

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 2 World Communion Sunday Peace and Global Witness Offering

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

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 Elizabeth Circle at FPC
10:30 Martha Circle at A. Walker
4:00 Exercise
7:00 Ruth Circle at S. Fortson

Wednesday, October 5

6:45 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

10:30 Ambassador Choir
12:00 Saints/Ambassador Choir Lunch (Date Change)

Saturday, October 8

8:30 Youth Leave FPC for NAMI Walk in Atlanta

Sunday, October 9

9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children's Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service
Congregational Meeting

Witness Mission Trip



Please pray for safe travel and rewarding mission work for the group who will be going to the Lake Murray Presbyterian Church in South Carolina! They will be repairing damage from last year's flooding.

Silver Saints and Ambassador Choir Lunch - Please note that this is a date change! **Thursday, October 6, at 12:00** in the fellowship hall. All those age 50 and above are cordially invited to a lunch which will be shared with the Ambassador Choir. If you regularly attend these lunch you need not make a reservation. If you attend sporadically or are new to the group, please call the church office by noon on Tuesday (770-786-7321), to make your reservation. Our gracious hostess, Jean Elder, likes to have plenty of food on hand! Thanks!

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** at the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, October 16**, 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) 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
Patty Lanford, Judy and Dennis
Hooten, Milton Patton,
Stephanie Scarborough

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

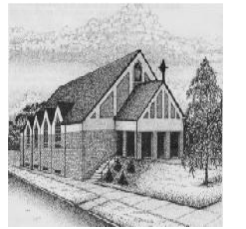
William B. Wade, Jr.	Pastor	Alice Walker	CAGO, AAGO
Dan Walden	Director of Youth and Children's Ministry	Shaun and Aubrey Evans	Nursery
Peni Kehoe	Secretary-Treasurer	Kara Sugg	Director of the
Alan Bunn	Music Director		Early Learning Center



Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2016

World Communion Sunday



Order of Worship

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Processional on LAUDA ANIMA* Don Hustad
Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song John Carter
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Ludwig van Beethoven

INTROIT *Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord* Hal'luh
Sanctuary Choir

✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us.
May God's face shine upon us, that the Lord's ways may be known upon earth, God's saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us. God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth revere him!

✠ **HYMN 327** LASST UNS ERFREUEN
From All That Dwell Below the Skies

✠ **THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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 Psalm 78:18-25
Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

HYMN 453 YISRAEL V' ORAITA
Open your Ears You Faithful People
Sanctuary Choir (and Congregation)
(Congregation please join in on last two lines on cue.)

SERMON *Spreading the Table* William B. Wade, Jr.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

◆HYMN 265 DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

◆AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith*
The Holy Spirit unifies the Christian Church. The diversity in the early church caused tension and conflict. Yet the Spirit bound them into one body, enriched by their differences.

We know that the same Spirit gives us a unity we cannot create or destroy. The Spirit moves among us not to end diversity or compel uniformity, but to overcome divisiveness and bitterness. The Spirit leads us to struggle against the lines of race and class, the ambitions of competing parties, the loyalties to individuals and traditions, that divide us. The Spirit impels us to make the unity of Christians visible to a divided world, and assures us that we shall be one.

THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE

OFFERTORY *Meditation at the Cross* Albin C. Whitworth

◆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
Merciful God, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we are shown your great love for us. Help us to trust your care, even through the shadowed valleys. Let us walk with courage, led by hope. We pray for ourselves and the world to which you have given yourself in Christ Jesus. Amen.

SEALING OF THE WORD

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION
Remembering the Lord Jesus, we break bread and share

one cup, announcing his death for our sins and the sins of the world, and telling his resurrection to all nations. 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 those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us pray....

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION
We will be served in the pews. 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Heather Sorenson
Sanctuary Choir

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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

◆HYMN 318 ST. PETER
In Christ There Is No East or West

◆CHARGE AND BLESSING Ephesians 6:15
Go now into all the world, proclaiming the good news of the gospel. The grace of God be with you; the love of Christ be with you; the Spirit's peace be with you -- here and everywhere, now and forever. **Alleluia!**

◆CHORAL RESPONSE HYMN 453 YISRAEL V' ORAITA
Open your Ears You Faithful People
Sanctuary Choir (and Congregation)
(Congregation please join in on last two lines on cue)

◆POSTLUDE Martin Luther
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

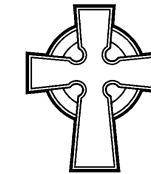
◆Please stand if you are able.

Worship Notes

◆Dan Walden, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is assisting with leading worship.

◆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

†Travis Moss-surgery 9/30
†Miriam Witherspoon, recovering from surgery (daughter of Jack & Miriam Wheeler)
†Chuck Hodges-treatment for lymphoma (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Becky Ramsey-surgery on 10/20
†Ursula Kaminski-cancer treatment
†Krissy Jones-recovering from back surgery, home
†Harley Gardner-healing from ear surgery (daughter of BJ Gardener, ELC teacher)
†Joyce Ashworth-hip surgery, October 14, at Emory Mid-town
†Louise Strickland-home
†Tootles Tingler-back surgery, healing prayers still needed, 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)
†Sandy Peterson-cancer (former member)
†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
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyterian for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
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
†George Stamps

Merryvale
†Guy McGiboney
†Bill Taylor
†Betty Robinson
†Louise White
†Betty Goins
†Hughie Hudson

We extend our sympathy and prayers for Faye Kitchens and her family in the death of her sister, Janie Williams.

Hospital Visitor:
Alice Walker