

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, September 17

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
12:00 Lunch with the Bunns
5:00 Youth Connection

Tuesday, September 19

4:00 Exercise Class

Wednesday, September 20

6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 21

10:30 Ambassador Choir
12:00 Silvers Saints and Ambassador Choir Lunch

Sunday, September 24

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



In Appreciation for the Bunn Family

Join Us to Honor Alan Bunn and His Family

Alan has been our Music Director for 14 years. He has resigned to take another position closer to their home in Jefferson. We give thanks not only for Alan, but for Laurie and Emily, too! Today is Alan's last Sunday as the Director. We will have a catered lunch after worship to celebrate this family and you are all invited.

Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir will have lunch at 12:00 noon on **Thursday, September 21**, in the Martin Fellowship Hall., If you are a regular attendee you will not need a reservation. If you would like to join us for the first time, please call the church office at 770-786-7321. There is no speaker, just a time to chat and probably exchange some storm happenings over lunch.

Disaster Relief for Hurricane Victims

If you would like to donate towards disaster relief for those in places ravaged by hurricanes Harvey and Irma, you may do it through the church by cash, check or on-line giving. For check or cash, put "disaster relief" in the memo space or on an envelope; for on-line giving choose the "Disaster Relief Fund". All donations will be sent to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief department of the PC(USA).



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.
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You may listen to recent sermons by visiting our website (www.fpccov.org) and clicking on "Media."



The Food Pantry is now open on **Wednesdays and Fridays** from 9:00 - 11:30. Donations of any non-perishable food items are welcome.

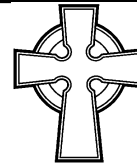
September suggested donations are: boxed macaroni & cheese; rahmen noodles

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

September
Miriam Wheeler



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

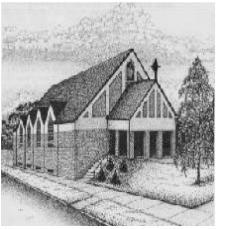
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

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

September 17, 2017



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* Sigfrid Karg-Elert
All Creatures of Our God and King Joshua Evanovich
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise Matt Limbaugh

INTROIT *Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples* KINGSFOLD
Sanctuary Choir

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 118:24
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

✦HYMN 645 MIT FREUDEN ZART
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, lover of our souls, we give thanks for your care of us. Still, we worry whether all shall be well with us. Instead of trusting, we become anxious, and fret over how to take care of ourselves and those we hold dear. Forgive our lack of trust in you, and by your Spirit rekindle our faith, that we may follow even where we cannot see the way. Open our eyes to the wideness of your grace, that our lives might be transfigured and others might know your love through us; for we pray in Jesus' name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GIFT OF LOVE
Hymn 693, stanza 3
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NETTLETON
Hymn 475, stanza 3
O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *I'm Going Home* Sacred Harp/arr. Choplin
Sanctuary Choir

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 Psalm 121

SERMON William B. Wade, Jr.
In All Our Coming and Going

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

✦ HYMN 45 *I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes* DUNDEE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*
p. 35 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 *Reflections on the Spirit* Joel Raney

✦ 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 keep our eyes on the Christ, who calls
us to new life. Give us faith and hope for the journey.
Let our lives overflow with your love and our hearts
sing your praises. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

✦ HYMN 541 RANDOLPH
God Be with You Till We Meet Again

v. 1: All
v. 2: Choir
v. 3: Solo
v. 4: All

✦ POSTLUDE *Rigaudon* Andre Campra

✦ Please stand if you are able.



Worship Notes

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

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

<p>†Pat Harper-heart surgery</p> <p>†Fran Prince-completed radiation treatment</p> <p>†Rick Gunter-with his children</p> <p>†Rob Lanford-home, foot infection,</p> <p>†Matthew Howell-home, recovering from motorcycle accident,</p> <p>†Adriane Ivey-recovering from surgery</p> <p>†David Cooper-lung cancer surgery (father of Rebecca Bates)</p> <p>†Becky Ramsey-auto accident, back injury</p> <p>†Krissy Jones-treatment for infection</p> <p>†Anderson Krieger-chemotherapy</p> <p>†Louise Strickland-cancer</p> <p>†Carol Capell-home, recovering from back surgery</p> <p>†Heaven Stephenson-healthy pregnancy</p> <p>†Donald Vining-recovering from back surgery (brother of Danny Vining)</p> <p>†Charlie Ann Cooley-chemotherapy & radiation (great-niece of Sallie Paschal)</p> <p>†Jeanette Davis-kidney failure (mother of Maria Davis)</p> <p>†Carol Baynes-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)</p> <p>†Robin McKeown-cancer (friend of Phyllis Yoder)</p> <p>†Ron Swatty-heart problems, brother-in-law of Charles Ardis)</p> <p>†Mitchell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)</p> <p>†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis</p> <p>†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade's uncle)</p> <p>†Roger Gossage-awaiting transplant</p>	<p>Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:</p> <p>†Bill Taylor-Bentley Assisted Living, Jefferson, GA</p> <p>†Russ Cole-Rockdale Healthcare</p> <p>†Jeanne Cannon-St. Simon's Island, GA</p> <p>†J. L. Johnson -Dogwood Forest Alpharetta, GA</p> <p>Riverside</p> <p>†Martha Borders</p> <p>†Betty Goins</p> <p>Merryvale</p> <p>†Guy McGiboney</p> <p>†Betty Robinson</p> <p>†Louise White</p> <p>†Alice Gadilhe</p> <p>†Hughie Hudson</p> <p>Home</p> <p>†Jan Coulon</p> <p>†Debi (Dee) Selin</p> <p>Peace Corps Volunteer</p> <p>†Pattie Lanford stationed in Zambia</p> <p>We extend our sympathy and prayers for Reed Blakeney and family in the death of his niece, Ruby Kate Taylor.</p> <p>Hospital Visitor: Stephanie Fortson</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Please update your prayer requests this week! Those requests that have not been updated 4 weeks after the request will be removed. Thank you! Email: penihaug@gmail.com or call the church office, 770-786-7321</p> </div>
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Number Correction
The cell phone number listed for **Gene Wallace** in our directory is incorrect. The correct number is: 404-788-3175. Please correct it in your directory.

