest</p> <p>Sunday, May 15 Day of Pentecost 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with The Lord's Supper Noon Lunch and Talent Festival 5:00 Youth Connection Year-end Party!</p>
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The Mother's Day Offering for the Caring Hands fund of the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia is collected every year on Mother's Day. You will find information in the bulletin and an envelope in which to place your offering.

PENTECOST – BIRTHDAY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Let us gather to celebrate Pentecost with a catered dinner after church on **Sunday, May 15**. The price of this meal will be \$6 per person or \$12 max for a family. Of course, we need reservations, so please call the church office or fill out a "Mid-week Feast" form found in the church pew. We also wish to celebrate the talents of our members. **Talent Festival:** What talents, you ask? Well, knitting, sewing, writing, painting, cooking, wood working, singing, dancing, crafts....this list is endless. If you are willing to share your talents please call Jean Wolverton at 678-342-3463 or Peni in the church office will take your call (770-786-7321). We look forward to seeing you at this celebration!

Baby Love: The Food Pantry, Homeless Shelter and the Salvation Army received the first distribution of diapers in 2016 in late March. The First Presbyterian Church has provided and divided 844 diapers, 6 jars of baby food, 4 boxes of cereal, 10 baby bibs and several packages of wipes among these groups. Donations of baby diapers and wipes can be placed in the small cradle in the Narthex. Monetary gifts may be placed in a pew envelope with your name and "Baby Love" Your offering statement will indicate this donation. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vacation Bible School - June 6th - 10th: 9:00 - Noon

All children who are rising Kindergarten through 5th grades are welcomed. Middle and high school youth are needed as volunteers as well. **Save the dates today and tell a friend about 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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The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

May suggested donations are: boxed or canned meals with meat

Save the Date!

 FPC will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on **Tuesday, May 31, from 1:00-6:00 pm**. Please mark it on your calendar to donate and help prevent a summer blood shortage. Further information will follow soon.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

May Usher Chair: Billy Fortson	Sound Engineer: Ken Walker
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MEMBERS OF SESSION

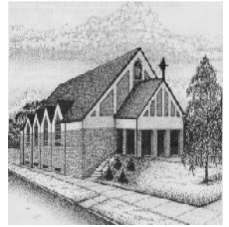
Class of 2016 Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden Jake McCarthy	Class of 2017 Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton	Class of 2018 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Scarlett McCurry Stephanie Scarborough Tom Stillerman
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Seventh Sunday
of Easter
May 8, 2016**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>The Strife Is O'er</i>	Robert Lau
	<i>Exultate</i>	Gregory Hamilton
	<i>Depth of Mercy</i>	Kevin Uppercue
INTROIT	<i>Feed My Lambs</i>	Natalie Sleeth
	Children's Choir	

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 71

My mouth is filled with your praise, O God, and with your glory all day long. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength is spent. **Lord, from youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds. So even to old age and gray hairs, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to all the generations to come.**

✦ **HYMN 41** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* LYONS

CALL TO CONFESSION

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Yet God does not condemn us as we deserve, but offers us grace. By faith we come to know God's grace. By faith we confess our sin to God, knowing that we can receive forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, we come before you today confessing that we have not been your faithful children. We receive your love so easily, yet we find sharing it to be much more difficult. Your love is inviting, but we sometimes are unwelcoming. We are reluctant to move beyond our comfort zone. You have given us gifts, but we do not use them. You promise to lead us, but we are hesitant to follow. You give us hope, but we fail to see. Forgive us, and make us more nearly the people you call us to be, through Christ our Savior.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FAITHFULNESS

Hymn 39, stanza 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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 *Soon and Very Soon* SOON AND VERY SOON
Sanctuary Choir

Teresa McCurry and Danny Vining, duet

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 READINGS

Exodus 20:12
II Corinthians 4:16-18

SERMON *Older Adult Week* 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 LORD'S PRAYER p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *I Come with Joy* Karen Thompson
Handbell Choir

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ASH GROVE

Hymn 37, stanza 1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We bring our offerings, Lord, in faith and thanksgiving. We pray that you would use us and our resources to spread your love. Bless us in our giving that we may grow in faith, trusting you more and more with our lives; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 722 CANONBURY

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and Very Soon
Sanctuary Choir

✦ POSTLUDE *Carillon de Westminster* Louis Vierne

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the leading of worship.
✦ 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.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Jerry Walden-Westbury Health & Rehab (Father of Dan Walden)
† Gene Wallace-eye surgery, home
† Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment
† Mary Annese (Barbara Martin's mother)
† Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications
† Luke Gregory-diagnosed with Type I diabetes
† Leon Savage-home
† Jack Yoder-home
† Kora Hester-home (daughter of Kevin & Brittany Hester)
† Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn)
† Jerry Smart (brother of Faye Kitchens)
† Debra Hales (daughter of Faye Kitchens)
† Henry Garrison-prostate cancer (brother of Sallie Paschal)
† Jill Osbourne-breast cancer (friend of Barbara Martin)
† Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)
† Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)
† Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)
† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)
† Jan Coulon-home
† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
† Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare for rehab
† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
† J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

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

Benton House
† George Stamps

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

Sammy Clark, former chaplain of Oxford College, died this week. We extend our sympathy and prayers for his wife, Betty Claire, and their family and the Oxford Community.

Hospital Visitor: Patti Lanford