

## Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

### This Week at FPC

#### Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service with Communion  
5:00 Youth Connection

#### Tuesday, November 29

4:00 Exercise  
Wednesday, November 30  
6:45 Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, December 1

10:30 Ambassador Choir  
Sunday, December 4  
Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Christmas Shopping

**2017 Pledge Campaign Update:** This year we have received 61 pledge cards for a total of \$346,505. Last year our total was 82 pledges for a total of \$365,042. We have a ways to go to match last year's budget! So, if you have not turned in a pledge, please do so soon. The Finance Team must formulate a budget before the December session meeting and your financial commitment is needed for that process. There are extra cards and envelopes in the narthex for those who need them. Thanks to all those who've submitted their card.



#### Thornwell Thanksgiving Turkeys are due today.

For many years now, our church has partnered with Thornwell Home for Children with outreach, mission trips and witness opportunities. Thanksgiving "Turkeys" will go directly to Thornwell to support their ministry to children in need.

**Offering statements** for July-September are available in the narthex. If you find an error or omission on your statement, please notify Peni in the church office as soon as possible.



Presbyterian Women have placed a collection box in the narthex for the **Santa Claus Express** donations for residents of the Presbyterian Homes of GA. **Today** is the deadline to bring your donations.

#### Still wondering what to give someone on your Christmas list?

Why not honor him or her with a contribution to one of the many causes supported by our church: Boy Scouts, Baby Love, Food Pantry, Nicaragua missions, Thornwell, Faith Works, Hudson/Chandler bike fund, or the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.. It's easy: choose the cause, write your check to the church with the name of the cause that you are supporting in the memo line; then, let Perri Walden, Judy Davis or any member of the Witness team know that you have made the contribution, and a member of the witness team will give you a card to present to the recipient.

**Are you missing** an oval-shaped casserole lid? It appeared in my office on October 30, and I have no clue to whom it belongs. Please call me if it's yours. Peni Kehoe 770-786-7321. We also have other "Lost and Found" items if you are missing something!

### 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](http://www.fpccov.org)) and clicking on "Media."



**The Food Pantry** is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 12:00. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

**November** suggested donations are: cookies, bread and rolls

**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

**November Usher Chair:**  
Betty Bailey

**Sound Engineer:**  
Ken Walker

### MEMBERS OF SESSION

**Class of 2016**  
Charles Ardis  
Joyce Ashworth  
Betty Bailey  
Patrick Carmichael  
Perri Walden  
Jake McCarthy

**Class of 2017**  
Baxter Bouchillon  
Adriane Ivey  
Michael Thompson  
Danny Vining  
Jean Wolverton

**Class of 2018**  
Gary Boteler  
Billy Fortson  
Scarlett McCurry  
Stephanie Scarborough  
Tom Stillerman

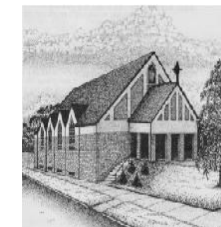
### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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>
Alan Bunn	<i>Music Director</i>		<i>Early Learning Center</i>



## First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016



### Order of Worship

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**PRELUDE** *Rhosymedre* ("Lovely") Ralph Vaughn Williams  
*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* James Pethel  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Hal Hopson

**INTROIT** Shirley W. McRae  
*"Exultate, Jubilate"* from *Carol of Prophecy*  
Emily Bunn, solo

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reed and Penny Blakeney

Christians around the world begin this day to await the Advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

#### We gather as a people of hope.

Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

#### Our hope springs anew from an ancient vision.

As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based not on wishful thinking, but on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

**We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, and that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.**

May this candle of hope give light to the world.

Listen to the words of the prophet Jeremiah chapter 31:31-34...

I now light the candle of prophecy and hope.

✠ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83** STUTTGART

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

✠ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** Isaiah 7:14

"The Lord will give you a sign. Listen, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel, which means 'God with us'".

The peace of 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 READINGS

Micah 5:2  
Luke 1:39-55

SERMON *Not Holding Back* William B. Wade, Jr.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦HYMN 93 TRURO  
*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

✦AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*  
p. 34 in front of hymnal

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Break Now the Bread of Life* Marilyn Biery

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE  
Hymn 104, stanza 1 VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN  
**O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's  
delight! O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my  
breast, to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.**

## ✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We rejoice in the hope of these days, O God, as your realm unfolds its promises among us. Receive these offerings, we pray, as signs of our love, and keep us faithful in our receiving and in our giving, in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## SEALING OF THE WORD

## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
**They will come from north and south and from east and west, to sit at table in the kingdom of heaven.**

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

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

Eat the bread when you feel ready. This signifies God's presence to you individually. We will drink the cup together after all are served. This signifies God's presence to the Church.

ANTHEM *A Shoot Shall Come Forth* Richard Horn  
Sanctuary Choir

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

## ✦CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BESANÇON  
Hymn 105, stanza 1  
**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

✦POSTLUDE NETTLETON  
*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

✦Please stand if you are able.



### UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Capital Campaign Team is pleased to announce that the construction of our new choir loft is nearing completion. Your generous gifts will also be used to finance a remodeling of the **Fellowship Hall** including the removal of the stage, an upgrade of the flooring and lighting, and a fresh paint job. In order to facilitate this next part of the project, we need to have the stage cleared of all items that are currently stored there. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

## 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](http://www.fpccov.org).



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

†Rick Gunter-cataract surgery at Northside on November 28  
†Pray for rain for Newton County  
†Jamie Huckaby Fairchild-cancer (Darrel Huckaby's daughter)  
†Kevin Hester-car accident, home  
†Brook Tingler-shoulder surgery (granddaughter of Roger & Tootles)  
†Alton Cochran-Morgan Memorial for rehab  
†Joyce Ashworth-home  
†Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, born prematurely experiencing problems  
†Travis Moss-recovering from surgery  
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Becky Ramsey, home recovering from surgery  
†Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment  
†Louise Strickland-home  
†Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)  
†Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment  
†Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)  
†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)  
†Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)  
†Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)  
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)  
†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

**Hospital Visitor:**  
Cy Wolverton

**Please update** your prayer requests this week!  
Email: [penihaug@gmail.com](mailto:penihaug@gmail.com) or call the church office, 770-786-7321