

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 24

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

Tuesday, September 26

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, September 27

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 28

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Saturday, September 30

8:00 Men's Breakfast & Study

Sunday, October 1

Peace and Global Witness Offering

World Communion Sunday

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

Men's Breakfast Bible Study

All men are invited to attend the first Men's Bible Breakfast of the fall. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 30, in the fellowship hall. Come and bring a friend and your breakfast.



Jim Patrick has stepped forward to serve as our Interim Choir Director as the Search Committee works on getting a new Director of Music. Jim served in his last church as the volunteer choir director for 14 years. Jim and his wife, Lynda, became members of FPC in October of 2015.

Seeking Director of Music to develop Christian music programs for all age groups and apply program knowledge, church theology, professional skills, and training to enhance worship at First Presbyterian Church, Covington, GA. This part-time position reports to the Senior Pastor, and works alongside the Organist and Worship Team. Bachelor's degree in music required (Master's preferred). To request full job description or submit cover letter and resume, please email Personnel Team at info@fpccov.org. If you know of someone who might fit this description, please pass on this information.

?? Bible Quiz ??

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count



Answer: C (See Daniel 3:25.)

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.
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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 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

September suggested donations are:
boxed macaroni & cheese; rahmen 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

September
Miriam Wheeler
October
John McCarthy



Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017
Adriane Ivey
Michael Thompson
Danny Vining
Jean Wolverton
Jake McCarthy
Koen Ardis

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

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

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 Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the</i>
Jim Patrick	<i>Interim Choir Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Charles Callahan
	<i>Cortege</i>	Dale Wood
	<i>All Glory Be to God on High</i>	Michael Burkhardt
INTROIT	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God</i>	Sanctuary Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear, O people of God. Shema! Listen up. It is truth we seek.

"God shall send forth His mercy and truth". (Psalm 57:3)
It is the truth we seek.

"Mercy and truth are met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other". (Psalm 85:10)
It is truth we seek.

"The lip of truth shall be established forever. But a lying tongue is but for a moment". (Proverbs 12:19)
It is the truth we seek.

Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the light"...
You shall know the truth, and the truth will set you free". (John 8:32; 14:6)

Send us forth, Lord, as Your truth tellers of Your good news!
Amen.

HYMN 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, ours is a seduced world where we call evil "good" and good "evil", where we put darkness for light and light for darkness, where we call bitter "sweet" and sweet "bitter", where we call war "peace" and peace "war", so that we rarely see and understand the real truth. Give us the courage to call things by their right name, to use things for their right use, to love our neighbor as you love us, that we may be tellers of truth and filled with the grace and truth of Christ. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE PRECIOUS LORD

Hymn 834
Precious Lord, take my hand. Lead me on, help me stand: I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *How Great Thou Art/Majesty* Joel Raney
Sanctuary Choir

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 Daniel 3:8-30

SERMON The Rev. Larry Kennon
Ring of Fire, Circle of Truth

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 451 *Open My Eyes That I May See* OPEN MY EYES

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Iona Community of South Africa

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost.
This is true: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him shall not die, but have everlasting life.
It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, war and terrorism.
This is true: Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly".
It is not true that we are simply victims of the power of evil that seek to rule the world.
This is true: Jesus said, "To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world".
It is not true that dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history.
This is true: The hour comes; and it is NOW, that all true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth. So we pray, so we believe!

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE
Psalm 116:12-13
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.

OFFERTORY Earl Roland Larson
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE from Psalm 150
Praise ye the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him. Let the Amen sound from His people again gladly for aye we adore Him.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of grace and hope, send us from this place where we have been loved, equipped and empowered by your Holy Spirit, into this community and the world so needful of the good news. Give us eyes to see and voices to witness. Send us out as ambassadors in the name of Christ, the Savior of the world; for we pray in his name. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This* WONDROUS LOVE

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
It is the best of times. It is the worst of times. it is the age of wisdom and foolishness, of light and darkness, of hope and despair, of rings of fire, and circles of truth.
God, grant me the serenity to accept your truth and courage to tell your truth, and the grace to live Your truth, that makes for freedom and peace. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE (choir and congregation)
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.
(sing twice)

✦ POSTLUDE Gustav Holst
Jupiter Theme from "The Planets"

✦ Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

✦ **The Rev. Larry Kennon** is our preacher today.
✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting in the leading of worship today.
✦ 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

†Bob Wheeler-Piedmont Newton (brother of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)	†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
†Jennifer Vegas-extensive digestive surgery on September 25 (niece of Sherri Bolton)	Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
†Gene Wallace-home	†Bill Taylor-Bentley Assisted Living, Jefferson, GA
†Pat Harper-heart surgery	†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
†Fran Prince-completed radiation treatment	†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA
†Rick Gunter-with his children	†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
†Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,	Riverside
†Adriane Ivey-recovering from surgery	†Martha Borders
†David Cooper-lung cancer surgery (father of Rebecca Bates)	†Betty Goins
†Becky Ramsey-auto accident, back injury	Merryvale
†Krissy Jones-treatment for infection	†Guy McGiboney
†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy	†Betty Robinson
†Louise Strickland-cancer	†Louise White
†Carol Capell-home, recovering from back surgery	†Alice Gadilhe
†Heaven Stephenson-healthy pregnancy	†Hughie Hudson
†Donald Vining-recovering from back surgery (brother of Danny Vining)	Home
†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)	†Jan Coulon
†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)	†Debi (Dee) Selin
†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)	Peace Corps Volunteer
†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)	†Pattie Lanford stationed in Zambia
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)	
†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis	
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)	

Hospital Visitor:
Sallie Paschal

Please update your prayer requests this week! Those requests that have not been updated 4 weeks after the request will be removed. Thank you!
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