

*Ongoing Activities in the Life  
of the Church*

*This Week at FPC*

**Sunday, October 16**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:00 Congregational Meeting

**Tuesday, October 18**  
4:00 Exercise

**Wednesday, October 19**  
6:45 Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, October 20**  
10:30 Ambassador Choir

**Sunday, October 23**  
9:00 Handbell Choir  
9:30 Children's Choir  
10:00 Sunday School  
11:00 Worship Service  
5:00 Youth Connection

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service today, for the purpose of hearing a report from the Nominating Committee and voting on a slate of new elders.

Those being nominated for the session are:

Teresa McCurry	Miriam Wheeler
Carter Gibson	Cheryl Meichsner
John McCarthy	Jake McCarthy (youth)
Koen Ardis (youth)	



Presbyterian Women have placed a collection box in the narthex for the **Santa Claus Express** donations for residents of the Presbyterian Homes of GA. Pick up a flyer today listing the items needed. Anyone can donate. **Sunday, November 27**, is the deadline to bring your donations.

**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.

**October** suggested donations are:  
Cereals (hot & cold) and grits

**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**

**October Chair:** Jean Wolverton

**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

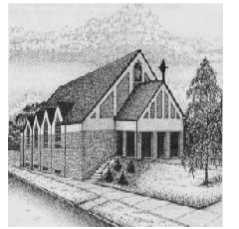
**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF**

William B. Wade, Jr.	<i>Pastor</i>	Alice Walker	<i>CAGO, AAGO</i>
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>



**Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**October 16, 2016**



*Order of Worship*

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**PRELUDE** *Toccata Brillante* Fred Bock  
*Prelude No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy  
*Praise Him! Praise Him!* Mary McDonald

**INTROIT** *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord* HAL'LUHU  
Sanctuary Choir

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 130  
Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!  
**Lord, hear my voice!**  
**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!**

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in God's word I hope.  
**My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.**

✦ **HYMN 35** LOBE DEN HERREN  
*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**  
Lord, we know we fall short of who you want us to be. We keep doing and saying and thinking things we cannot seem to stop. We envy others and desire what they have. We talk about people and judge their motives, even their faith. We hold grudges and withhold forgiveness. We cannot even pray as we need to do. But, because you keep inviting us into your presence, promising us forgiveness and offering us new life, we keep coming. Hear us again today, we pray, in Jesus' name. (silence for personal prayer and reflection)

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** LAUDA ANIMA  
Hymn 619, stanza 1  
**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

✦ THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

ANTHEM

WONDROUS LOVE/arr. John Carter

*What Wondrous Love is This*  
Koen Ardis, Trumpet; Alan Bunn, piano

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

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Gary Boteler

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:1-8

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.  
*The Path of Greatest Persistence*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

✦ HYMN 688 MORECAMBE  
*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Brief Statement of Faith*  
**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us  
courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among  
all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch  
for God's new heaven and new earth, praying,  
"Come, Lord Jesus!"**

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HEAR MY PRAYER  
Hymn 471, stanza 1

**O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Fount* Jason D. Payne

✦ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606) OLD HUNDREDTH  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly  
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, help us to live as your people, standing on your  
promises, following the Christ in faith, clinging to him  
in hope, witnessing to him in love; for we pray in his ho-  
ly name.**

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

✦ HYMN 463 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION  
stanzas 1-4

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ HYMN 463, stanza 5 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

✦ POSTLUDE *Prelude in A Minor* J. S. Bach

✦ Please stand if you are able.

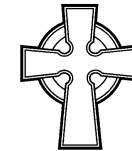


*My soul waits for  
the LORD more than  
those who watch  
for the morning.*

Psalm 130:6

*Worship Notes*

✦ 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*

† Alton Cochran-broken ankle, surgery, Piedmont-Newton	† Sharon Walton-chemotherapy (friend of Patti Lanford)
† Joyce Ashworth-hip surgery, October 14, at Emory Mid-town	† Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
† For Faye Kitchens' brother-in-law who has non-Hodgkins lymphoma	† John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)
† Kalin Patin-6 month old boy, born prematurely experiencing problems	† Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant
† Travis Moss-recovering from surgery	† Jan Coulon-home
† Miriam Witherspoon, recovering from surgery (daughter of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)	† Jim Stalvey, Jr.-melanoma
† Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)	<b>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</b>
† Becky Ramsey-surgery on 10/20	† Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare
† Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment	† Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
† Louise Strickland-home	† J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA
† Tootles Tingler-recovering from back surgery	<b>Riverside</b>
† Rebecca Kirby-cancer (family of Scarlet McCurry)	† Joy Knight -hospice care
† Danny Vining-prostate cancer/new treatment	† Martha Borders
† Colleen Paige - cancer (cousin of Perri Walden)	† Rita Harrell
† Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)	† George Stamps
† Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)	<b>Merryvale</b>
† Lecia Landolt-chemo for pancreatic cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)	† Guy McGiboney
† Kim Bailey-on-going physical therapy after bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey's daughter-in-law)	† Bill Taylor
† Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade's cousin)	† Betty Robinson
† Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)	† Louise White
	† Betty Goins
	† Hughie Hudson
	<b>Hospital Visitor:</b> Jean Wolverton