

ONGOING ACTIVITIES IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Witness Team Opportunity

The Witness Team invites you to join them for their quarterly project/help day at the Newton County Public Library on Thursday, July 17, at 6:00 p.m. You may call Jan Giles at 404-216-2927 with any questions.

Cross Walk

A crosswalk is a safe space - a "sanctuary" - for those traveling through life. Help us to create a "Cross Walk" here at FPC. Bring wall-mountable crosses from your travels so that we can display them on the wall in the hall outside the narthex. Include a note with your name(s) and cross origin information so that we can create a book detailing the cross display for future generations.

Summer Stewardship

While you are preparing for vacation remember that the church's expenses do not take a vacation. If you will mail your check or do an on-line payment before you leave, the lights will still be on at the church to welcome you home. Thanks!



Montreat Retreat November 7-9, 2014 Registration Needed by August 3

The congregation is invited to the church retreat in Montreat. Please register using the bright yellow form on the table in the narthex. If you've never attended, you are in for a real treat!

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 by August 3rd.

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 13

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service with Communion

Monday, July 14

10:15 Ambassador Choir at Salem Camp Meeting

Tuesday, July 15

4:00 Exercise

No Ambassador Choir Rehearsal on Thursday

Sunday, July 20

10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service

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 -11:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday. Call (770) 784-0037 for directions.

Special requests for July:

Bath Soap, shampoo, toothpaste and other staple food items.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Nursery Volunteers today:
Kevin & Rebecca Bates Family

Ushers:
Jon and Jane Williams
Cy and Jean Wolverton

Next Week:
Courtney & Eric Henderson
Family

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

MEMBERS OF SESSION

Class of 2014

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

Class of 2015

Gary Boteler
Billy Fortson
Jan Giles
Jim Stillerman
Kevin Weber

Class of 2016

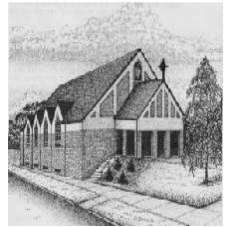
Charles Ardis
Joyce Ashworth
Betty Bailey
Patrick Carmichael
Perri Walden

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Pauleen Green & Maria Serrato	Organist/Ambassador Choir
Peni Haug	Secretary-Treasurer		Nursery
Alan Bunn	Music Director	Tiffany McWaters	Director of the Early Learning Center



**Fifth Sunday
after Pentecost
July 13, 2014**



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Pastorale on "Forest Green"
Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Richard I. Purves
arr. Land/Bach

✦INTROIT

Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103, Hymn 535)

BLESS THE LORD

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

from Psalm 103

And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

✦HYMN 664

Morning Has Broken

BUNESSAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant to us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(Hymn 610, stanza 1)

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

✦THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

Genesis 1 - 2:3

SERMON

Blessed

William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve...

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision

improvisation

✦ DOXOLOGY Hymn 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of Life, in everlasting love, through Abraham and Sarah, you chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Loving us still, you make us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Let us be a blessing, through your Spirit's work within us; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SEALING OF THE WORD

Invitation

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

They shall come from East and West, from North and South, to sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all those who trust in him to share the feast that he has prepared.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 544)

Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

(sing 3 times)

Words of Institution

Communion

(We are invited by rows to come to the table. If you are unable to walk to the table, please raise your hand and the elements will be brought to you.)

You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

JERNIGAN

Adriane Ivey, Jon Paschal, Michael Thompson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

p. 35 in front of hymnal

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn 541

RANDOLF

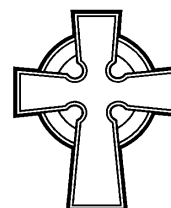
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

✦ POSTLUDE

improvisation

God of Grace and God of Glory

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

- ✦ The Rev. Louly Hay and Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, are assisting with the leading of worship today.
- ✦ We welcome Don Land as our guest organist while Alice Walker is attending Salem Camp Meeting. Don is organist at the Conyers Seventh Day Adventist Church and Independent Representative for Walker Technical Company.
- ✦ 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

†Don Bollinger-home
†Verona Miles-recovering from dog attack
†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)
†Jerry Haynes-health issues (friend of Milton Patton)
†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)
†Donnie Vining-cancer treatment (nephew of Beth and Danny Vining)
†Anderson Krieger-leukemia (5th grade student at Flint Hill)
†Roland Nelson-hospice care (nephew of Carol McGiboney)
†Jeanie Liem-awaiting kidney transplant

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Mary Cline-relocated
†Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
†Gretchen Buendia-Parkwood Rehabilitation Center, Snellville
†Joy Knight -Riverside
†Bonnie Tingler--Riverside
†Martha Borders-Riverside

Benton House

†George Stamps
†Mary Crudup
†Doris Mote
†Velma Prescott

Covington Square

†Rita Harrell

Merryvale

†Doris Hicks
†Bill Taylor
†Elizabeth Gadilhe

We extend our sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of Dale Pearce who died July 6 (friend of Dennis & Judy Hooten)

Hospital Visitor:

Louly Hay

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.