Worship in Pink!

The Silver Saints and the Ambassador Choir will have lunch together on Thursday, October 22, at noon. If you are new to the group, please call your reservation to the church office, 770-786-7321. If you are a regular, you already have a reservation!

Sandy’s Dog Park - Work Days Postponed

There is a temporary delay in the work dates established, but your continued interest and volunteer support is appreciated and needed. New dates will be announced in the near future. The Dog Park is located in Chimney Park at 8201 Hazelbrand Road, Covington, GA 30014, which is behind the Newton County Health Department and the Covington Library. A sign is posted along the walking trail indicating the site. The park is being built in memory of Sandy Elder, daughter of Jim and Jean Elder. Sandy was a member here.

Congregational Meeting:

If the way be clear, there will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at the end of the morning worship service for the class of 2018.

Worship in Pink!

Next Sunday, we encourage you to wear pink to show support for those who have breast cancer, those who have survived, those who love anyone who has or has had the disease and to champion the search for a cure!

This Week at FPC

Sunday, October 18
9:00 Handbell Choir
9:30 Children’s Choir
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service & Baptism
12:00 Oxford Student/Faculty Lunch

Tuesday, October 20
10:00 PW Book Study in the Martin Fellowship Hall
4:00 Exercise

Wednesday, October 21
4:00 Adventure Club
6:45 Sanctuary Choir

Ongoing Activities in the Life of the Church

Women’s Study Group - Change of Location: The “Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World” study group will meet in Martin Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20.

Order of Worship

Gathering Around the Word

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Psalm 118:24

CALL TO WORSHIP

I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
Sanctuary Choir

HYMN 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Romans 12
Merciful God, we have loved too much like the world and not enough for it. We have not rejoiced in hope, been patient in tribulation, or constant in prayer. Too often we have failed to practice hospitality. We have avoided the lowly. We have cursed those who do us wrong. We have sought to repay evil with evil. Good Lord, forgive us. Increase our faith, and renew a right spirit within us, that we may live out our days as your people; for we pray in Jesus’ name.

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

AMAZING GRACE

Hymn 649, stanza 1
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Food Pantry Needs

Baby Love: The Witness Team has an ongoing project to collect disposable baby diapers and wipes to distribute to local agencies to help families in need. You may place your donations in the receptacle here at the church and the donations will be delivered. Monetary donations are also accepted. Your donation by check, or cash in an envelope with your name will be credited to your offering statement.

Thanks to Those Serving Us Today

Nursery Volunteers today:
Rob/Kerry Jones Family
Doug & Brigham Arnold

October Usher Chair:
Gary Boteler

Sound Engineer:
Ken Walker

First Presbyterian Church Staff

William B. Wade, Jr.    Pastor
Dan Walden    Director of Youth
Peni Haug    Secretary-Treasurer
Alan Bunn    Music Director
Alice Walker    CAGO, AAGO Organizer/Ambassador Choir
Maria Serrato, Aubrey Evans Nurse
Kara Sugg    Interim Director of the Early Learning Center

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If you would like information about membership or the programs, mission, and fellowship of the church, speak to one of the pastors as you leave or call the church office at 770-786-7321.

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**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**
Illumined by Your Light
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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Daylanie Eliorah Gibson

**HYMN 486**
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
KINGDOM

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE READING**
Mark 9:30-37; 10:35-45

**SERMON**
To Be a Disciple
The Rev. Lyn Pace

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**HYMN 757**
Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples
(stanzas 1 & 2)

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
The Apostles’ Creed
p. 35 in front of hymnal

**MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP**
Darcel Tabb

**CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

**THE OFFERING OF SUBSTANCE AND LIFE**

**OFFERTORY**
Allegro in D Major from "Sonata," Opus No. 79
Karina Chan, piano

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**
I'M GONNA LIVE

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, any time! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of unchanging truth, your promise is eternal, your beneficent care spans the ages. We come with our gifts to be molded in accordance with your purposes. We offer ourselves to be shaped by your will. Fill us with wisdom, and make us vessels of your truth. Make all that we do an out-pouring of your goodness, spreading compassion on the afflicted and care to all who may be in need. Amen.

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

**HYMN 757**
KINGFOLD

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**
March in F Major, Opus 46, No. 5
Alexandre Guilmant

Today the Sacrament of Baptism is being administered to Daylanie Eliorah, daughter of Carter and Cheryl Gibson. Please welcome her to the household of God.

**THE Rev. Lyn Pace** has been the Oxford College chaplain since 2009. He and significant other, Ami Hernandez, have one son, Sam, as well as a dog (Abby) and a cat (Callie). They live in the city of Oxford where Lyn has served on the city council since January of 2012. At Oxford College, Lyn facilitates the work of the ten religious and spiritual life clubs on campus, assists with leadership programs, offers care and counsel for the college community. Prior to coming to Oxford, Rev. Pace was the associate chaplain, director of service learning, and director of the Bonner Scholars Program at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. From 2002-2003, he served as a minister in the British Methodist Church on the Isle of Wight in England.

Lyn earned his BA degree in religion and history from Wofford College in 1999 and received the Master of Divinity degree from Emory’s Candler School of Theology in 2002. Currently, he is working on his Doctor of ministry degree from Candler School of Theology and hopes to graduate in May 2017. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with family and friends, running, reading, traveling, and going to Jimmy Buffett concerts.

**Worship Notes**

We welcome to our service this morning pianist Karina Chan, Biology Major at Oxford College. Karina, a Sophomore, has been studying piano for 15 years. Her Faculty Advisor is Theodosia Wade.

Darcel Tabb is our Stewardship speaker for today. Darcel and her husband, Bob, have been members of FCC since 2010. Darcel has served on the Session as the Congregational Life Team Chair and works with the Worship Team on occasion. She is serving on the Stewardship Committee this year. She teaches exercise at the YMCA and helps care for her grandsons, Dylan and Alex, children of Kerry and Rob Jones.

Please enter the sanctuary in a spirit of reverence as we prepare to worship God. Remember to turn on your cell phones again when you leave.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

†Rita Harrell-home at Riverside
†Sam Hay, Jr.-home
†Wibul Fisher-menigitis, former Newton High coach
†Him Bailey-Bicycle accident (Bernice Bailey’s daughter-in-law)
†Ann Hill-ovarian cancer (Theodosia Wade’s cousin)
†Michael Humphries-nursing care in Virginia (Todds Tingley’s sister)
†Allen Ensinger-motorcycle accident, home (brother of Perri Walden)
†Mitcheell Jessup -cancer (father of Nick Jessup)
†Phyllis Pruner-severe neck pain
†Sharon Walton-chemotherapy for kidney cancer (friend of Patti Lanford)
†Sophia Hawley-Cystic Fibrosis
†John Fish-cancer (Bryson Wade’s mother)
†Tandy Teixeira-chemotherapy for Cystic Fibrosis
†Nancy Driver-diagnosed with ALS (sister of Penny Blakeney)
†Amanda Teixeira-heart surgery (Lynn Miller’s daughter)
†Roger Gossage-waiting transplant
†Billy Richardson-cancer (cousin of Ed Perkerson)
†Catherine Horton-hospice care (sister of Maxine Blankenship)

In October, we would like everyone to send thank you notes in appreciation of Alan Bunn as our Director of Music for all the work he does with children, youth, adult choir, bell choir and much more. You may send cards directly to Alan or to the church office:

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1169 Clark Street SW
Covington, GA 30014

Be sure to mark it “Attn: Alan Bunn Thank You!” We have been recognizing each of our staff throughout the year. Their dedication and commitment to our congregation and the wider community are deeply appreciated.

**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

†Eddie Chandler-Low radiation
†Jan Coulon-home
†Jim Balvey, Jr.-melanoma
†Penny Hill-cancer (Executive Presbyter for the Greater Atlanta Presbytery)
†Lisa Baker-cancer treatment
†Anderson Krieger-continuing treatment for leukemia (7th grade student at Providence Christian School)

**Assisted Living/Nursing Homes:**
‡Russ Cole -The Magnolias, Conyers
‡Jeanne Cannon-Darien, GA
‡Riverside
‡Joy Knight - hospice care
‡Martha Borders
‡Rita Harrell
‡Benton House
‡George Stamps
‡Doris Mote
‡Merryvale
‡Guy McGiboney
‡Bill Taylor
‡Elizabeth Gdaille
‡Betty Robinson

**Hospital Visitor:** Jean Blair