Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 1
Peace and Global Witness Offering
World Communion Sunday
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, October 3
Circle Meetings as below
4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, October 4
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 5
10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, October 7
8:30 Youth meets at church for NAMI Walk in Atlanta
1:00-3:00 Baby Shower for Heaven Stephenson at FPC All are invited - it's co-ed

Sunday, October 8
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Congregational Meeting
12:00 Session Meeting

Elizabeth Ann Circle will meet at FPC in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m.
Martha Circle will meet at the home of Carol Dunbar, Tuesday Oct 3, at 10;30 a.m.
Ruth Circle will meet at a place to be announced on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. (Jan Giles is the chair.)

All women of the church are invited to join or visit a circle. If you would like more information contact Jan Giles at: FamilyGilesGa@gmail.com

Congregational Meeting next Sunday, October 8, at the end of the worship service for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing elders to serve on the Session for the Class of 2020. The nominees that will be presented by the committee are: Doug Bolton, Stan Hall, Cindy Moon, Bob Tabb, Michael Thompson, Koen Ardis (youth) and Sophia Hawley (youth).

The October Session Meeting will be Sunday, October 8, immediately following the worship service and Congregational Meeting. If there are those who wish to become members of the church they should speak with Billy Wade before that date.

Community Food Pantry The Food Pantry is looking for some **volunteers** to help on **Tuesdays**. The Pantry has been open on Wednesdays and Fridays, but now needs to open one more day in order to qualify for food from the Atlanta Community Food Bank. The Food Pantry is a ministry birthed by this congregation and housed for over 20 years in our building. Bernice Bailey is the Director. Please talk with Bernice (770-786-3048) or call the church office if you can help (770-786-7321).

Seeking Director of Music to develop Christian music programs for all age groups. This part-time position reports to the Senior Pastor, and works alongside the Organist and Worship Team. Bachelor's degree in music required (Master's preferred). To request full job description or submit cover letter and resume, please email Personnel Team at info@fpccov.org. If you know of someone who might fit this description, please pass on this information.

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.
Telephone: 770-786-7321; Fax: 770-786-6596

Staff E-mail Addresses:
Pastor, Billy Wade: wbwade75@gmail.com
Dan Walden: djwalden@mac.com
Church Office/Peni Kehoe: penihaug@gmail.com
Website: www.fpccov.org
Mailing Address: 1169 Clark Street, SW
Covington, Georgia 30014

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 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

October suggested donations are: oatmeal, grits, boxed cereals

Baby Love Sunday today! This 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

October
John McCarthy

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton
Jake McCarthy
Koen Ardis

Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

Class of 2019
Carter Gibson
John McCarthy
Teresa McCurry
Cheryl Meichsner
Miriam Wheeler

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	*Pastor*	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	*Director of Youth and Children's Ministry*		*Organist/Ambassador Choir*
		Shaun and Aubrey Evans	*Nursery*
Peni Kehoe	*Secretary-Treasurer*	Kara Sugg	*Director of the Early Learning Center*
Jim Patrick	*Interim Choir Director*		

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COVINGTON

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2017

World Communion Sunday

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE
Morning Has Broken — Lani Smith
Though I May Speak — Sue Mitchell-Wallace
God Himself Is Present — Joachim Neander

INTROIT *In Christ There Is No East Or West* — McKEE
Sanctuary Choir

✠CALL TO WORSHIP — Brian Wren
We are your people.
You dare to make us Christ to our neighbors of every nation and race.
Called to portray you, help us to live closer than neighbors, open to strangers, able to clash and forgive.
Joined in community, breaking your bread, may we discover gifts in each other, willing to lead and be led.
Lord, as we minister in different ways, may all we're doing show that you're living, meeting your love with our praise.

✠HYMN 327 — LASST UNS ERFREUEN
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE — Ephesians 2:17-18
"Christ came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father."
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

SERMON *Reconciling the World* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✟HYMN 265 (stanzas 1-3) DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

✟AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

God sends the church into the world.
God has not taken God's people out of the world,
but has sent them into the world
to worship God there and serve all humankind.
We worship God in the world by standing
before the Lord in behalf of all people.
Our cries for help and our songs of praise
are never for ourselves alone.
Worship is no retreat from the world;
it is part of our mission.
We serve humankind by discerning what God
is doing in the world and joining God in that work.
We risk disagreement and error when we try to
say what God is doing here and now.
But we find guidance in God's deeds in the
past and God's promises for the future,
as they are witnessed to in Scripture.
We affirm that the Lord is at work,
especially in events and movements
that free people by the gospel
and advance justice, compassion and peace.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Arioso* (Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156) J. S. Bach

✟*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, through the bread and the cup, you have made us one with you and with one another. May the unity we find at this table be a gift that we carry out into your suffering, divided world. Help us to find strength in knowing that you, the God of Peace, always will be with us. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share one cup, announcing his death for our sins and the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all nations. Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.
They will come from east and west and from north and south, and sit at table in the Kingdom of God.
This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us pray....

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

We will be served in the pews. Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

ANTHEM *In Remembrance* Buryl Red
Sanctuary Choir

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✟HYMN 265 (stanzas 4-5) DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

✟CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✟CHORAL RESPONSE McKEE
In Christ There Is No East or West
Sanctuary Choir

✟POSTLUDE

✟Please stand if you are able.

Baptized children who have received some instruction in the significance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are invited to share the elements, at the discretion of their parents.

Worship Notes

- ✟**Serwaa Amuzu** is helping to lead worship today.
- ✟**Dan Walden,** Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting in the leading of 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.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Bob Wheeler-home
†Jenifer Vegas-extensive digestive surgery on September 25 (niece of Sherri Bolton)
†Pat Harper-heart surgery, home
†Fran Prince-completed radiation treatment
†Rick Gunter-with his children
†Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,
†Adriane Ivey-recovering from surgery
†David Cooper-lung cancer surgery (father of Rebecca Bates)
†Becky Ramsey-auto accident, back injury
†Krissy Jones-treatment for infection
†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy
†Louise Strickland-cancer
†Carol Capell-home, recovering from back surgery
†Heaven Stephenson-healthy pregnancy
†Donald Vining-recovering from back surgery (brother of Danny Vining)
†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)
†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Bill Taylor-Bentley Assisted Living, Jefferson, GA
†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA
†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

Riverside
†Martha Borders
†Betty Goins

Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Hughie Hudson

Home
†Jan Coulon
†Debi (Dee) Selin

Peace Corps Volunteer
†Pattie Lanford stationed in Zambia

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Stephanie Fortson and family** in the death of her sister, Frances Stark, who died on Tuesday. The funeral service was on Friday.

We also extend our prayers for **Murray McClure and family**, in the death of his daughter, Peggy Smith.

Hospital Visitor:
Darcel & Bob Tabb