

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 10

9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service with Communion
 12:00 Session Meeting
 6:00 Youth Connection
 7:00 Community on Our Knees

Wednesday, September 13

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 14

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 17

9:00 Handbell Choir
 9:30 Children's Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Lunch with the Buns!

Tuesday, September 12

4:00 Exercise Class
 6:00 PW Supper Meeting



Community On Our Knees

Sunday, September 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we gather together as a community of faith with other churches for a prayer event on the historic downtown Covington square. Through music and prayer we will lift up our public, private and homeschooled students, families, teachers and administrators, as well as all of our public servants and church staffs.

Youth Connection (middle and high school students) will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. for Youth Choir and dinner, then walk to the square for the event at 7:00 p.m. Pickup time will be 8:00 p.m. at the church. *Everyone is invited!!*

The Presbyterian Women here at First Presbyterian invite all the women of the church, members and friends, to join us on Tuesday September 12 at 6 p.m. in the Martin Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes, chaplain at Agnes Scott College, will speak on "Faith Lives of College Students". A light supper will be served.

Nominations for Elders

The Nominating Committee has been meeting to consider a slate of new elders to present to the congregation for its vote. They need your help. Please list the names of people you would like for them to consider. Drop the list in the offering plate, give to a Nominating Committee member or turn it into the church office.

Names to Consider:

Nominating Committee: Scarlett McCurry, Tom Stillerman, Carol Dunbar, Darcel Tabb, Koen Ardis and Billy Wade.

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."



The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

September suggested donations are: boxed macaroni & cheese; rahmen noodles

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

September
 Miriam Wheeler



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	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	Nursery
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer	Kara Sugg	Director of the Early Learning Center
Alan Bunn	Music Director		



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Joy in the Morning* Natalie Sleeth
Abide with Me Eleanor Whitsett
As We Gather at Your Table BEACH SPRING

INTROIT *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength* WINCHESTER OLD
 Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her right early.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter, he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come behold the works of the Lord, how he has wrought desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, he burns the chariots with fire!

"Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

✠HYMN 81 AUSTRIAN HYMN
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
 The peace of our Lord Jesus 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

Psalm 118

SERMON

This Is The Day

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

Hope in God gives us courage for the struggle. The people of God have often misused God’s promises as excuses for doing nothing about present evils. But in Christ the new world has already broken in and the old can no longer be tolerated.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Rock of Ages

Charles Callahan

✦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, may these gifts and our lives, witness to the hope we have in Jesus Christ!

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

They shall come from East and West, from North and South, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord’s table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us pray...

Words of Institution

Communion

(We will be invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row.)

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

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Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

THE LORD’S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* SOLID ROCK

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE

WINCHESTER NEW

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Ambassador and Sanctuary Choirs

✦POSTLUDE

J. S. Bach

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

✦Please stand if you are able.

Join Us to Honor Alan Bunn and His Family

Alan has been our Music Director for 14 years. He has resigned to take another position closer to their home in Jefferson. We give thanks for not only Alan, but for Laurie and Emily, too! Next Sunday, **September 17**, will be Alan’s last Sunday as the director. We will have a catered lunch after worship to celebrate this family and you are all invited. Dessert contributions would be appreciated. Please make a reservation on the enclosed form so we will know how many meals to prepare. If you wish to give a gift to honor Alan’s service, you may put it in the offering plate marked “Alan” in the memo space on your check or in an envelope marked for that purpose. Notes of appreciation may be mailed to the church or dropped off at the office or brought the day of the lunch.



Disaster Relief for Hurricane Victims

If you would like to donate towards disaster relief for those in places ravaged by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, you may do it through the church by cash, check or on-line giving. For check or cash, put “disaster relief” in the memo space or on an envelope; for on-line giving choose the “Disaster Relief Fund”. All donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief department of the PC(USA).

Worship Notes

- ✦**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.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- †Rick Gunter-with his children
- †Rob Lanford-home, foot infection,
- †Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,
- †Adriane Ivey-recovering from surgery
- †David Cooper-lung cancer (father of Rebecca Bates)
- †Becky Ramsey-auto accident, back injury
- †Krissy Jones-treatment for infection
- †Anderson Krieger-home, 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)
- †Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)
- †Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
- †Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
- †Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
- †Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
- †Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
- †John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade’s uncle)
- †Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
- †Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

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 **Rebecca Arnold** and her family in the death her father, William Cowden.

We also extend our prayers for **Faye Kitchens** and her family in the death of her sister-in-law, Dot Smart.

Hospital Visitor:

Jean Wolverton

Please update your prayer requests this week! Those requests that have not been updated 4 weeks after the request will be removed. Thank you!
Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321