

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH

WE GATHER TOGETHER!!! WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER---
NOVEMBER 18 at 5:30 pm: Whet your appetite for that Thanksgiving turkey a week early. Join us around our bountiful table on November 18 for a "warm-up" for Thanksgiving. Your reservation is necessary (use form in pew or call Peni), and a dessert would be appreciated. Choir members, we will eat at 5:30 so that you can get to the practice. We look forward to seeing you.



Commitment Sunday is past, but it's not too late to turn in your commitment card for the operating budget for 2016! Just drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. There are extra cards in the narthex if you left yours at home.

Pledge Update: To date we have received 77 pledges for a total of \$349,234. Last year we had 92 pledges for a total of \$408,764. The session will begin the budget process for 2016 soon. If you have not made a commitment for 2016, please prayerfully consider doing so.

Gift Box for Presbyterian Homes: If you bring items for the Santa Express for Presbyterian Homes, you may place them in the labeled box in the narthex. Gift lists are available in the pouch attached to the box. All gifts are due November 29th.

Year to date statements of giving are available in the narthex. Please check them for errors or omissions. If you find a mistake please notify Peni Haug as soon as possible. 770-786-7321.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on Clark Street. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend with your friends and neighbors!

<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
<p>Sunday, November 15 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Session Meeting 5:00 Youth Connection</p> <p>Tuesday, November 17 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, November 18 4:00 Adventure Club 5:30 Mid-Week Feast 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p>Thursday, November 19 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p>Saturday, November 21 Youth Day at Presbyterian College</p> <p>Sunday, November 22 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</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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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 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome, but during November it is suggested that you donate: **bread, rolls and cookies**



Food Pantry Needs

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 **cradle** 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.

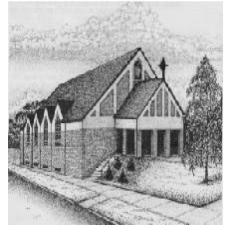
THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY	
<p>Nursery Volunteers today: Need volunteer</p> <p>Next Week: Need volunteer</p>	<p>November Usher Chair: Charles Ardis</p> <p>Sound Engineer: Ken Walker</p>

MEMBERS OF SESSION		
<p>Class of 2015 Gary Boteler Billy Fortson Jan Giles Jim Stillerman Bob Tabb Fletcher Stamps Jack Weesner</p>	<p>Class of 2016 Charles Ardis Joyce Ashworth Betty Bailey Patrick Carmichael Perri Walden</p>	<p>Class of 2017 Baxter Bouchillon Adriane Ivey Michael Thompson Danny Vining Jean Wolverton</p>

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>	Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans <i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg <i>Interim Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	



**Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost**
November 15, 2015



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Fantasia in A Minor* J. S. Bach
Adagio Molto Alexandre Guilmant
Pastorale G. F. Handel

INTROIT *O Sing to the Lord* CANTAI AO SENHOR
(First time- Choir, Second time- ALL)

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 107:1-3
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever!
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom God has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east to the west, from the north and the south.

✦ **HYMN 385** OLD HUNDREDTH
All People That on Earth Do Dwell

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we know we fall short of who you want us to be. We keep doing and saying and thinking things we cannot seem to stop. We envy others and desire what they have. We talk about people and judge their motives, even their faith. We hold grudges and withhold forgiveness. We cannot even pray as we need to do. But, because you keep inviting us into your presence, promising us forgiveness and offering us new life, we keep coming. Hear us again today, we pray, in Jesus' name. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 619, stanza 1
Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Write Your Blessed Name* K. Lee Scott
Sanctuary Choir

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 Genesis 18:1-15
Hebrews 13:1-2

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
Entertaining Angels and Other Strangers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 654 (sing 3 times) IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the
Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.*

✦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 HYFRYDOL
Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Psalm 136)
Hymn 31, stanza 1 MONKLAND
*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord
who is so kind: for God's mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, by your grace you have called us. By your
presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power,
send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith
passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice
boldly, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength,
and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus'**

name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

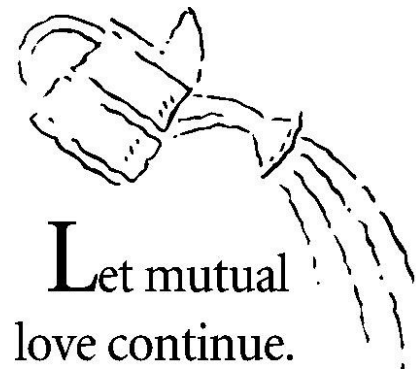
✦HYMN 761 BEECHER
Called as Partners in Christ's Service

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE CANTAI AO SENHOR
O Sing to the Lord
(First time- Choir, Second time- ALL)

✦POSTLUDE Arr. Timothy Albrecht
All Glory Be to God on High

✦Please stand if you are able.



Let mutual
love continue.
Do not neglect to
show hospitality to
strangers, for by
doing that some
have entertained
angels without
knowing it.

Hebrews 13:1-2



Worship Notes

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

†Reed Blakeney's daughter to have surgery	†Jan Coulon-home
†Ursula Kaminski-home	†Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Lucille Brown-broken Leg/hip, in rehab (mother of Sherri Bolton)	†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
†Anne Smith-cancer (friend of Sherri Bolton)	†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
†George Stamps-Riverside for rehab	†Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School.)
†Wilbur Fisher-meningitis, former Newton High coach	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Kim Bailey-Bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)	†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)	†Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
†Mickey Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Tootles Tingler's sister)	Riverside
†Allen Ensminger-motorcycle accident, home (brother of Perri Walden)	†Joy Knight -hospice care
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	†Martha Borders
†Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain	†Rita Harrell
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	Benton House
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	†George Stamps (Riverside for rehab)
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)	†Doris Mote
†Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney)	Merryvale
†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller's daughter)	†Guy McGiboney
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant	†Bill Taylor
††Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)	†Elizabeth Gadilhe
†Edie Chandler Lowe-radiation	†Betty Robinson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Ed Perkerson** and his family on the death of his cousin, Billy Richardson, who died last week; and to the family of Reggie McIntosh, who was the neighbor of **Betsy and Sandy Morehouse**; and for **Sam Moss**, whose retired teacher friend has died.