

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

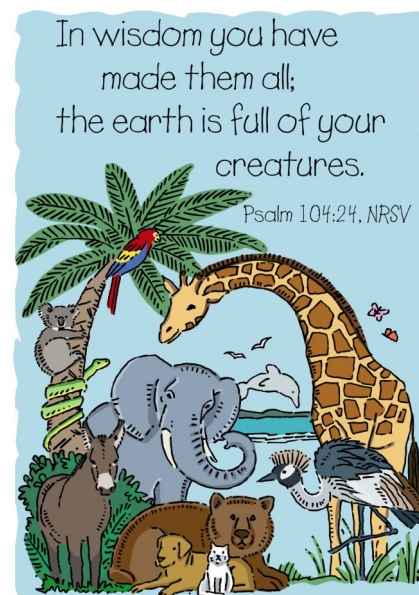
<b>Sunday, September 2</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 <b>Sunday School</b> 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 No Youth Connection	<b>Wednesday, September 5</b> 6:45 Sanctuary Choir
<b>Monday, September 3</b> Happy Labor Day Church office closed	<b>Thursday, September 6</b> 10:30 Ambassador Choir
<b>Tuesday, September 4</b> 4:00 Exercise Class	<b>Sunday, September 9</b> 9:00 Handbell Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service Session Meeting 7:00 Community on Our Knees

The Rev. David Payne will be our guest preacher and worship leader on Sunday, September 9.

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

**Staff note:** Peni Kehoe will be out for surgery from Aug. 30-Sept. 14. Susan Boteler, Ruth McDaniel and Carol Dunbar will be sitting in for Peni during that time. The office will be closed on Mondays, 9/3 and 9/10.

**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.



## 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](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:** Rahmen 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



## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018

### Order of Worship

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### PRELUDE

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* Sue Mitchell Wallace  
*America the Beautiful* Arrangement by Barry Braman  
 Alexis Ward, piano Alice Walker, organ

### INTROIT

*Sing and Rejoice* William Bradbury  
 Sanctuary Choir  
*Sing and rejoice*  
*Let all things living now*  
*Sing and rejoice*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice!  
**Let the sea roar, and let the field exclaim!**  
 The trees of the forest will sing for joy!  
**The Almighty has created them all.**  
**We come to worship and give praise to our Creator, for it is good!**

### HYMN 15

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

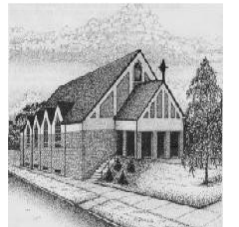
**We who have lost our sense and our senses - our touch, our smell, our vision of who we are and whose we are; we who frantically force and press all things, without rest for body and spirit, hurting our earth and injuring neighbor and ourselves; we turn to our Creator seeking forgiveness, desiring healing and wholeness. We seek an end to our destructive ways.**

**We seek rest and a chance for the earth to rest. We pray we may rediscover the mystery that lives in us, the communion that is our lives with all that God created. On this Sabbath day, we seek a space of sacred quiet, for simply being and letting be; for letting go our greed and consumptive lifestyles; for recovering the great forgotten truths of redemption. We seek to live again as a forgiven people.** (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 Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*For His Glory*

Arrangement by Alexis Ward

*To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, His Son;  
For one who was raised from the grave is to be  
The witness of Jesus that all might believe.*

*To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, His Son;  
For through these great works, Christ has taught us to see  
The greatness of heaven that all may be free!*

*Great things He has taught us, great things He has done.  
And great is our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son!  
And purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when heaven we see!*

*Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!*

### 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

Colossians 1:15-17

Psalm 104 (*selected verses*)

### SERMON

*Poetic Vision*

Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Thanksgiving Liturgy*

*Lisa Frenz*

**We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God. We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit. We believe that this one God in three persons, is present**

**among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world, striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: forgiving, healing, touching everyone, never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.**

### CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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### THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

### OFFERTORY

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

Edmund B. Wright

### ✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 36

***For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.***

***For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.***

***For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,***

***Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.***

### ✦ 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 542

GOD BE WITH YOU

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

#### We Bid Welcome to Our Guest Preacher

The Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley has served as the Executive Director of [Georgia Interfaith Power & Light](#) since 2014. Kate is an ordained Presbyterian minister, a graduate of [Columbia Theological Seminary](#) and previously served on the pastoral staff of Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Atlanta. She is passionate about caring for God's creation and bringing other people of faith together in this shared responsibility to steward the Earth in meaningful ways. Kate lives in Decatur with her husband and three children. When not guest preaching and teaching on environmental stewardship, she joins her family for worship at [North Decatur Presbyterian Church](#).

### 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).

✦ **The Affirmation of Faith** comes from a *Thanksgiving Liturgy* written for the Mount Carmel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon, Copyright Lisa Frenz.

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Denny Henderson-back surgery on 8/31; father of Danny and Beth Vining's daughter-in-law Cathy

†Tim Blankenship-hip surgery on 9/10 (son of Maxine Blankenship)

†Peni Kehoe-recovering from surgery

†George Fogarty - heart issues (father of Mark Fogarty)

†Sam Boathen (uncle of Serwaa Amuzu)

†Betty Strohecker-hospice (mother of Diane Loeble)

†Annett Eaten-cancer (aunt of Milton Patton)

†Betty Britt-cancer (friend of Milton Patton)

†Larry Kennon-surgery, home

†Mark Fogarty-cancer

†Patti Lanford - bus accident

†Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's' mother)

†Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)

†Spencer Boyd-lung cancer

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†Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)

†Roger Gossage-home, dialysis

†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis

†Adriane Ivey-home

†Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)

†Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)

†Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)

†Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)

†Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Marianne Lassiter)

†David Cooper-cancer (father of Rebecca Bates)

†Anderson Krieger-maintenance

chemotherapy at home

†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)

†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

#### **Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**

†Julia Brubaker-Benton House

†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

#### **Merryvale**

†Guy McGiboney

†Betty Robinson

†Louise White

†Alice Gadilhe

†Hughie Hudson

†Patricia McGuire

#### **Home**

†Debi (Dee) Selin

†Roger Wallace

#### **Peace Corps Volunteer**

†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia

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#### **Celebration:**

Congratulations to **Will Vining**, grandson of **Danny and Beth Vining**, who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from Texas Tech University.

**Rick Gunter** is moving to Alabama on 9/1 and getting married!

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#### **Hospital Visitor:**

Jean Wolverton