

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Moment for Stewardship Speaker

Theodosia Wade has been a member of First Presbyterian Church, Covington for 29 years. She grew up in Trinity Presbyterian and First Presbyterian churches of Atlanta and was a member at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Charleston, SC. Theodosia is a Senior Lecturer of Biology at Oxford College where she teaches Environmental Science and serves as a Lab Coordinator for the Biology Department. She has been involved with Vacation Bible School, Youth Groups and Sunday School programs here at our church over the years. She is married to The Reverend William B. Wade Jr. Together they have three sons and two grandsons, with another grandson due in January.



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.

Save the Date! On Sunday, November 2, 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. If you have loved ones who have died during the past year you may call or e-mail the names to Good Shepherd and they will be printed in the service leaflet. Church: 770-786-3278 or e-mail: cgse.sam@gmail.com; send the information no later than October 24.

Baby Love

It has come to the attention of the Witness Team that some low income families in this area are having difficulty providing diapers for their newborn and toddler 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 as we are doing the food products for the Food Pantry. More information will be available in the November *First Press* newsletter.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 19
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
No Youth Connection

Tuesday, October 21
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, October 22
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 23
10:30 Ambassador Choir



Saturday, October 25
Youth Connection - Change the World Day at First United Methodist Church, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 26
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
No Youth Connection (see Saturday above)

Challenged by the Spirit!

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 October:

Grits, hot and cold cereals, and other staple food items

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers Today:
Trista Hooten-Wilson

Next Week:
Kevin & Rebecca Bates Family

Ushers:
Jim Stillerman, 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. <i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker <i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
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>	Tiffany McWaters <i>Nurse</i>
Alan Bunn <i>Music Director</i>	<i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i>



**Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
October 19, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Alan Bunn, piano

INTROIT *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* McKEE
Alan Bunn, solo

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 82
God has taken his place in the divine council, and speaks thusly:
**"Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy, deliver them from the hands of the wicked.**
They have neither knowledge nor understanding;
and they (like lost sheep) walk around in darkness...
Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations belong to you!"

✠ **HYMN 624** TOULON
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION from Ezekiel 34:2-6
Thus says the Lord God: "Should not shepherds feed the sheep? You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool...but you do not feed the sheep...you have not strengthened the weak, you have not healed the sick, you have not bound up the injured, you have not sought the lost...so they were scattered over all the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them..."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Eternal God, you asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose; but we gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice; but we gave you whispers that we might not be accused. You asked for our eyes to see the pain of poverty; but we closed them, for we did not want to see. You asked for our lives, that you might work through us; but we gave you only a small part, that we might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you -- only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so and only with those who make it easy to do so. **Forgive us in Jesus' name. Amen.**
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS from Ezekiel 34
 For thus says the Lord God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out.
I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed.
 I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak.
I will feed them with justice...You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God..."

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** BRADBURY
 Hymn 187, stanza 1
Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: thine we are.

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** from Colossians 3:15
 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body, you were called to peace. And be thankful.
 The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Come ye Blessed* Scott
 Janet Carmichael, solo

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.

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-45

SERMON *The Naked Truth* The Rev. Larry Kennon

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ **HYMN 852** I'LL FLY AWAY
When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
from A Brief Statement of Faith
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who

inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** I'LL FLY AWAY
 Hymn 852, stanza 2
When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice. When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice, will rejoice, will rejoice. We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice, will rejoice with gladness. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice, will rejoice, will rejoice.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Theodosia Wade

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Alan Bunn, piano

✦ **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, the Bible teaches us that you are a Gift that keeps on giving. And we are such takers of your abundant giving. We take what we need, more than we need, all that we need. So turn our taking into giving, since we are in your image. Make our giving like yours: giving in joy and abundance, giving as Jesus gave himself for us all - giving, and not always taking. Bless gift and giver. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ **HYMN 766** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* McKEE

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **POSTLUDE** Alan Bunn, piano

✦ Please stand if you are able.

<i>Worship Notes</i>	
✦ The Rev. Larry Kennon is our guest preacher 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.	
<i>In Our Thoughts and Prayers</i>	
†Tootles Tingler-back surgery in Athens on Monday †Tiffany McWaters-back surgery on Tuesday (ELC Director) †Ann Bouchillon-surgery †Beth Prabhakar, (daughter of Sally Williams and granddaughter of Betty Robinson) †Betty Strohecker-broken/replaced hip (mother of Diane Loeble) †Alice Walker-recovering from foot surgery, home †Haley Williams-daughter born 4 months premature (friend of Travis Moss) †John Stark-brother-in-law of Stephanie Fortson †Diane Loeble-broken foot †Rick Gunter-broken ankle †Jack Yoder-Madison †Jeanie Liem-dialysis, needs kidney donor †Joe Schell - kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones) †Don Bollinger - home †Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe) †Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey) †Lisa Baker-cancer treatment †Lucy Johnson-cancer (friend of the Liems) †Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary) †Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)	†Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson) †Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister) †Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford) †Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem) †Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy (6th grade student at Providence Christian School.) Assisted Living/Nursing Homes: †Mary Crudup-Hope Center, Dacula †Mary Cline-relocated †Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers †Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville Riverside †Joy Knight †Martha Borders Benton House †George Stamps †Doris Mote Covington Square †Rita Harrell Merryvale †Bill Taylor †Elizabeth Gadilhe We congratulate and celebrate with Jodi Walton and Jonny Atkins who were married yesterday. Jodi is the daughter of Dan and Perri Walden. Hospital Visitor: Stephanie Fortson