

ONGOING ACTIVITIES
IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



Challenged by the Spirit!
Consecration Sunday

Today we will offer our pledges of time, talents and tithes during morning worship. (If you forgot to bring your pledge card, there is one in your bulletin) You may drop your card in the offering plate or in the bucket with your team leader's name.

Following worship we will have a **Consecration Celebration Fall Festival** designed for family fun! **The Varsity** truck will be serving lunch. We also have cotton candy, slides for the children, games and even face painting. Please join us in this year's Consecration Celebration; no reservations needed!

Today at 4:30 **Church of the Good Shepherd** will host a choral evensong in commemoration of All Faithful Departed/All Soul's Day. Both of our choirs will join with the choirs of First United Methodist and Good Shepherd choirs. There will be a reception following the service.

Montreat Payments: If you have a balance due for the Montreat Retreat, it is due today.



FPC is going to try to have a **church basketball team** this year. You will just need to reply to Cam Wade and let him know if you are interested in playing so that we can see how many people we will have. It will not be funded by the church and so we will not know how much each person will need to pay until we know how many players we have. We think games will be played during the week at Turner Lake gym in Covington. Come on out and have fun!!! Cam Wade: cam.wade@blountconstruction.com or cell 770-317-5853.

Baby Love: The Witness Team is collecting diapers and wipes for low income families in this area who have difficulty providing diapers for their children. Formula is provided but there is no assistance for diapers. This program will be known as **BABY LOVE**. Donations of diapers and/or baby wipes will be received at the church.

This Week at FPC

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Sunday, November 2

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Celebration Lunch
No Youth Connection
4:30 Evensong at Good Shepherd Church

Tuesday, November

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, November

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9

Montreat Retreat

Sunday, November 9

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

**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

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers Today:

The Henderson Family

Next Week:

The Jessup Family

Ushers:

Joyce Ashworth, chair
Jon & Jane Williams
Ron Shaw & Leon Hughes

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

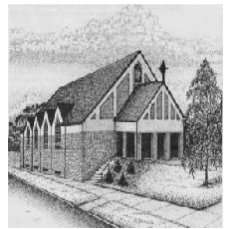
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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



**Twenty-first Sunday
after Pentecost
November 2, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Like a River Glorious* Raymond H. Haan
I Am Bound for the Promised Land Diane Bish
Cross of Glory David Lowe

INTROIT *What Does the Lord Require of You* MOON
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 100

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

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless God's name!

For the Lord is good, his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

✦ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 367** ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your love has sustained us all our days. Your grace has been sufficient for all our needs. Forgive our forgetting. Forgive our lack of gratitude for your abundant goodness. Forgive our failure to trust your care of us through the things we dread and the future we cannot see. Open our eyes to the needs of others. Open our hearts to sharing, our hands to giving; for we pray in Jesus' name.
(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 Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Martin Luther/arr. Parker and Shaw
A Mighty Fortress
Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Mark 12:41-44

SERMON *First Fruits* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 645 NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
Now Thank We All Our God

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 *Intermezzo on "Lyons"* Johann M. Haydn

☩ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 717
For the Life That You Have Given PLEADING SAVIOR
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the consolation you offer, the hunger you satisfy, and the healing you produce in those who respond to your love. You have touched our lives in ways that make us rich. Now use what we have shared to provide fulfillment in other lives, among our neighbors, near and far. Enlist our best efforts in the extension of your realm, that our offering of ourselves may bear fruit daily. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

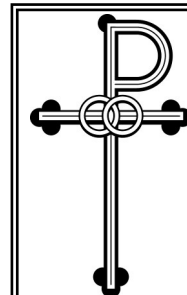
☩ HYMN 712 FOREST GREEN
As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

☩ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

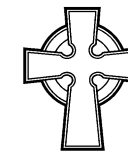
☩ CHORAL RESPONSE I'M GONNA LIVE
I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
choirs and congregation singing as we leave:
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

☩ POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Martin Luther
Bill Cobham, trombone. Alice Walker. Organ

☩ Please stand if you are able.



The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Maxine Blankenship in memory of her husband, Elmer Blankenship, on the occasion of the sixty-third anniversary of their marriage.



A gift has been made to the 2015 Stewardship Celebration by Bill and Katherine Stillerman in memory of Evelyn Underwood, mother of Pam Stillerman, Marguerite Stillerman and David Stillerman, mother and brother of Jim and Bill Stillerman.

Worship Notes

☩ Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, 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

†Don Bollinger-home	†Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems)
†Tootles Tingler-recovering from back surgery	†Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)
†Bill Blair-home	†Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
†Tiffany McWaters-recovering from back surgery (ELC Director)	†Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Ann Bouchillon-recovering from surgery	†Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
†Betty Strohecker-pneumonia (mother of Diane Loebler)	†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.)
†Wally Bold-pneumonia (uncle of Lori Ardis)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Rob Kaiser-heart surgery (friend of Baxter Bouchillon)	†Mary Crudup-Hope Center, Dacula
†Alice Walker-recovering from foot surgery, home	†Mary Cline-relocated
†Haley Williams-daughter born 4 months premature (friend of Travis Moss)	†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†John Stark-brother-in-law of Stephanie Fortson	†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
†Diane Loebler-broken foot	Riverside
†Rick Gunter-broken ankle	†Joy Knight
†Jack Yoder-Madison	†Martha Borders
†Jeanie Liem-dialysis, needs kidney donor	Benton House
†Joe Schell-kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones)	†George Stamps
†Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe)	†Doris Mote
†Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)	Covington Square
†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment	†Rita Harrell
	Merryvale
	†Bill Taylor
	†Elizabeth Gadilhe
	Hospital Visitors:
	Jean Wolverton

Quarterly statements for those who pledge are available in the narthex. Please pick-up your copy to save our postage budget. Thanks!