

## 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.

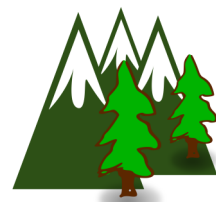
**Elder Nominations:** The Session Nominating Committee is seeking your input for the next class of ruling elders who will serve on the Session. If you have a suggestion, please contact John McCarthy or Doug Bolton.

**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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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 - 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](http://www.fpccov.org).

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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