

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, February 26

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Women's Choir Rehearsal
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, February 28

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, March 1

6:00 Supper (use reservation form)
7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, March 2

10:30 Ambassador Choir

Sunday, March 5

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Women's Choir Rehearsal
Hunger Walk - lunch at Church of the Good Shepherd after worship then head to Atlanta for the 5k run/walk

Make Ash Wednesday supper reservations: use the slip in the bulletin.

Donations for Disaster Victims in Albany and Surrounding areas:

The Newton County Ministers' Union is collecting items for victims of the storms in the Albany, Ga area. You may drop off your donations on March 3 and 4 at the parking lot across from 3104 Thelma Street (off Washington St.). Items needed are: bottled water, diapers, household items, non-perishable foods, clothing (children & adults), toiletries. For more information call 678-487-5083. Monetary donations may be made also.

Check Your Directory Listing

There is a directory printed out in the narthex on the round table. Please check your listing. Add or correct where needed. If you are new and there is not a listing, please sign the list on the clipboard with your full information.

Come join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the **Foundation Builders classroom** for a discussion of practices of the Christian faith including topics such as Prayer, Church, Worship, Food, Sacraments, Money, Service and Community. Each session has a 10 min. video introduction which is followed up by a lively discussion. Each topic takes a few weeks. We would love to have you join us at any time; you don't have to start at the beginning jump in whenever you can. Spread the word and invite a friend!

Women's Choir: PW extends its sincere thanks to those ladies who came to the choir room after church last Sunday, and to those who have indicated their willingness to sing on March 12. We meet again on Sunday, Feb. 26, at the same time and the same place.

Presbyterian Women's Worship Service

On Sunday, March 12, 2017, members of the Presbyterian Women Circles of our church will host a Women's Day worship service at 11:00 a.m. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. Leanne Van Dyk, President of Columbia Theological Seminary.

The entire congregation is invited to attend a **catered luncheon** after the service on March 12, with an urgent need for reservations — **which are mandatory**—to be made no later than March 5th.

Please indicate your willingness to:

♦ lunch with us by reserving your place, and/or

♦ sing with us

by writing your names on the sheets provided in the Narthex each Sunday (1 for lunch and 1 for singing).

2016 Offering Statements are ready to be picked up. They are in a box in the narthex in alphabetical order. Taking yours home with you saves 49 cents each in mailing costs. That's good stewardship! You may also log on to *Realm* and print your own!

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

February suggested donations are: canned meats, chicken, beef, stews, spam, ham (no tuna)

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

February Usher Chair:

Billy Fortson

March Usher Chair:

Tom Stillerman

Sound Engineer:

Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2017

Baxter Bouchillon
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.

Pastor

Dan Walden

Director of Youth
and Children's Ministry

Peni Kehoe

Secretary-Treasurer

Alan Bunn

Music Director

Alice Walker

CAGO, AAGO

Organist/Ambassador Choir

Shaun and Aubrey Evans

Nursery

Kara Sugg

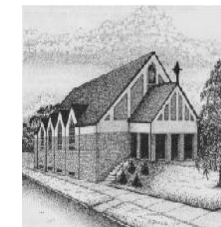
Director of the

Early Learning Center



Transfiguration of the Lord

February 26, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*
Lead On, O King Eternal
Allegretto
Rhosymedre

Marianne Kim
Jason D. Payne
Wilhelm F. Bach
R. Vaughn Williams

INTROIT *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* BREWER
Sanctuary Choir

*We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's
grace.*

*Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.*

✠CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the people; but the Lord will
arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.**

✠HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive
what we have been, help us amend what we are, and di-
rect what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON

Hymn 475, stanza 1
**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to
sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for
songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious
sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the
mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging
love!**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Reflections on "Kelvingrove"*
Handbell 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 Mark 9:2-10

SERMON *Be Thou My Vision* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

**God keeps promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus
God kept promises.
All that we can ever hope for
was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence
that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *A Church* Althouse
Darcel Tabb & Bob Tabb, solos

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEACH SPRING

Hymn 716, stanza 1
**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich
and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,**

**costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we
turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful
song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, give us the faith and courage to reflect the light
of Christ in our lives, that we may show his love and
mercy to a world in need; for we pray in his name.
Amen.**

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

✦ HYMN 190 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* GENEVA

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CHORAL RESPONSE BREWER
We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding
Sanctuary Choir

*Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith
decline, we like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a
shrine. But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we
profess, that our daily lives may prove us people of the God we
bless.*

✦ POSTLUDE Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623
All Creatures of Our God and King

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

✦ **Dan Walden**, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, is assisting with leading 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

† Leon Savage-Piedmont-Newton

† Warren Liem-home

† Sonny McDonald-home from hospital

† Joel Kitchens-surgery on Monday for kidney stones

† Josh Davis-home

† Anderson Krieger-Chemo next week at Scottish Rite

† Rod Pruner-home, recovering from gall bladder surgery

† Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)

† Mary Bollinger -pacemaker; home with daughter Janie's family

† Debi (Dee) Selin-Guillain-Barré Syndrome, physical therapy, home

† Bill Miller-home (brother of Beth Vining)

† Nat Allen Long-diabetes complications (stepson of Alice Walker)

† Jose Luis Trujillo Herera-heart surgery (brother, Pily Waetzig)

† Sam Hay, Jr.-recovering from knee surgery

† Carol Baynes-cancer, friend of Phyllis Yoder

† Ursula Kaminski-cancer

† Fran Prince-chemotherapy

† Donald Vining-Recovery from spine surgery (brother, Danny Vining)

† Joyce V. Williams-cancer treatment (sister, Danny Vining)

† Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer

† Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Louise Strickland-home

† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)

† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)

† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)

† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis

† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)

† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant

† Jan Coulon-home

† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma

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

Merryvale

† Guy McGiboney

† Bill Taylor

† Betty Robinson

† Louise White

† Betty Goins

† Hughie Hudson

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Hospital Visitors:
Beth and Danny Vining