

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

If you had your picture made for the new directory and have not picked it up yet, the directories will be available from the church office.

Mission Trip: Need more information about the mini-mission trip to **Thornwell Home for Children**? There will be an informational meeting in the Martin Fellowship Hall today, immediately following the worship service. Questions? Call Jan Giles, 404 216-2927 or e-mail her at: FamilyGilesGa@gmail.com.

Fall Retreat at Camp Calvin: Sunday, September 7, 2014, 2:00-7:00 p.m.
Directions: www.calvincenter.org

Schedule:

2:00 - 3:30 Family Recreation - Activities provided for all ages:
(Fishing, canoeing, softball, horseshoes, nature walk, hay ride, archery, lake life exploration, scavenger hunt)


3:30 - 5:00 Music and Worship
5:00 - 6:00 Small Group Discussions
6:00 - 7:00 Dinner

The cost is \$10 Adults; \$5 children under age 10; (Registration and dinner fee payable in advance) Infant care provided. Child care provided during worship. **Guest Speaker:** The Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell, Executive Director of Macedonian Ministry, a program to equip pastoral leaders for their ministry.

Attention, Presbyterian Women: We will officially begin our new year with a Unit Meeting on **Monday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. All circles will meet together for dessert, fellowship, and distribution of 2014-2015 Yearbooks/ Horizons Study Books. There will be special music, a guest speaker, and a three-minute entertaining video on Prayer. All PW members are encouraged to come and help us get a great start for the Fall! **Visitors are welcome!**

Mid-Week Feast's menu for September 10, is meatloaf, potato salad, roasted thyme & rosemary carrots and rolls. Use one of the forms in the pew pocket to make your reservation or call/e-mail the church office.

Session will meet next Sunday, September 14, following worship.



Montreat Retreat - November 7-9, 2014

All are invited to the church retreat in Montreat. Please register using the bright yellow form on the table in the narthex. It is now time to make the second payment for the upcoming FPC Retreat. To make the payment accurate we really need to know how many plan to attend. We'd appreciate your registration form and deposit ASAP. Thanks!

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 7

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Thornwell Mission Forum
2:00-7:00 Camp Calvin Retreat & Youth Connection

Monday, September 8

6:00 Presbyterian Women's meeting

Tuesday, September 9

4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, September 10

4:00 Adventure Club
6:00 Mid-Week Feast
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 11

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, September 14

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service & Communion
12:00 Session Meeting

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 one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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Food Pantry Needs

Bring donations to the church or drop them off at the Community Food Pantry from 9:00-12:00 Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for September:

Macaroni & Cheese, Rahman noodles and other staple food items

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers Today:

Jason & Krissy Jones
Family

Next Week:

CJ & Caryn Thompson

Ushers:

Sam Hay, IV, Chair
Sam Hay, III, Jack Weesner,
Fletcher Stamps

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014

Debra Arnold
Bill Loebler
Darcel Tabb
Roger Tingler
Cy Wolverton
Sam Hay, IV

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman

Class of 2016

Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.
Dan Walden

Pastor

*Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry*

Peni Haug
Alan Bunn

*Secretary-Treasurer
Music Director*

Alice Walker

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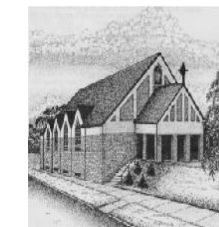
Organist/Ambassador Choir

Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato

*Nursery
Director of
the Early Learning Center*



**Thirteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
September 7, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Prelude on HYFRYDOL* Raymond H. Haan
My Faith Looks Up to Thee Paul Karvonen

INTROIT *Ho, All Who Thirst* (Hymn 479) JACOB'S WELL
(Choir sings REFRAIN and congregation repeats)

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63:3-4
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you, O God.
**So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

✠HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, hear our prayers. We confess that despite the good news we hear, we often remain captive to doubt and fear, and are bound by ways that lead to death. We ignore the inspirations of your Spirit. We forget that you walk alongside us; we do not trust your promises. Forgive us. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON
Hymn 475, stanza 3
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

✠THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Ho, All Who Thirst* (Hymn 479) JACOB'S WELL
Sanctuary Choir with Congregation
(Congregation sings all REFRAINS)

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.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Amelia Ann Evans

You Have Put On Christ BAPTIZED IN CHRIST
Children's Choir

HYMN 486 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS Isaiah 55:1-3, 6
Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON *Seekers* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 175 *Seek Ye First* LAFFERTY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *How Firm a Foundation* James H. Johnson

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

Speak to our hearts, Lord, and move our feet in the way of justice, mercy and peace. Remembering those who have encouraged us, challenged us, loved us in your name, may we encourage, challenge and love others for Jesus' sake, and our own. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN 488 WATERLIFE

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

CHARGE

BENEDICTION Hymn 80 (Isaiah 55:12) TREES OF THE FIELD

You Shall Go Out with Joy
(all sing)

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Gilbert M. Martin

Please stand if you are able.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting at the conclusion of worship on **Sunday, September 21**, for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and electing elders to the session.

Nominations for Elders

The Nominating Committee will meet to consider a slate of new elders to present to the congregation for its vote. They need your help. Please list the names of people you would like for them to consider. Drop the list in the offering plate, give to a Nominating Committee member or turn it into the church office.

Names to Consider:

Nominating Committee: Sam Hay, IV; Darcel Tabb;
Jean Wolverton and Theodosia Wade

Worship Notes

- ✦ Dan Walden, Directory of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with the worship service.
- ✦ Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to **turn on your cell phones** again when you leave.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

† Jeanie Liem-dialysis, needs kidney donor
 † Joe Schell - kidney failure/dialysis (father of Krissy Jones)
 † Pat Patrick - recovering from surgery
 † Don Bollinger - home
 † Shelby Childers-ICU at Emory (son-in-law of Elizabeth Gadilhe)
 † Peter Musarra-recovering from surgery (Danielle Schubert's father)
 † Bill Waterson-cancer (neighbor of Bernice & Betty Bailey)
 † Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
 † Mike Peppers-severe heart problems (friend of the Liems)
 † Steve Hayner--cancer treatment, (President of Columbia Seminary)
 † Cassandra Morrow--severe pain from broken wrist and surgery (Congregational Consultant with the Presbytery Of Greater Atlanta)
 † Richard Carmichael-cancer treatment (brother of Patrick Carmichael)
 † Jane LeMaster-multiple myeloma (sister of Ed Perkerson)
 † Debbie Johnson-breast cancer (Susanne Perkerson's sister)
 † Lecia Landolt, pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
 † Louis Katchko-serious condition with cancer (friend of Warren and Jeanie Liem)
 † Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy (6th grade student at Flint Hill)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
 † Mary Crudup-Hope Center, Dacula
 † Mary Cline-relocated
 † Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
 † Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville

Riverside
 † Joy Knight
 † Martha Borders

Benton House
 † George Stamps
 † Doris Mote
 † Velma Prescott

Covington Square
 † Rita Harrell

Merryvale
 † Bill Taylor
 † Elizabeth Gadilhe

Hospital Visitor:
 Ann Bouchillon

To keep our concerns up-to-date, names may remain on this list for up to four weeks. Please contact the church if you wish your name or family member's name to be continued or removed.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for all the phone calls, cards, food and flowers during the illness and death of our mother. It is so nice to have such a loving church family.

Roger & Tootles Tingler