

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, July 15 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service with Communion	Monday, July 16 Ambassador Choir to sing at Salem Campground
Tuesday, July 17 4:00 Exercise Class	Sunday, July 22 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Salem Campmeeting

July 13th - 20th | 11:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. worship daily

The 190th annual Salem Campmeeting begins next week and everyone is invited. Services run from July 13th thru 20th. Each morning at 9:30 a.m. Bible studies will be held for all ages. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served in the dining hall each day.

In keeping with the 40+ year tradition, our own **Alice Walker** and her twin sister **Becky Ramsey** will be playing twin pianos for each worship service. Special music will be provided each day by guest choirs.

- Our **Ambassador Choir** will be singing at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on **Monday, July 16th**.

FPC **Sanctuary and Ambassador Choir** members will be singing with the Epiphany Lutheran choir members in a combined choir at the 8:00 p.m. worship service on **Friday, July 20th**. Complimentary dinner at 6:00 p.m. with reservations by **Wednesday, July 18th** through **Alice Walker**. Choir rehearsal begins at 7:00 p.m. under the tabernacle.

Salem Campground is located at 3940 Salem Road, Covington, GA 30016.

Smart Lunch, Smart Kid Wednesday, July 25th

Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community by serving lunches to our hungry neighbors! Youth Connection will leave from the church at 11:00 a.m. and travel to a neighborhood north of Oxford where we will serve lunches and play games with the kids in the neighborhood. Afterward, we have lunch and go swimming together, returning to the church by 4:00 p.m. Contact Dan Walden at the church office to let us know that you plan to join us.

Choir Rehearsals Resume

The **Sanctuary Choir** will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, July 25th at 6:45 p.m. The **Handbell Choir** will resume on Sunday, July 29 at 9:00 a.m. New members are always welcome!

Farewell Luncheon for the Wade's

It's just three more weeks until we gather to wish Billy and Theodosia "happy trails" to the next stage of their life. We are planning a festive luncheon for his last day, August 5, and have created a tentative menu. **Now we need volunteers to prepare various dishes.** If you would like to help, please call or email Jean Wolverton. 678-342-3463 or jcwolv3423463@bellsouth.net

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.

Suggested donations:

July: bar soap, toothpaste, shampoo

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

Usher Chair - July
Bob Tabb

Transportation 7/22
Danny Vining

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	<i>Director of Youth and Children's Ministry</i>	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	<i>Nursery</i>
Peni Kehoe	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	Kara Sugg	<i>Director of the</i>
Alexis Ward	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 15, 2018

Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* arr. Lloyd Larson
He's Always Been Faithful arr. Lloyd Larson

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT** SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT
Hymn 408 (all sing)

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 89:1, 52
I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever.
With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.
Blessed be the Lord for ever!
Amen and Amen!

✦ **HYMN 409** *God is Here!* ABBOT'S LEIGH

✦ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Stand* Joel Houston
You stood before creation, eternity in Your hand
You spoke the earth into motion, my soul now to stand.
You stood before my failure, and carried the cross for my shame.
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders, my soul now to stand.
So what can I say? And what can I do,
But offer this heart, O God, completely to You?
I'll walk upon salvation, Your Spirit alive in me.
My life to declare your promise, my soul now to stand.
So I'll stand, with arms high and heart abandoned,
In awe of the One who gave it all.
I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You surrendered.
All I am is Yours.

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

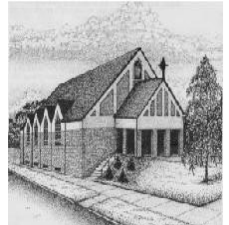
All the children are invited to come forward for the Word for Children. Afterward, children kindergarten and younger may go to children's activities downstairs.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:35-51



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*

We believe that God sends us to tell all the nations that Christ calls everyone to repentance, faith and obedience.

We are to proclaim by word and deed that Christ gave himself to set people free from sin and self-hatred, from ignorance and disease, from all forms of oppression, and even from death.

We are to offer them in Christ's name fullness of life now and forever.

We must not distort the gospel by weakening its promises or demands, by identifying it with oppressive structures, by pointing to ourselves instead of Christ.

We must not restrict our proclamation to persons just like ourselves.

We invite people everywhere to believe in Christ and become his followers.

We urge them to join us in telling others the good news and in struggling for justice, compassion and peace.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *A Living Prayer* Allison Kraus

In this world, I walk alone with no place to call my home. But there's One who holds my hand, the rugged road through barren lands.

The way is dark, the road is steep; but He's become my eyes to see. The strength to climb, my griefs to bear, the Savior lives inside me there.

In Your love, I find release, a haven from my unbelief. Take my life and let me be a living prayer, my God, to Thee. In these trials of life I find another voice inside my mind He comforts me and bids live inside the love the Father gives.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SCHUMANN

Hymn 708, stanza 1

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord, fill us with your life, so it may overflow from us into others and flood the world with your goodness and love; for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

SEALING OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west and from north and south and 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 which 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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION

(We are invited by rows to come to the table, beginning with the back row.)

Meditation on O Perfect Love arr. Charles Callahan

Improvisation on The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Charles Callahan

Hymn 516, stanza 1 (seated) KINGDOM

**For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦HYMN 394 WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦POSTLUDE *Tollite Hostias* Camille Saint-Saens

✦Please stand if you are able.



Congregational Meeting - Sunday, July 29

There will be a congregational meeting at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 29, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dr. William B. Wade, Jr. and the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Georgia.

Worship Notes

- ✦The Rev. Louly F. Hay is assisting with the leading of 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.

✦Dan Walden is on vacation this week.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Betty Strohecker-hospice (mother of Diane Loeble)
 †Annett Eaten-cancer (aunt of Milton Patton)
 †Jim Hall-heart surgery on 7/17 (father of Kerry Jones)
 †Karen Long-cancer treatment (niece of Danny Vining)
 †Larry Kennon-surgery, home
 †Adriane Ivey-home
 †Charles Woods-surgery (friend of Bill Cobham)
 †Bob Lange-home
 †Mark Fogarty-cancer
 †Saundra Evans-recovering from surgery (sister of Bill Cobham)
 †Patti Lanford - bus accident
 †Dot Schaeffer-has moved to California with her son.
 †Beverly Star Edmonds-cancer (Steve Kapp's' mother)
 †Bettie Miller-recovering from surgery
 †Jerry Smart-stage 4 lung cancer (brother of Faye Kitchens)
 †Harry Hicks-heart surgery (father of Doug Hicks)
 †Spencer Boyd-lung cancer
 3037 Pine Needle Rd
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 †Angela Gregory-cancer (sister of Dave Gregory)
 †Lewis Bunn-stage 4 lung cancer, (father of Alan Bunn)
 †Roger Gossage-broken shoulder
 †Sophia Hawley-cystic fibrosis
 †Adriane Ivey-home
 †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)
 †David Cooper-cancer (father of Rebecca Bates)
 †Anderson Krieger-maintenance chemotherapy at home
 †Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
 †Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)
 †Mitchell Jessup-cancer (father of Nick Jessup)

Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:

†Julia Brubaker-Benton House
 †Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA

Merryvale

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

Home

†Jan Coulon
 †Debi (Dee) Selin
 †Roger and Kathryn Wallace

Peace Corps Volunteer

†Patti Lanford stationed in Zambia
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Hospital Visitor: Judy Davis

Please update your prayer requests this week!
 Names will be left on for one month unless updated.
 Email: penihaug@gmail.com
 or call the church office, 770-786-7321

