

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, November 4

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

Tuesday, November 6

Presbyterian Women's Circles see below
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, November 7

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 8

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, November 11

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion
12:00 Session Meeting
5:00 Youth Connection Bonfire



WHAT'S YOUR PIECE OF THE PIE?

Have you made your Commitment for 2019? We have extra pledge cards in the narthex on the ushers' table if you missed the ingathering last Sunday. Just place your completed card in the offering plate.

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings: Tuesday, Nov. 6th

10:00 am Elizabeth Ann Circle in the fellowship hall.
10:30 am Martha Circle at the home of Beth Vining.
7:00 pm Ruth Circle at the home of Jean Wolverton.

Honoring Billy Wade - Saturday, November 10th

At this month's stated meeting of the [Presbytery of Greater Atlanta](#), the Rev. Billy Wade will be honored on the occasion of his retirement and will be presented with a proclamation from the PC Session. The meeting will be held at [Clairmont Presbyterian Church](#) in Decatur beginning at 9:00am. The proclamation will be read after lunch at around 12:45pm. All are welcome to attend.



A Different Life Would you be interested in participating in a group called "A Different Life"? Many of us are facing change and transition in our lives: widows, widowers, loss of a loved one through death or even distance, change or loss of employment

(even retirement), caregivers and others facing a different life than what they've known in the past. It would be informal, simply time together to get to know one another and talk, sharing moments we'll have for caring and support. If you are interested, please contact Anne Savage at 770-786-8058.

Thanksgiving Blessing Dinner Wednesday, November 14th

Please mark your calendars and join us for a congregational Thanksgiving Blessing Dinner on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A dinner of turkey and dressing will be served. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. In addition to good food, there will be musical entertainment, a bit of trivia, good fellowship, and a sharing of spiritual blessings. Please use the form in the bulletin to make your reservations.

Santa Express: Presbyterian Women each year gather items for Presbyterian Homes to give each resident a Christmas gift bag. Our church has participated in this mission for a number of years. Once again there is a box in the narthex along with the list of items requested. Your love, support, and generosity are more than appreciated. Any questions, please call Jeanie Liem 770-787-7530.

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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You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website (www.fpccov.org) and clicking on "Media."



Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested donations:

November: cookies, bread, rolls

Baby Love is our program to collect diapers and wipes, or donations toward them, to give to local organizations which distribute them to parents in need. Place diapers in the cradle in the narthex. Donations should be designated to "Baby Love".



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

November
Miriam Wheeler

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2018

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman
Koen Ardis
Sophia Hawley

Class of 2019

Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

Class of 2020

Doug Bolton
Stan Hall
Cindy Moon
Bob Tabb
Michael Thompson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Steven Barnes	Interim Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Jenny Giles and Pauleen Green	Organist/Ambassador Choir
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer		Nursery
Alexis Ward	Music Director	Darlene Alley	Director of the Early Learning Center



Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 4, 2018



Order of Worship GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Jerusalem, My Happy Home* LAND OF REST

INTROIT *Glory Be to You*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a new song;
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
God has done great things for us;
Therefore we rejoice in the Lord.
Praise the Lord!
Together, let us worship God!

HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by. When the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices. Forgive us, God of grace. Save a place, even for us, at that great banquet of redemption when all will be made well; through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray ... (time for silent and personal reflection) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the one who created us and maintains our every breath calls us to receive mercy and be forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Let us be at peace so that today and every day our paths may be strong and free! Amen!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

DOVE OF PEACE

Hymn 515, stanzas 1 & 5

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Lord, I Believe* Larry Shackley

*I believe in God the Father, Maker of all heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived, of the Virgin Mary born,
He in whom I have believed: God Almighty, Three in One.*

I believe, Lord, I believe!

*Suffered under Pontius Pilate, crucified, for me he died.
Laid within the grave so silent, gates of hell he opened wide;
For the stone sealed tomb was empty; on the third day he arose;
Into heaven made his entry, mighty conqueror of his foes.*

I believe, Lord, I believe!

*At God's right hand he is seated, till his coming, as he said;
Final judgement will be meted to the living and the dead;
I confess the Holy Spirit, who was sent through Christ the Son
To apply salvation's merit God, the Spirit, Three in One.*

*I believe the church of Jesus, universal, e'er remains;
We are one through all the ages, in communion of the saints.
I believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies will be raised
To eternal life in heaven ever let his name be praised.*

I believe, Lord, I believe!

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 10:46-52 (p.47 NT)
Romans 12:13-16 (p.162 NT)

SERMON *A Guide to Graciousness* The Rev. Jill Lum

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 737 LES PETITES SOEURS

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Robert Hebble

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

Hymn 620, stanza 1

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use us for your ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✦ POSTLUDE Michael Burkhardt

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

✦ Please stand if able.

Welcome to Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Jill Morehouse Lum is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since moving to the Washington, D.C. region with her husband Brady and three children in 2008, she has served as minister of spiritual formation and school chaplain among both Presbyterians and Episcopalians. Raised in Atlanta at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jill received her BA and Master of Teaching degrees at UVA and her M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. In Atlanta she served at Central Presbyterian. Jill has worked in homeless ministries, children's museums, public schools, youth service organizations, and churches to create an environment where all are invited to share their gifts for the common good. **Betsy and Sandy Morehouse** are her parents.



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Worship Notes

- ✦ **Darcel Tabb**, is assisting with leading worship today.
- ✦ 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.
- ✦ Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website: www.fpccov.org.
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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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| †Hughie Hudson-Abbey Hospice (lifetime member and mother of Lelia Raines) | †Spencer Boyd-lung cancer 3037 Pine Needle Rd Augusta, GA 30909-3047 |
| †William Hessler-health issues & his wife Mary Alice, (Warren Liem's cousin) | †Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory) |
| †Vanessa Carmichael-hip-replacement surgery at the Anderson Ortho. Clinic in Virginia on 10/31 (daughter of Janet & Patrick Carmichael) | †Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden) |
| †Howard Barton-home (step-father of Perri Walden) | †Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher) |
| †Aarley Roberts-whooping cough (daughter of Mandi & Aaron Robert, grandparents: Lelia & Dennis Raines) | †Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family) |
| †Paige Carmichael-recovering from neck surgery (daughter of Patrick & Janet Carmichael) | †Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis) |
| †Pat Musarra-stroke (mother of Danielle Schubert) | †Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne Lassiter) |
| †Wolf Waetzig's family-mother's illness; and 2 deaths (brother and cousin, in Germany) | †Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home |
| †William Reavis-home (father-in-law of Steven Barnes) | †Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder) |
| †Shaun Evans-skin cancer surgery | †Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder) |
| †Florine DeConinck-recovering from surgery | †Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup) |
| †Agnes Campbell-Rehab at Riverside, Room 115 | Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: |
| †Anne Adams-multiple surgeries (sister-in-law of Gene Wallace) | †Julia Brubaker-Benton House |
| †Kim Floyd-home (mother of Chelsie Coggins of ELC) | †Jim Elder-The Oaks |
| †Betty Lunsford-home | †Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA |
| †Diana Bradford-surgery (Reed Blake-ney's daughter) | Merryvale: |
| †Robbie Ashworth-treatment for brain tumor (son of Joyce Ashworth) | †Guy McGiboney |
| †Russell Loveland-stroke (father of Caryn Thompson) | †Betty Robinson |
| †Caleb Thompson-undiagnosed illness (son of Michael Thompson) | †Louise White |
| †Matt Cooper - CPD officer at Shepherd Center | †Alice Gadilhe |
| †Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu) | †Patricia McGuire |
| †Larry Kennon-home | †Roger Wallace |
| †Mark Fogarty-cancer | Home: |
| †Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's mother) | †Roger Gossage-home, dialysis |
| †Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks) | †Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis |
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