

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, January 7 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Session meeting 11:00 Worship Service 5:00 Youth Connection	Thursday, January 11 10:30 Ambassador Choir
Tuesday, January 9 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, January 14 9:00 Handbell Choir 9:30 Children's Choir 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service
Wednesday, January 10 6:45 Sanctuary Choir	12:00 Session meeting 5:00 Youth Connection

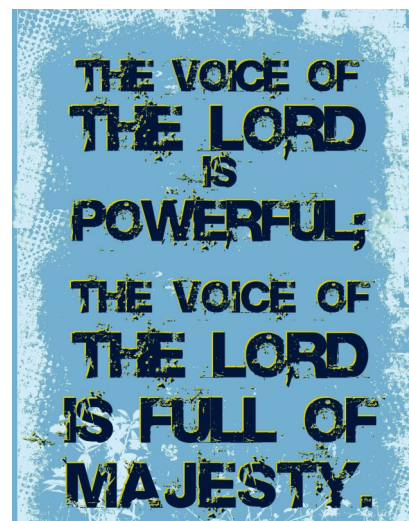
Music Director Appointed

Session has appointed a new Director of Music who will start this month, **Alexis Renee Ward**. She is a composer, conductor, singer, music educator, adjudicator, and accompanist. She has a wide variety of experience in both vocal and instrumental fields including teaching elementary through high school level choral and instrumental music, teaching college level music theory, conducting professional/community choirs and orchestras, directing church ensembles and semi-professional chamber groups, serving as a board member for local ensembles, and accompanying choirs and private voice studios.

Ms. Ward's first official Sunday with us will be **January 21st**. Please welcome her to the FPC family!

Train Show, Sunday afternoon, January 7, 2:00- 4:00

Everyone, children and adults, are welcome!! Sam Ramsey will have his conductor's cap on, and will be running 4 trains on his display. The trains operate on O-27 Gauge track, dating back to 1937. Sam has collected the trains and accessories since 1945. Light refreshments will be served. The layout is located in an upstairs room at Becky and Sam Ramsey's house at 5112 N. Dearing St., SE in Covington.



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."



Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 1:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

January suggested donations are:

soups, chili, chicken w/dumplings, spaghetti sauce

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

January Usher Chair:
Carter Gibson

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

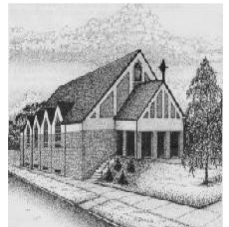
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	Organist/Ambassador Choir Nursery
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer	Kara Sugg	Director of the
Jim Patrick	Interim Music Director		Early Learning Center



Baptism of the Lord

January 7, 2018



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord* Robert Lind
In Thee, the Lord, Have I Put My Trust J. S. Bach
All Creatures of Our God and King LASST UNS ERFREUEN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT *He Came Down* HE CAME DOWN
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 29:1-4

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

✦ **HYMN 624** TOULON
I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have not earned your goodness. It is only by your grace that your light is reflected in our lives. We confess that we have been self-absorbed, when your clear call is to shine brightly in the world. Rouse us to see your people in need, to cross the barriers that divide us, to heal the wounds that alienate us, to discover the face of Christ in those from whom we have separated our lives.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Hymn 729, stanza 4
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SOLID ROCK

HYMN 353, stanza 1

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Jesus Gift* Gilbert M. Martin

Sanctuary Choir
Perri Walden, solo

*Shall I gather emeralds, shall I bring Him gold?
Shall I shower diamonds white hard, bright cold?
Shall I spangle jewels like stars above?
Give Him laughter. Bring peace-filled laughter.
Offer Him warm laughter and love.*

*Simplest of gifts; gentlest of hearts;
Kindness He'll use as He leads.
So give Him these gifts. Hand Him your heart.
Honor His birth and you'll need no emeralds nor rubies,
Silver nor gold, nor bright diamonds white hard, bright cold.
Dear Spangle not rich jewels like stars above.
You'll have laughter, sweet peace-filled laughter.
Simple warm laughter and love.*

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 Matthew 3:13-17

SERMON *The Baptism of Jesus* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 100 STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 35 in front of hymnal

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER p. 16 in front of hymnal

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Andante Religioso* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIX

HYMN 150, stanzas 1 and 4

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold; as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way; and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, may we bear the fruit of this life redeemed by Christ and nurtured by the Spirit, as we go into the world you love. Amen.

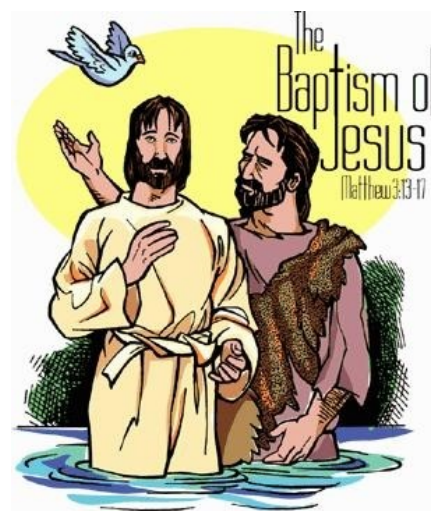
BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
HYMN 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

✦ POSTLUDE David H. Lowe
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

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

† Lewis Bunn-hip surgery (father of Alan Bunn)
† Marilyn Hall-cancer (TOPS group)
† Karla Ensminger-back surgery (sister of Perri Walden)
† Ted Horton-cancer surgery (nephew of Maxine Blankenship)
† Tom Holmes-cancer (friend of Dan Walden)
† Jim Patrick-home, recovering from shoulder surgery
† Brandon Massey-blood cancer (grandson of Chuck and Sherry Brasher)
† Clynton Byer-heart surgery (friend of the Ardis family)
† Dave Gregory-home, recovering from heart surgery
† the Bryant Family- friends of Warren and Jeanie Liem
† Adriane Ivey-home, will begin chemo therapy soon
† Steve Bozarth-gall bladder surgery this month (father of Debra Arnold)
† Jeanette Davis-hospice (mother of Maria Davis)
† Ethan Lassiter (8)-brain tumor (grandson of E. G. and Maryanne Lassiter)
† Nat Allen Long-foot amputation (step-son of Alice Walker)
† Katherine Bouchillon-heart problems (friend of Maxine Blankenship)
† 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)
† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Teresa McCurry--tests
Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:
† Bill Taylor-Bentley Assisted Living, Jefferson, GA
† Russ Cole-Manor House, Social Circle
† Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

Riverside

† Martha Borders
† George Stamps

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

We extend our sympathy and prayers for **Joe and Florence Hay Luranc and family** in the death of Joe's mother, **Marie Luranc**, and for the family of **J. L. Johnson** who died on January 5. A Service in Witness to the Resurrection will be held at FPC tomorrow, January 8, at 12:00 noon.

Hospital Visitor:
Stephanie Fortson