

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 16
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 12:00 Oxford Visit for Youth

Monday, September 17
 Church office closed

Tuesday, September 18
 4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, September 19
 6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 20
 10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 23
 9:00 Handbell Choir
 10:00 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service

Youth Connection will meet today after worship in the fellowship hall, then head to Oxford College for lunch in the Dining Hall (\$8), followed by a tour of the campus and games. Pickup time is 3:00 pm at the church.

Elder Nominations: The Session Nominating Committee is seeking your input for the next class of ruling elders who will serve on the Session. If you have a suggestion, please contact John McCarthy or Doug Bolton.

The Rev. Steven Barnes will begin his tenure as our Interim Pastor on Monday, September 17th. His first Sunday will be September 23.



A Novel Bunch book club will meet at the home of Day Kennon on Tuesday, September 25 at 1 pm to discuss "Gentleman in Moscow".

Montreat Reservations: Our annual church-wide retreat to the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina is set for **November 2nd through 4th**. If you are interested in going, please make plans and a reservation as soon as possible. Reservation forms are available in the narthex. Place your completed form with your deposit in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. All reservations must be made by September 18th.



Santa Express: Presbyterian Women each year gather items for Presbyterian Homes to give each resident a Christmas gift bag. Our church has participated in this mission for a number of years. Once again there is a box in the narthex along with the list of items requested. Your love, support, and generosity are more than appreciated. Any questions, please call Jeanie Liem 770-787-7530.



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 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

Suggested donations:

September: Ramen noodles
 Macaroni and Cheese

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
 Gary Boteler

Sound Engineer:
 Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2018
 Gary Boteler
 Billy Fortson
 Stephanie Scarborough
 Tom Stillerman
 Koen Ardis
 Sophia Hawley

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

Class of 2020
 Doug Bolton
 Stan Hall
 Cindy Moon
 Bob Tabb
 Michael Thompson

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO Organist/Ambassador Choir
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer	Jade Roy	Nursery
Alexis Ward	Music Director	Darlene Alley	Director of the Early Learning Center



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 September 16, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord the Almighty* David Cherwien
Aria Flor Peeters

INTROIT *Sing and Rejoice* William Bradbury
Sanctuary Choir

*Sing and rejoice, sing and rejoice,
 Let all things living now sing and rejoice!*

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

✠ **HYMN 305** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!* DARWALL'S 148TH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you search us and know us. You know the secrets of our hearts, even better than we do. You know how we have run away from your call; still you are ready to receive us again, ready to use us again. In mercy, forgive and heal our inclination to wander. Fashion us by your Spirit into vessels fit for good use; that we may bear faithfully what you have entrusted to our care - treasures of Christ's saving work for a lost and broken world.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** Hymn 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

✠ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Make This Church A Welcome Place* Joel Raney

*Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a welcome place.
To the hungry and the poor, may there be an open door.
To the weary and distressed, may this be a place of rest.*

*Reaching out to others, serving both great and small,
Sharing our abundance with one and all.*

*Lord of mercy, Lord of grace, make this church a holy place,
Where we come to seek the truth; fill our hearts and worship you
In our words and through our deeds, knowing you will meet our needs.*

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 139:1-18
Mark 6:1-13

SERMON *Necessary Failure* Anna Grace Claunch

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

☩ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

☩ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed
We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Arrangement by Lloyd Larson
Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho
Alexis Ward, piano Alice Walker, piano

☩ DOXOLOGY Hymn 606
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

☩ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, and in encouraging the children around us to know and follow Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

☩ HYMN 741 *Guide My Feet* GUIDE MY FEET

☩ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☩ POSTLUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* John A. Behnke



We Bid Welcome to Our Guest Preacher

Anna Grace Claunch is a second year student in the Masters of Divinity program at Columbia Theological Seminary. She is originally from Fairhope, Alabama, who most recently moved to Decatur from Memphis where she graduated from Rhodes College. It is her desire to eventually become a Presbyterian minister, but she also has a passion for interfaith and religious tolerance, as well as mental illness advocacy and suicide prevention. She loves the outdoors so when she is not studying, you can find her on the golf course or running all over the streets of Decatur!

Worship Notes

☩ Assisting in the leading of worship today is **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries.
☩ 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

†Matt Cooper - CPD officer at Grady Memorial	Lassiter)
†Bill Davis-chest pain; no heart damage	†David Cooper-cancer (father of Rebecca Bates)
†Denny Henderson-back surgery on 8/31; father of Danny and Beth Vining's daughter-in-law Cathy	†Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home
†Tim Blankenship-hip surgery on 9/10 (son of Maxine Blankenship)	†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Peni Kehoe-recovering from surgery 409 Queen Ann St. Oxford, GA 30054	†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†George Fogarty - heart issues (father of Mark Fogarty)	†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Annett Eaten-cancer (aunt of Milton Patton)	†Julia Brubaker-Benton House
†Betty Britt-cancer (friend of Milton Patton)	†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA
†Larry Kennon-surgery, home	Merryvale:
†Mark Fogarty-cancer	†Guy McGiboney
†Patti Lanford - bus accident	†Betty Robinson
†Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's' mother)	†Louise White
†Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)	†Alice Gadilhe
†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer 3037 Pine Needle Rd Augusta, GA 30909-3047	†Hughie Hudson
†Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)	†Patricia McGuire
†Roger Gossage-home, dialysis	†Roger Wallace
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis	Home:
†Adriane Ivey-home	†Debi (Dee) Selin
†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)	Peace Corps Volunteer
†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)	†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia P. O. Box 50707 Lusaka, Zambia
†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)	WhatsApp and phone number is +260978827457; local number & email: 770-490-3660; p.lanford@gmail.com
†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)	Celebration: Congratulations to Cheryl & Rick Meichsner on the birth of their granddaughter Gwenyth Harper Noe .
†Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne)	Celebration: Evelyn Elizabeth Pope was born 9/9/18 to Elizabeth & Andrew Pope . She is the granddaughter of Chris & Barbara Martin .
	Sympathy: Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Betty Strohecker who died last week in Columbia, South Carolina. Betty is the mother of Diane Loeble .
	Hospital Visitor: Sallie Paschal