

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

**Sunday, September 11**  
 9:00 Handbell Choir  
 9:30 Children's Choir  
 10:00 Sunday School  
 11:00 Worship Service  
 6:00-8:00 Prayer for Public Safety Personnel (Church at Cov.)  
 7:00 Community on Our Knees

**Tuesday, September 13**  
 4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, September 14**  
 6:45 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 15**  
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, September 18**  
 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

### Celebration

Presbyterian Women honored two special ladies at the Fall Salad Supper held Tuesday evening, September 6th, 2016 in the Martin Fellowship Hall. **Jean Blair** and **Carol Dunbar** were honored and presented with the **Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership Award** for their untiring dedication of service, talents, and gifts to First Presbyterian Church. Both of these ladies have given so much to our church and it was a pleasure to honor them.

### September 11 Community Prayer

We are invited to take part in two community events **TODAY**. There will be an opportunity to "come and pray for a badge of protection for our public safety personnel and first responders" at the Church at Covington (across from Merryvale on Hwy 142 in Oxford). We are invited to "come and go" between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Also, we are invited to join the **Community on Our Knees** again this year on the city square. Representatives from various churches and religious groups will join in leading prayer for the community, country and the world. It will begin at 7:00 p.m.

### Discount Cards

**FPELC is selling discount cards** for \$10. These cards are good September 1, 2016 through September 1, 2017. There are many businesses around the square participating as well as local businesses in Covington. Please email Kara at [fpelcdirector@gmail.com](mailto:fpelcdirector@gmail.com) for more information or to purchase the cards.

### Montreat Retreat



The Church Family Retreat is scheduled for Friday-Sunday, **November 4-6, 2016**. It's time now to make your reservation with a \$50 deposit. The form has the costs listed. We do need a completed form and your deposit to confirm your place on this much-loved retreat. If you've never been...ask Billy Wade, Dan Walden or anyone who has attended in the past and they will tell you it's wonderful!

**We need to know immediately who intends to attend.**

### 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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 Covington, Georgia 30014

You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website ([www.fpccov.org](http://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.

**September** suggested donations are: boxed macaroni and cheese; Rahman 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

**August Chairs:**  
 Adriane Ivey & Gary Boteler

**Sound Engineer:**  
 Ken Walker

### MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2016**  
 Charles Ardis  
 Joyce Ashworth  
 Betty Bailey  
 Patrick Carmichael  
 Perri Walden  
 Jake McCarthy

**Class of 2017**  
 Baxter Bouchillon  
 Adriane Ivey  
 Michael Thompson  
 Danny Vining  
 Jean Wolverton

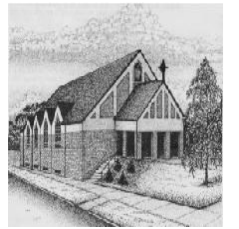
**Class of 2018**  
 Gary Boteler  
 Billy Fortson  
 Scarlett McCurry  
 Stephanie Scarborough  
 Tom Stillerman

### 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>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Haug	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the</i>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 11, 2016**



### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

#### PRELUDE

*All Creatures of Our God and King* Joshua Evanovich  
*Toccata on "America"* Douglas J. Benton  
*Reflections on the Spirit* Joel Raney

#### INTROIT Hymn 405

*Praise God for This Holy Ground*

HEYMONYSTRAAT

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein; for God has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the rivers.

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in God's holy place?**

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who do not lift up their soul to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**Such is the generation of those who seek the Lord, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

#### HYMN 331

NATIONAL HYMN

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 130

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our voices.**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications.

We have spoken when we should have been silent.

We have been silent when we should have spoken.

We have not forgiven as we have been forgiven.

We have ignored people in need.

We have focused on our own desires.

We have felt alienated from you and others.

Good Lord, hear us, and help us.

**If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

O WALY WALY

Hymn 693, stanza 3

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship and are freed.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Romans 7:24-25

Who will deliver us from this body of death?

**Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 3

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained  
to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my  
wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and  
seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Create in Me a Clean Heart O God* Christiansen

## 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

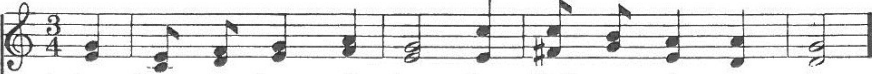
## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## SCRIPTURE READING


Micah 6:6-8

SERMON *A Calling to Fulfill* Dr. Michael Lee Cook

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD



1. A charge to keep I have, A God to glo - ri - fy,  
2. To serve the pres - ent age, My call - ing to ful - fill;  
3. Arm me with jeal - ous care, As in Thy sight to live;  
4. Help me to watch and pray, And on Thy - self re - ly,



A nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, And fit it for the sky.  
O may it all my powers en - gage To do my Mas - ter's will!  
And oh, Thy serv - ant, Lord, pre - pare A strict ac - count to give!  
And let me ne - er my trust be - tray, But press to realms on high. A-MEN.

HYMN (insert) *A Charge I Have to Keep* BOYLSTON

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*

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (seated)

Hymn 654

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God; do not be afraid. Lift up your voices; the  
Lord is near. Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Meditation "St Catherine"* Gordon Young

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, help us to keep our eyes on the Christ, who  
calls us to new life. Give us faith and hope, and fill us  
with his love for all your people; for we pray in  
his name. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 661 *Why Should I Feel Discouraged?* SPARROW

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn 757 KINGSFOLD  
*Today We Are Called to Be Disciples of the Lord*

POSTLUDE *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach

Please stand if you are able.

## Worship Notes

This Sunday, we will recognize theological education during Seminary Sunday. We will be joined by **Dr. Michael Lee Cook, Lecturer in Pastoral Care and Counseling** at Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Cook is also a licensed pastoral psychotherapist in private practice at Micah Counseling Services in Peachtree City, GA. He is an AAMFT Approved Supervisor candidate providing clinical supervision to aspiring mental health professionals. Dr. Cook is an ordained Baptist minister that speaks regularly at professional conferences in the area of family life and theology. He holds degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary (ThD), Duke University Divinity School (MDiv), and DeVry University (BS). He is married to Crystal Wells Cook and they have two children.

**Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with leading worship.

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.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment

Krissy Jones-back surgery at Emory, September 2

Dan Walden-shoulder injury

Harley Gardner-healing from ear surgery (daughter of BJ Gardener, ELC teacher)

Joyce Ashworth-hip problem

Louise Strickland-home

Tootles Tingler-back surgery, healing prayers still needed, home

Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)

Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment

Alfred Miller-2 yr. old, 3rd surgery related to brain tumor/complications

Nancy Kindle - auto accident (neighbor of Laurie & Alan Bunn)

Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)

Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother -in-law of Charles Ardis)

Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)

Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)

Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)

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

Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)

Jan Coulon-home

Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)

### Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare

Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA

J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA

### Riverside

Joy Knight -hospice care

Martha Borders

Rita Harrell

George Stamps

### Merryvale

Guy McGiboney

Bill Taylor

Betty Robinson

Louise White

Betty Goins

Hughie Hudson

The funeral mass for Dan Walden's father, **Jerry Walden**, will be held on Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Conyers, on GA Hwy. 20 south.

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Cy Wolverton