

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE
LIFE OF THE CHURCH



Red Cross Blood Drive

Many of you know that on August 4th we hosted our first blood drive in years. Thanks to all who made it a great success! The Red Cross has asked us to sponsor another drive, which we will do on **Veteran's Day, Wednesday, November 11, from 12:00 to 5:00 pm.** Put it on your calendar now to donate or volunteer in honor of a veteran! Information is inserted in the bulletin today and there are sign up sheets in the narthex. For questions contact Baxter Bouchillon at 770-546-6116.

Last Sunday was Commitment Sunday, but it's not too late to turn in your commitment card! 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.



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 take a tote

bag home (and to the grocery store!) with you to show your "FPC Team Spirit" throughout our community.

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.

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>Sunday, November 8 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Tuesday, November 10 4:00 Exercise</p> <p>Wednesday, November 11 12:00 Blood Drive (until 5:00) 4:00 Adventure Club 6:45 Sanctuary Choir</p> <p>Thursday, November 12 10:30 Ambassador Choir</p>	<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>
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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) 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: Jason/Krissy Jones Family</p> <p>Next Week: Bouchillon Family</p>	<p>November Usher Chair: Charles Ardis</p> <p>Sound Engineer: Ken Walker</p>
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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>
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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-fourth Sunday
after Pentecost
November 8, 2015**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *My Song is Love Unknown* Ralph Vaughan Williams

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had vanished.
I saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.
I saw no temple in the city, for its temple was the Sovereign Lord God and the Lamb.
The city did not need the sun and moon to shine on it, for the glory of the God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.
The throne of God and of the Lamb will be there; and his saints will worship him.
They shall see God face to face, and bear his name on their foreheads.
Come now, with the saints in heaven and on earth, let us worship our Sovereign Lord!
Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our God forever!

✦HYMN 49 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

God has promised to make of us a new creation, laying to rest the former things, making all things new. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that we forget whose we are. Familiarity has dulled our awareness of your glory around us and within us. We acknowledge that we spend ourselves in engagements that are so very insignificant, that are primarily for ourselves. Forgive us. And teach us the larger lesson of giving ourselves to works that count for others, that count for your Kingdom, that count for you. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray.
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the Good News of the gospel:
 in the fullness of God's mercy our misdeeds are blotted
 out, by God's loving kindness our sins are washed away.
 Through the gift of the Spirit, we are assisted to forgive
 others as God forgives us through the Christ.
Thanks be to God for these magnificent gifts! Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON
 Hymn 610, stanza 2
*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids
 our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's
 ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Rock of Ages* Augustus M. Toplady
Jake McCarthy, violin

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN Darcel Tabb
*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 Psalm 1:1-6
Hebrews 11:32-12:2

SERMON *The Best Is Yet to Be* The Rev. Al Myers

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 375 *Shall We Gather at the River* HANSON PLACE

✦ 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 *Chanson* E. S. Barnes

✦ 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
**Lord, help us to live as your people, standing on your
 promises, following the Christ in faith, clinging to him
 in hope, witnessing to him in love; for we pray in his
 holy name.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 326 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SINE NOMINE
 Hymn 326, refrain only ***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

✦ POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Max Drischner

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ The Rev. **Al Myers** is our guest preacher and worship leader. The Rev. **Louly Fowler Hay** is assisting with the leading of worship. **Darcel Tabb** will present the word for children.
 ✦ We welcome back the Rev. **John Roark**, as our guest organist 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

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