

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

### Congregational Meeting:

There will be a Congregational Meeting **today** at the conclusion of the morning worship service for the purpose of electing 3 members of the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for new elders. One of the 3 to be elected will be the youth elder nominee.

**We're heading back to Thornwell!** 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 and to sign up.

**Women's Study Group** using the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, by Joanna Weaver, Tuesday, September 22, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Alice Walker. Books, which are free, are available in the narthex or from the church office. (More books have been ordered.)

### It's Not Too Late to Make a Pledge to the Capital Campaign



Please consider prayerfully how you might contribute to the ongoing ministry of Christ's church in this place as together we **Restore** our facilities, **Renew** our commitments, and **Reach Out** in compassion to a world in need of Jesus Christ. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the church. If you forgot to bring your pledge card, we have extras in the narthex.

### Montreat Retreat - The Time is NOW!

Sign up now for the congregational retreat to Montreat, NC, which is scheduled for the weekend of **November 6-8, 2015**. **We must add or cancel rooms by September 25th**, so make your reservations soon!!! This is an intergenerational event that combines worship, study and fun in the beautiful mountains of our Presbyterian Conference Center near Asheville, NC. A deposit of \$50 will be due with registration. Forms with the prices listed are in the narthex on the desk by the front doors.

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, September 13

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper  
Congregational Meeting  
12:00 Session Meeting  
6:00 Youth Connection

#### Tuesday, September 15

10:00 PW Coordinating Team  
4:00 Exercise

#### Wednesday, September 16

4:00 Adventure Club  
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

#### Thursday, September 17

10:30 Ambassador Choir

#### Sunday, September 20

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Connection

## 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](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



### Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry could really use the following items: **Ramen noodles, boxed mac & cheese** - we haven't been able to get these items from Atlanta Food Bank the last couple of orders, so we are out completely.

**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:

Henderson Family

### Next Week:

Jessup Family

### Usher Chair:

Adriane Ivey-Hawley

### 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  
Patrick Carmichael  
Perri Walden

### Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon  
Adriane Ivey  
Michael Thompson  
Danny Vining  
Jean Wolverton

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.  
Dan Walden

Pastor

Director of Youth  
and Children's Ministry

Peni Haug  
Alan Bunn

Secretary-Treasurer  
Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans

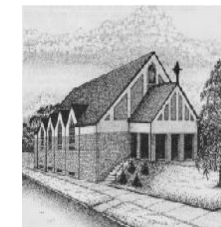
Nursery

Tiffany McWaters

Director of the  
Early Learning Center



**Sixteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost  
September 13, 2015**



## Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE Alan Bunn, piano

INTROIT *Let Us Build a House* TWO OAKS

Sanctuary and Children's Choirs  
(Congregation join the choirs on cue):  
**"All are welcome; all are welcome;  
all are welcome in this place."**

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19:7-10

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
**the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise  
the simple;**  
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;  
**the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening  
the eyes;**  
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;  
**the ordinances of the Lord are true, and righteous  
altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

✦HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

✦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 Proverbs 1:20-33

SERMON *Wisdom* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

♣ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

♣ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*  
p. 35 in front of hymnal

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

**Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all  
that is good, we praise you for your mercies, for your  
goodness that has created us, your grace that has  
sustained us, your discipline that has corrected us,  
your patience that has borne with us, and your love that  
has redeemed us. Help us to love you, and to be  
thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting  
to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

ANTHEM

arr. John Ferguson

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Sanctuary Choir

(Congregation please join the choir on verses in bold):

***When I survey the wondrous cross on which the  
Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.***

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God.*

*All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice to his blood.*

***See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?***

Communion

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.

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

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

♣ HYMN 394

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

CLOSING PRAYER

♣ POSTLUDE

Alan Bunn, piano

♣ Please stand if you are able.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the Glory of God by  
Carol and Ellis Dunbar.

## Worship Notes

♣ **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** again when you  
leave.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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

† Sam Hay, Jr.-home

† Brian Bradford-car accident, Athens  
Regional (grandson of Reed  
Blakeney)

† Mickey Humphries-nursing care in  
Virginia (Tootles Tingler's sister)

† Allen Ensminger-motorcycle  
accident, Atlanta Medical Center  
(brother of Perri Walden)

† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of  
Nick Jessup)

† Louise White-home in Tybee

† 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  
Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta  
Presbytery)

† Don Bollinger-home

† Lisa Baker-cancer treatment

† Anderson Krieger-continuing treat-  
ment 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

