



THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Usher Chairs:
Doug & Sherri Bolton

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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| William B. Wade, Jr. | <i>Pastor</i> | Alice Walker | CAGO, AAGO |
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| Alexis Ward | <i>Music Director</i> | Kara Sugg | <i>Director of the Early Learning Center</i> |

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

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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Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord Douglas Wagner
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Watts/Mason
Ah, Holy Jesus Johannes Brahms
Rock of Ages Marilyn Thompson

OPENING SENTENCES

John 19:41-42

CHIMES

OPENING SENTENCES

John 20:1

INTROIT

The Strife Is O'er VICTORY
(refrain and stanza 1)
Sanctuary Choir

✠ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 236

VICTORY

The Strife is O'er
(stanzas 3-4 and refrain)

✠ PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

✠ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Empty Now Joseph M. Martin
Perri Walden, solo
Sanctuary Choir

*There is a manger far away where once a tiny child was laid,
Where angels sang and shepherds bowed,
Long ago, far away; the manger is empty now.*

*There is a temple far away where once a teacher went to pray.
He spoke of truth to an angry crowd.
Long ago, far away; the temple is empty now.*

Margaret Adams Wallace
Sam Burney Hay, Jr.
Jack & Jean Rogers
Bonnie, Bill & Katharine Wade
Florence Newman, Vivian Sawyer
& Seth Amuzu
Clayton Bailey, Sr.
Elmer Blankenship

J. C. & Helen Moon & Billy Knight
Susan Hicks

Gerald & Kathryn Wasser
Jane & Mason Wolverton
Betsy Simpson & Herman Lackner

In Honor of

Julia Brubaker
Bernice Bailey
"Ah Ah" Anne Savage

Jackie Walden & Judith Barton
Betty Strohecker
Leon & Margaret Hughes

Betty Knight
Billy Wade

Roger & Kathryn Wallace

The Wades

Richie & Serwaa Amuzu
Betty Bailey
Maxine, Hoke, Jean, & Trent
Blankenship
Joe & Cindy Moon
Doug Hicks, Catherine
Bagwell, Noah & Ada

Cy & Jean Wolverton
Betsy & Sandy Morehouse

Given by

Amy Guard
Betty Bailey
Rainey, Raleigh, Cotton &
Palmer
Dan & Perri Walden
Diane & Bill Loeble
Maxine, Hoke, Jean & Trent
Blankenship
Joe & Cindy Moon
Martha Taylor



Those in our church family who have died since Easter 2017

*Sam B. Hay, Jr., Charlotte Epps, Rita Harrell, Betty Goins,
Mark Burton, J. L. Johnson, Cindy Grasso and Bill Taylor*

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By
God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and
to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and
unfading."*

I Peter 1:3-4

This Week at FPC



Sunday, April 1, Easter

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

April 2-6

Spring Break for Schools

Tuesday, April 3

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, April 4

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, April 5

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, April 8

9:00 Handbell Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God. The gifts given for the Food Pantry are given in witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In Memory of

Bob Waters "Granddaddy"
My Parents
Bill Taylor
Donald & Katherine Stephenson
Ray & Edy Moy
Howard and Madelle Boteler
Lucille Brown & Phoebe Bolton
Frank Davis
Newt & Edna Hinton
Henry & Mary Lott, Ken Lott
Ursula Kaminski
Everette & Pat Moody
Logan & Willena Powell and
Lucy Perkerson
Bonnie & Arnold Tingler
"Unk" Leon Savage

Margaret Adams Wallace
Jim Ashworth
Harriett Boggs Wilson
Gene Ensminger and Jerry Walden
Dexter & Evelyn Loeble,
& Bill Strohecker
Sandra Elder & Our Parents
David Stillerman
Hyman & Marguerite Stillerman
Arnold & Evelyn Underwood
Our Parents

Given by

The Skinner Family
Julie Epps
Martha Taylor
Mason Stephenson & Family

Gary & Susan Boteler
Doug & Sherri Bolton
Sarah Davis & Family

The Hintons
The Kaminski Family
Carol Capell

Ed & Susanne Perkerson
Roger & Tootles Tingler
Rainey, Raleigh, Cotton &
Palmer
Gene A. Wallace

Joyce Ashworth
Dan & Perri Walden

Bill & Diane Loeble
Jean & Jim Elder

Jim & Pam Stillerman
Billy & Stephanie Fortson

*There is a cross far away where once a Lamb for sin was slain.
A crown of thorns adorned His brow; The cross is empty now.
There is a tomb far away where once the Lord of Life was laid.
Come and see His linen shroud. Alleluia!
The tomb is empty now! Alleluia!*

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

BELL ANTHEM

Ludwig van Beethoven, arr. Arnold B. Sherman
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:1-18

SERMON

The Last Laugh

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 232

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed
p. 35 in front of hymnal

(We will stand when we say:

"the third day, he rose again from the dead")

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Let the Bright Seraphim

Handel

Alexis Ward, soprano and Alice Walker, piano

*Let the bright Seraphim in burning row,
Their loud, uplifted angel trumpets blow.*

*Let the Cherubic host, in tuneful choirs,
Touch their immortal harps with golden wires.*

✦HYMN 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, find us in our grief, our fear, our disbelief. Startle us with your presence. Lead us so that our lives may be lived for you here and in the way everlasting. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ HYMN 826 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

✦ CHARGE
He is risen!
He is risen indeed!

✦ BENEDICTION Revelation 11:15b
“The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.”

✦ RESPONSE *Hallelujah Chorus* Handel
(All who feel led are welcome to join in singing.)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!
And he shall reign for ever and ever!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
And He shall reign forever and ever!
Forever and ever!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

✦ POSTLUDE Michael Burkhardt
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

✦ Please stand, if able.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†George Stamps-infection, Putnam General Hospital
†Roger Wallace-fall, Madison Rehab.
†Sharon Popinski is donating her kidney to her cousin Dewight Wilson on April 13, in Atlanta. (niece & nephew of Joyce Ashworth)
†Lauran Ashworth - a mastectomy in April in Alexandria, VA (Joyce Ashworth's daughter-in-law)
†Roger Tingler - shoulder surgery
†Joel Kitchens - surgery
†Kathryn Wallace-broken leg
†Phyllis Pruner-home, bronchitis, pleurisy
†Larry Kennon-home
†Roger Gossage-home
†Sharon Wallace-back surgery (sister of Debbie Gossage)
†Thomas Stewart-partial leg amputation
†Patti Lanford-broken ankle (see below)
†Stephanie Fortson-recovering from knee surgery, home
†Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
†Adriane Ivey-home, chemo therapy
†Bettie Miller-hospital, then rehab
†Lewis Bunn-hip surgery (father of Alan Bunn)
†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 Maryanne Lassiter)
†Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,
†David Cooper-chemotherapy (father of Rebecca Bates)
†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy at home

†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)
†Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle
†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

Veteran's Hospital, Milledgeville, GA

†George Stamps
Georgia War Veterans Home, Rm 319
2249 Vinson Highway
Milledgeville, GA 31061

Merryvale

†Guy McGiboney
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Alice Gadilhe
†Hughie Hudson
†Patricia McGuire

Home

†Jan Coulon
†Debi (Dee) Selin

Peace Corps Volunteer

†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia
Temporarily at sister's home during recovery for broken foot:
Patti Lanford
c/o Nancy Sauls
483 Fischer Trail
Ellijay, GA 30540

Hospital Visitor: Cy Wolverton

Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with worship this morning.
✦ **Koen Ardis** is the crucifer for this morning's worship.
✦ 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.