

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Women's Study Group - Change of Location: The "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" study group will meet at the home of Alice Walker at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 13.**

We're heading back to Thornwell this week! The Witness Team will be leading another group of volunteers to Thornwell Home for Children **October 16 - 20.** Come join us for some work, fellowship and worship. You are welcome to come for the entire time or just a day. Contact Jan Giles at FamilyGilesGa@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

TVs needed for Ferguson Cottage Do you have a used **TV** just sitting at your house and collecting dust? Thornwell Children's Home could use 3 TV's for the boys in Ferguson Cottage. If you have a TV you can donate the Witness Team will gladly deliver it for you. We just need to have the TV before 10/16. Contact Jan Giles 404 216-2927 if you can help.

The Early Learning Center will be hosting their annual **Fall Festival on Thursday, October 15th from 5:30pm-7:30pm.** We will have indoor and outdoor games, prizes, food, Pumpkin Bowling on the lawn, and our second annual **CAKE WALK!** **We'd love to have our FPC family there as well.** The more the merrier!



Calling All Bakers! Your donated items were a **HUGE** hit last year! Please consider making donations of baked goods (cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, rice krispy treats, etc) again this year. If you are able to provide one cake, plate of brownies, etc., we will have plenty to make this event a success. So please share this request with your church friends. You may drop off your baked goods in the fellowship hall or church office by noon this Thursday. Many thanks for all that you do to make the ELC a

Sandy's Dog Park - Work Days October 17 and 24

Interested in Volunteering? Help is needed to clear the land on which Sandy's Dog Park is being built. Sandy's Dog Park will be located in Chimney Park... A Park With Heart. Chimney Park is located at 8201 Hazelbrand Road, Covington, GA 30014, which is behind the Newton County Health Department and the Covington Library. Volunteers are needed for the following dates: October 17 and 24 from **9 am until 2 pm.** The park is being built in memory of Sandy Elder, daughter of Jim and Jean Elder. Sandy was a member here.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 11

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Session Meeting

Tuesday, October 13

10:00 PW Book Study at the home of Alice Walker
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, October 14

4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 15

10:30 Ambassador Choir
5:30-7:30 ELC Fall Festival

Friday, October 16 (through 10/20)

Thornwell Homes Mission Trip

Saturday, October 17

9:00 - 2:00 Dog Park Work Day at Chimney Park

Sunday, October 18

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service & Baptism
12:00 Oxford Student/Faculty Lunch

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."



Food Pantry Needs

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 October it is suggested that you donate:

hot and cold cereals and grits

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 receptacle 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

Nursery Volunteers today:

Weesner Family

Next Week:

Rob/Kerry Jones Family

October Usher Chair:

Gary Boteler

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Bob Tabb
Fletcher Stamps
Jack Weesner

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
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Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
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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

Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans

Nursery

Kara Sugg Interim Director of the

Early Learning Center



**Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 11, 2015**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Alan Bunn

INTROIT

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

God of Great and God of Small

Children's Choir

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 139

We come to worship the One who loved us before we were born, who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.

This is our God.

Let us worship together.

✦ HYMN 408

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

(congregation sings refrain on cue)

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we keep coming to you because you keep inviting us. You keep opening your loving arms, though we keep running away. We are afraid of your love which keeps penetrating the hardened and hidden places in our hearts. You know our fears and insecurities that manifest themselves in our anger. You know the grudges we keep buried beneath our smiles. You see the things we cannot seem to keep from doing. You are our Keeper through all things, keeping us close to your heart. You hold on to us and never let us go; your mercy is beyond measure. So our hearts rejoice in thanksgiving. We praise you for your saving grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 O Divine Redeemer Charles Gounod
 Tory Bouchillon, solo

*Ah! Turn me not away, receive me, though unworthy!
 Hear my cry, hear Thou my cry, behold, Lord, my distress!
 Answer me from thy throne, haste Thee, Lord, to mine aid.
 Thy pity show in my deep anguish! Let not the sword of vengeance
 smite me, though righteous thine anger, O Lord!
 Shield me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call.*

*O divine Redeemer!
 I pray Thee, grant me pardon, and remember not my sins!
 Forgive me, O divine Redeemer!*

*Night gathers round my soul, fearful, I cry to Thee;
 Come to mine aid, O Lord!*

*Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me! Hear my cry!
 Hear my cry! Save me Lord, in Thy mercy;
 Hear my cry! Hear my cry!
 Come and save me, O Lord!*

*O divine Redeemer!
 I pray Thee, grant me pardon and remember not, remember not, O
 Lord, my sins! Save in the day of retribution, from Death shield Thou
 me, O my God! O divine Redeemer, have mercy! Help me, my savior!*

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 4:12-16

SERMON Holding Fast William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 465** CONVERSE
What a Friend We Have in Jesus

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Declaration of Faith*
The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ. We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord

as he is remembered, known, and expected.
In Christ God's Word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done. In Christ God's Word of demand is lived out: to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us. The Spirit adds no different Word from God, but leads us deeper into the truth of God uttered in Jesus Christ.

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Frank Luton

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Alan Bunn

✦ **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**
O God, by your grace you have called us. By your presence you have sustained us. Now, by your power, send us forth to live in the world, professing our faith passionately, making peace persistently, doing justice boldly, loving you with all our heart, mind and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 839** ASSURANCE
Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE** *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE
refrain: all sing (Hymn 606)

✦ **POSTLUDE**

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦ **Frank Luton** is our Stewardship Speaker this morning. Frank and his wife, Barbara, have been members of FPC for over 6 years. Frank has served other churches as an elder and deacon and has taught Sunday School classes. He has been known to show up at FPC as a leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day, much to the amusement of preschool students and staff!
 ✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting in the leading of worship.
 ✦ 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

† Rita Harrell-Piedmont Newton Medical
 † Sam Hay, Jr.-home
 † 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
 † Doris Mote

Merryvale
 † Guy McGiboney
 † Bill Taylor
 † Elizabeth Gadilhe
 † Betty Robinson

Hospital Visitor:
 Jean Wolverton

In October, we would like everyone to send thank you notes in appreciation of **Alan Bunn** as our Director of Music for all the work he does with children, youth, adult choir, bell choir and much more. You may send cards directly to Alan or to the church office:

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 1169 Clark Street SW
 Covington, GA 30014



Be sure to mark it "Attn: Alan Bunn Thank You!" We have been recognizing each of our staff throughout the year. Their dedication and commitment to our congregation and the wider community are deeply appreciated.