

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE  
LIFE OF THE CHURCH



**Today is Commitment Sunday,** we will celebrate with a luncheon that includes the Varsity Truck (where you can order what you like, as long as it's a hot dog or hamburger, fries or onion rings). We will have a salad bar. There will be surprises for the children.

This year the Stewardship Team has created reusable shopping totes emblazoned with the First Presbyterian Church logo. The FPC bags will be located in the narthex and you may **place your commitment card in your team's bag** anytime on or before Commitment Sunday. Then, please take a tote bag home (and to the grocery store!) with you to show your "FPC Team Spirit" throughout our community.

This month the Presbyterian Women's circles are meeting on **November 3**, at the following locations:

**Circle I** meets at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Circle II** meets at 10:30 at the home of Carol Dunbar. The third lesson, "Absence of Water-Thirst and Longing", will be lead by Jean Blair.

**Circle III** meets at 7:00 pm at the home of Penny Blakeney.

Women who are not currently members of a circle are welcome to attend any one of these.

**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 available in pouch attached to the box. All gifts are due November 29th.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER!!! WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER---**

**NOVEMBER 18--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 start at 5:30 so that you can get to the practice. We look forward to seeing you.

*This Week at FPC*

<p><b>Sunday, November 1</b> <b>Commitment Sunday</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 12:00 Celebration Lunch 1:00 Youth Connection Rake and Run</p> <p><b>Tuesday, November 3</b> 10:00 PW Circle 1 in the Martin Fellowship Hall 4:00 Exercise</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, November 4</b> 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p><b>Thursday, November 5</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p> <p><b>November 6-8</b> Montreat Retreat</p> <p><b>Sunday, November 8</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p>
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**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](http://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><b>Nursery Volunteers today:</b> Jason/Krissy Jones Family</p> <p><b>Next Week:</b> need volunteer</p>	<p><b>November Usher Chair:</b> Charles Ardis</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 Adriane 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 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>Interim Director of the Early Learning Center</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	



**All Saints Day  
Commitment Sunday  
November 1, 2015**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *For All the Saints* Michael Burkhardt  
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET  
*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Harry Vibbard  
*Lord of All Hopefulness* SLANE

**INTROIT** Handbell Peal  
Handbell Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 148

Praise the Lord!  
**Praise the Lord from the heavens.**  
Praise God in the heights!  
**Praise God, all you angels!**  
Praise God, all you heavenly hosts!  
**Praise the Lord, all God's people!**

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 409** ABBOT'S LEIGH  
*God Is Here!*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we have given our lives to other things. We have spent days with little thought of you or what you might call us to do and be. We have called to you only when there are things we think we want, or situations we wish to avoid. Open our hearts to your love and grace, our eyes to the abundance you offer. Then move us in the direction to which you would lead us through Jesus our Savior, in whose name we pray.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE** Hymn 475, stanza 1 NETTLETON

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 3 (sung on cue)  
*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Down to the River to Pray* arr. Sheldon Curry  
Darcel Tabb, solo

### 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 Hebrews 10:24-25

SERMON *Stirring It Up* William B. Wade, Jr.  
Part 2: *Time and Talents*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 697 *Take My Life* HENDON  
(stanzas 1-3)

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*  
**Christ calls us to live in the presence of God.  
Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence.  
He put God's claim on his life above all else.  
He joined others in God's worship and praise.  
He drew strength from the Scriptures.  
He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.  
We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
personal lives that are centered in God  
and open to God's reality and rule.  
Christ teaches us to put obedience to God  
above the interests of self, family, race or nation;  
to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.  
It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and  
rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's  
work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's  
goodness.**

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*THE LORD'S PRAYER* p. 35 in front of hymnal

### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River?* Dale Wood

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HENDON  
Hymn 697, stanza 4  
***Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take  
my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every  
power as thou shalt choose.***

## ✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let us give thanks to God.

Almighty God, the heavens cannot contain you, much less the walls of  
temples made with human hands. Hear our thanksgiving for this place,  
and accept the work of our hands offered to your honor and glory.

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a symbol,  
**we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in  
your name, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For making us your children by your abundant grace, and feeding us  
day by day with the bread of life,  
**we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For your Word to us, and the grace to live by it,  
**we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For hearing our prayers and supplying our needs,  
**we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For pardoning our sins and restoring us to the fellowship of believers,  
**we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For blessing our vows and crowning our years with your goodness,  
**we give you thanks, O Lord.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and encouraged us by  
their perseverance, **we give you thanks, O Lord.**

To you, Almighty God, be the glory and the majesty, and the power, now  
and forever. **Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 697 (stanzas 5-6) HENDON

***Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.***

***Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take my self and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only,  
all for thee.***

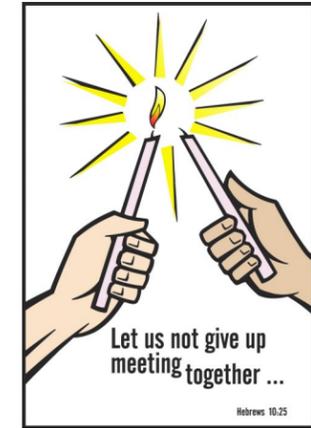
## ✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE

Hymn 700, stanza 1  
Choir: *I'm gonna live so God can use me*  
**Congregation: anywhere, Lord, anytime!**  
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**Congregation: anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

✦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 in  
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

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

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Cy Wolverton