

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



**Thornwell Turkeys** will be collected **today** so that the offering can be given to Thornwell before Thanksgiving.

See the bulletin inserts for Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas giving opportunities.

The staff of *Guideposts* gathers on the Monday before Thanksgiving to pray for thousands of people around the world. The network of trained prayer volunteers joins the *Guideposts* staff to pray over prayer requests in the belief that God hears and answers prayers of faith. Prayer requests may be submitted online at [OurPrayer-Thanksgiving.org](http://OurPrayer-Thanksgiving.org). You may use a prayer request form which is in your bulletin. You may drop it in the offering plate and it will be given to the FPC prayer team. This year, the church will be open on **Monday, November 24, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** for you to come and offer your prayers. Members of our prayer team will be available to pray with you. Prayer Team members also take some time each week to be on call to offer prayers for those who call this prayer line. For more information you may call Agnes Campbell or Alice Walker.



**The Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** will be held on Tuesday, **November 25**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church. Grace is located at 3145 Washington Street SW.

***Challenged by the Spirit!***

It's not too late to participate in the bucket challenge! You are invited to turn in your pledges of time, talents and tithes during morning worship. (If you forgot to bring your pledge card, there are extras in the narthex.) You may drop your card in the offering plate.

***This Week at FPC***

**Sunday, November 23**

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
No Youth Connection

**Monday, November 24**

11:00 - 2:00 Day of Prayer in the sanctuary

**Tuesday, November 25**

4:00 Exercise  
7:00 Thanksgiving Worship at Grace United Methodist Church

**Wednesday, November 26**

No Adventure Club  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, November 27**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Friday, November 28**

Church office closed

**Sunday, November 30**

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Youth Connection-Lunch and Rake and Run!

**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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**Food Pantry Needs**

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

**Special requests for November:**

cookies, loaf bread, hot dog buns and other staple food items

**Baby Love: diapers and baby wipes** are being collected by the Witness Team. These items will be distributed through local agencies to those in need. Bring your donations to the church. Thanks.

**THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY**

**Nursery Volunteers Today:**  
The Sam & Karen Moss Family

**Next Week:**  
The Weesner Family

**Ushers:**  
Joyce Ashworth, chair

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

**MEMBERS OF SESSION**

**Class of 2014**

Debra Arnold  
Bill Loeble  
Darcel Tabb  
Roger Tingler  
Cy Wolverton  
Sam Hay, IV

**Class of 2015**

Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Jan Giles  
Jim Stillerman

**Class of 2016**

Charles Ardis  
Joyce Ashworth  
Betty Bailey  
Patrick Carmichael  
Perri Walden

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

William B. Wade, Jr. *Pastor*  
Dan Walden *Director of Youth and Children's Ministry*  
Peni Haug *Secretary-Treasurer*  
Alan Bunn *Music Director*

Alice Walker *CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir*  
Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato *Nursery Director of the Early Learning Center*



**Christ the King Sunday**

**November 23, 2014**



**Order of Worship**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *Fanfare (St. George's Windsor)* Charles Callahan  
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Diane Bish

**INTROIT** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful* TAIZÉ  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!  
Know that the Lord is God!

**It is God that made us and we are God's.  
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to God and bless his name!  
**For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

✦ **HYMN 336** *We Gather Together* KREMSER

**CALL TO CONFESSION**  
(silence for personal reflection and prayer)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
**The world you created rarely looks like the world we have made it to be. Lord, forgive us. We have misused your good gifts, and failed to understand the true meaning of an abundant life. We have confused our needs with our wants, and mixed up our priorities. We have hoarded your blessings, and neglected those to whom you have called us. Fill us with your Spirit and make us new creatures, faithful, wise and loving: through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**  
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**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 Jesus Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Thanksgiving* Early American tune  
Alan Bunn, solo Alice Walker, piano arr. John Ness Beck

## 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 Philippians 4:4-7

SERMON *In Everything* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 14 *For the Beauty of the Earth* DIX

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*  
**Christ calls us to pilgrimage toward the kingdom. Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and the threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 654 TAIZÉ

***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.***

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *A Gaelic Improvisation* BUNESSAN

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH  
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

## ✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God, we come giving thanks for the abundance of your blessings. Help us to grow in our faith, to stretch without becoming overburdened, to find the joy in offering ourselves to you. Take what we bring in gratitude, and do with it more than we yet have imagined; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 37, stanza 2 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE  
***By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!***

## ✦ CHARGE

✦ BENEDICTION John 16:33  
Jesus said: "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE TAIZÉ  
*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

✦ POSTLUDE Handel/Caudill  
*Allegro Maestoso with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

✦ Please stand, if able



## Worship Notes

✦ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry, 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

† Lecia Landolt, now cancer free! (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)
† Mike Burns-home (brother of Cathy Dobbs)	<b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b>
† Betty Lunsford-home	† Mary Cline-relocated
† Don Bollinger-home	† Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
† Tootles Tingler-recovering from back surgery	† Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
† Tiffany McWaters-recovering from back surgery (ELC Director)	<b>Riverside</b>
† Ann Bouchillon-recovering from surgery	† Joy Knight
† Betty Strohecker-pneumonia (mother of Diane Loebler)	† Martha Borders
† Wally Bold-pneumonia (uncle of Lori Ardis)	<b>Benton House</b>
† Rick Gunter-broken ankle	† George Stamps
† Jack Yoder-Madison	† Doris Mote
† Jeanie Liem-dialysis, needs kidney donor	<b>Covington Square</b>
† Joe Schell-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones)	† Rita Harrell
† Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe)	<b>Merryvale</b>
† Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)	† Bill Taylor
† Lisa Baker-cancer treatment	† Elizabeth Gadilhe
† Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)	
† Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)	
† Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)	
† Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)	

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family of **Mary Crudup**, especially her husband, Ed and daughters, Anne Crudup and Emily Cameron. A memorial service will be held this afternoon at 2:00; and for the family of **Harry Adams**, brother of Margaret Wallace, who died last week.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Cy Wolverton

**To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.**