

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

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

Thursday, September 22

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, September 24

8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study

Tuesday, September 20

10:00 Pres. Women Coord. Team
4:00 Exercise

Sunday, September 25

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

Wednesday, September 21

International Day of Peace
6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Invitation to Support Outreach Efforts

Church of the Good Shepherd Episcopal invites all of our church neighbors to join us in a fun activity to raise money for our local outreach projects. They are sponsoring an auction on **September 24th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Armory at the corner of Clark and Carroll Streets. There will be both silent and live auctions, raffles, refreshments, and a chance to enjoy being with your friends from all churches. All proceeds go to Good Shepherd's outreach projects: support for our local National Guard and their families, financial and food gifts to the local food pantry, financial support for FaithWorks, filled backpacks for local children in need, Christmas gifts for needy children here in Newton County, our "Sack Lunch Saturday" program – nutritious lunches for the hungry distributed every fourth Saturday, and participation in Action Food Ministries' "Smart Lunch, Smart Kid" program. Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at Mayfield's Hardware or by calling Dan Kratz at 404-935-1725 or \$15 at the door. Please join us for a fun evening and a chance to continue Covington/Newton County churches' long history of caring.

Montreat Retreat

Register by September 25!



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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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 - 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

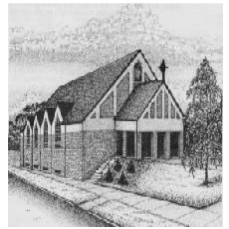
Class of 2018
Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Scarlett McCurry
Stephanie Scarborough
Tom Stillerman

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	<i>Organist/Ambassador Choir 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18, 2016



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *More Love to Thee* William Doane
Deck Thyself, My Soul Johannes Brahms
Andante Religioso Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

INTROIT HEYMONYSTRAAT
Praise God for this Holy Ground
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 72:12-14, 19

God delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

**God has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

From oppression and violence the Lord redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in God's sight.

Blessed be God's glorious name forever.
May God's glory fill the earth!
Amen and Amen!

✦ **HYMN 35** LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

✦ **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of 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 READINGS Luke 16:19-31
I John 3:17-18

SERMON

William B. Wade, Jr.

Those We'd Rather Forget

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 716 BEACH SPRING
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Declaration of Faith
God sends us to exercise compassion.
In his concern for justice in the social order
God has never forgotten the needs of individuals.
In the end the Lord will judge all persons
by the simple, unremembered acts of kindness
they did or failed to do for the least of their
sisters and brothers.

We acknowledge God is at work here and now
when people show personal concern for each other
and work to make helping agencies, including the
church itself, more compassionate.

We believe God sends us to risk our own peace
and comfort in compassion for our neighbors.
We are to give to them and receive from them,
accepting everyone we meet as a person;
to be sensitive to those who suffer in body or mind;
to help and accept help in ways that affirm dignity and
responsibility. We must not limit our compassion to
those we judge deserving, for we ourselves do not
deserve the compassion of God.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY Bread of Life Rick Parks

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
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 those around us to know and
follow Jesus the Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION
This is the joyful feast of the people of God!
When our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he
took the bread and blessed and broke it, and gave it to
them and their eyes were opened and they recognized
him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invited those
who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (seated) KINGDOM
Hymn 516, stanza 1
For the bread which you have broken, for the wine
which you have poured, for the words which you
have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION
(We will be invited by rows to come to the table. The choir will
come forward first.)

ANTHEM arr. Walters
Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees
Teresa McCurry, solo

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come! FESTAL SONG

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE KINGSFOLD
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
Sanctuary Choir

POSTLUDE Carillon Francais Craig Penfield

Please stand if you are able.

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 when you leave.
Recordings of Sunday sermons can be accessed on the church website:
www.fpccov.org.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers
Becky Ramsey-medical tests (sister of Alice Walker)
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
Celebrations:
Jim and Lynda Patrick are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their marriage today. Congratulations!
Betty Robinson's, 15th great-grandchild, Suzanne Marie Dearing, was born on August 27, 2016, to Robinson and Molly Dearing. They live in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.
Hospital Visitor:
Jean Wolverton